

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, July 1, 2013, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

The first speaker was Josh Colvin, Animal Services Manager, of the Animal Rescue League. He was asked to tell us about dog ordinances in Des Moines. The ARL has three officers who work from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. seven days per week. If calls come into the Police Department after these hours, a police officer will respond. ARL has an officer on call if needed. Priorities for the ARL officers are bites or vicious dogs at large.

A dog is considered vicious by actions or by breeds such as pit bull or pit bull type or has bitten two times or more. ARL has a veterinarian who determines if the dog is predominantly pit bull. ARL makes investigation, and police makes determination as to whether a dog is considered as being vicious. Owners of pit bulls have to have \$100,000 of liability insurance, kept in a 6 foot kennel with a top and padlock and current tags have to be displayed. The three most common breeds of dogs that bite are Laboradors, German Shepherds, and Pit Bulls in that order. Pit bulls are more apt to attack other animals. In the City of Des Moines, a person can own 3 dogs and 3 cats or total of 6. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail Josh at jcolvin@arl-lowa.org. The question about invisible fencing was brought up as to whether it was considered as having a dog "in control". This is being investigated. If you need to call Animal Control, please call the non-emergency number for the Des Moines Police Department which is 283-4811.

Bob Mahaffey was our next speaker. He didn't have any report to give. He plans on attending the dog park ribbon cutting.

Officer Doua Lor was the next speaker. He talked about the burglar task force. He said there had been 99 felony arrests. The police department has two drive by cameras that can be used as needed. The State Fair will be heavily patrolled from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. as last year.

Fairmont Park's next meeting is next Tuesday, July 9th, at 6:00 p.m. at Capitol Hills Christian Church. Douglas Acres ice cream social is at 7:00 that same evening at the Euclid Room.

At our next meeting on August 5th, be sure to bring school supplies, new underpants, sweatpants, Expo, socks, pencils, notebooks; paper wide ruled paper, hand sanitizer, hats, gloves, boots, and volunteers for Willard School. These are the items that Juli Kruse, Principal, says that they need.

Linda Westergaard received an e-mail from Des Moines Community Action Agency wanting help to assemble food baskets or delivering the baskets in December. Valerie Madison found out the East Side Library makes 10 food baskets for people in the area of the library. This will be discussed at a later time as to what we as a group want to do.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer