

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, October 7, 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 E J Giovannetti who gave us a presentation on the new Courthouse referendum that is on our election ballot. Mary Beth with Groundswell was here also. E J said the things that need to be addressed with the old system are safety issues, overcrowding, and the fact that criminals and witnesses are in close proximity. The total cost is \$81 million but Polk County needs to get out of the leased situation. This plan goes to about 2030.

Jim Conlin of Conlin Properties was our next speaker. He told of Phase 2 of the Affordable Housing project on Hubbell Avenue. He also told about the Phase 3 (Hilltop 2) at East 27th and Hubbell which will have 72 units. The range of income will be \$23,000 to \$50,000 but assets are not included.

Connie Boesen was next and told us about the remodeling, etc. in schools. She said that the preschool funding is inconsistent. Parents are responsible to get children to preschool. The boundaries of elementary schools are going to be aligned.

Sgt. Doua Lor was here and talked about the following issues: bike lanes on Hubbell, shots fired, Joe Gonzales, burglaries and ways to prevent them, more lights are needed at Hubbell and Guthrie.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. \$2,591.95 was the balance at the end of September. Of that \$2,000.00 was our grant, and \$591.95 was our operating expenses.

The minutes were reviewed. Valerie made the motion that the minutes be approved as written; second by Norm. Motion was carried.

The following events were discussed:

- The grand opening at Sargent Park – the picture of Candice
- Bruce Blues & BBQ on October 27th from 1:30 to 3:30 for Bruce Braley
- Meet & Greet with Chris Diebel on October 16th at Ding Darling Shelter House
- Food and Gift Fair on October 19th at Capitol Hills Christian Church
- Trunk or Treat will be held on Beggar's Night at the church also
- Valerie is selling Girl Scout cookies

Our next board meeting will be Saturday, November 2nd, at 9:00 am at Dahl's.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, November 4th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer