

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS  
EAST SIDE LIBRARY  
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2015, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Linda introduced Marlon Mormann, Bob Mahaffey, Skip Moore, Marty Mauk, Rocio Hemmosillo (who is running for the school board) and Cindy Elsbernd (also running for school board came a little later).

Rocio Hemmosillo spoke about why she is running and answered some questions.

Doua Lor from Des Moines Police Department thanked all of us for coming and spoke about NNO tomorrow evening.

For NNO, Douglas Acres will have their dinner at The Euclid Room at 6:00; Highland Park having games, etc. at theirs at Rodine Park; Fairmont Park will have clowns at Fairmont Park; Grays Woods will have an Old West Theme; and Capitol Park is having ice cream at Burke Park.

Rita Conner from the city's economic development office and Amanda Romer from the City's Manager's office had a Power Point on the "Proposed Eastgate and Echo Valley Renewal Plans". This is putting an Urban renewal plan for connectivity. They hope to be able to expand it north to the area where the Northridge area is. The boundaries are north to East Aurora, York on the west, Hull Avenue on the south; and Dixon on the east. There area 14 urban renewal areas in right now. New investment is critical. Density = improve on what is there now. Will take long term planning and capital improvement. This plan will go before the City Council in September. It is a commercial plan and City Council driven. New economic investment is needed. Plans identify potential capitol.

Why Eastgate? Some new commercial investment; Grandview growth; need to connect people to services; slow growth at Eastgate; neighborhood contacts; work with City departments; taxing; UDRB; P&Z; and City Council.

Jeff Witte from Fairmont Park asked if the project could extend out to Delaware. This will be looked into.

It was also suggested that maybe we need to get away from the name of Eastgate. They need ideas for a new name.

Due to the length of this report, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. with no business meeting held.

Respectfully submitted,

***Marge Ramsey***

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Secretary/Treasurer