

WHNA board meeting minutes for June 15, 2008

6:30PM David Lange's house, 6503 Del Matro

Present were David Lange, David Jenison, Joan Weider, Betty Glover, Pat Moran.

WHNA is at an important point in its existence. It has been just over one year since WHNA was officially formed. The Neighborhood Watch program has the support of the police department; the board agreed that we should request official recognition from the city. David Jenison will contact Kim Hansen President of Des Moines neighbors to see what actions the association could take to get the city's recognition.

New membership brochures have been developed and are being prepared for printing. The new brochures will be two-sided, printed on bright yellow card stock, and are intended to be current for two years. David Lange will get quotes from two printers, both with and without cutting. David Jenison offered to cut the paper in order to save money.

Plans for the 4th of July. WHNA to have a car or truck in the parade with the banners on either side. Pat Moran will draft the wording for the parade announcer and will pass this along to Betty Glover who will complete the paper work in order to be included in the parade. Joan Weider will contact Hy-Vee to see if they will donate candy to the Association to distribute during the parade.

At the general membership meetings we should try and have a guest speaker in addition to Association business. We discussed a variety of options and decided to invite Marketa Oliver to speak about current issues affecting the city at our next meeting. David Lange will contact Marketa and extend the invitation.

Betty Glover discussed the services provided by the "Neighborhood Finance Corporation" including low interest loans for homeowners wanting to make necessary repairs to their homes. That conversation led to a broader discussion of the need for a long range vision of the city such as how to attracting single persons, young families, middle age, and older persons who want to settle here. We agreed that Betty Glover will research what options are currently available to homeowners that want to do rehab work on their houses and all of us will give thought to and produce our own ideas for that long term vision. We will meet again June 29th to discuss our individual ideas, look for commonality, and begin drafting a single document. We will invite Marketa to lunch to have an open discussion of ideas and see what her thoughts are. Pat Moran will develop an outline for discussion. Betty Glover, Joan Weider, Pat Moran, David Lange would attend the possible lunch meeting with city officials, as time permits.

Next board meeting is scheduled for July 29th at 4:30 pm at David Lange's house