

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, May 3, 2010, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:27 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Jim Nelson, Inspector for Neighborhood Code Enforcement, was our first speaker. He explained what he does. He gave us the number 286-3005 to call for lawns that need mowed. He said the Action Center phone number was 283-4500. He told about the High Risk Tree Program that is for trees that need to be cut down and passed out some brochures.

Our next speaker was Sgt. Vince Valdez from the Des Moines Police Department. He said Joe Gonzalez had just received a promotion to Commander of Unit. Sgt. Valdez covers the Fairground, Laurel Hill, Accent, and Valley High Manor neighborhoods. He said to remember that when a call is received at dispatch, it depends on the number of officers on duty and the calls are categorized into Priority 1 through 5 so the urgent ones are Priority 1 and the non-urgent calls would be a Priority 5. The new city website is on line as of today. On the police website, they will have short videos on problems. May 15th is National Law Enforcement day and between 8 a.m. and noon on the Court Avenue bridges, they will have all kinds of law enforcement vehicles, etc.

Marge Ramsey gave the Treasurer's report. NEN&F has now opened a checking account and we have \$145.00 in the account, 13 individual memberships and 1 business membership.

Jim Wickham will give a report on Des Moines Neighbors each month. Des Moines Neighbors next meeting will be on the 27th of May.

The neighborhoods that are represented from people attending our meeting are Accent, Fairmont, Union Park, Douglas Acres, Grays Wood, and Capitol Park. We should all bring what our neighborhoods are doing to keep us informed.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 7th. We will have someone from Vic's Landscaping as a speaker.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6th, since the Monday is a holiday and the library is closed. We will have a representative from Polk County Services.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey
Secretary/Treasurer