

Windsor Heights Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting
Windsor Heights Lutheran Church
Windsor Heights, Iowa
October 19, 2008 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

President, David Lange and Colleen Lange
Vice President, David Jenison
Secretary, Sylvia Owens
Betty Glover
Trevor Huffaker
Pat Moran

6:40 p.m. Meeting called to order. Estimated members in attendance to include new attendees 25.

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Lange gave update of account balance at \$1,462.00.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OCTOBER 4, 2008

Ms. Glover spoke about the membership drive and thanked everyone for volunteering. She stated that there were a few residents that signed up and with all the brochures distributed is anxious to see what the final count of new members will be. She reminded group that the goal is for 30 new members.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Lange stated that the association is looking to have another ice cream social next year. He reported that there were 33 volunteer host and 27 different households hosting to include an apartment complex.

He stated that almost 25% of the Windsor Heights citizens participated. He thanked the sponsors for their donation. Wells Blue Bunny donated over 500 containers and Hy- Vee provided additional ice cream at cost. They were very helpful to the association and reminded group that Hy-Vee donated candy for the July 4th celebration.

Regarding the ice cream social Hy-Vee gave spoons, bowls and napkins estimated at \$68.00.

Invitations estimated at 344.00 spent by the association. Personal thank you notes were sent to the sponsors and news release sent to the register and City Hall.

CITY UPDATES

Mr. Jenison thanked the new attendees for attending the quarterly meeting. He reported on the last six months of what was going on at City Hall.

Mr. Jenison spoke of the new zip code being good for the city and tax base as well as the businesses. He reminded group that the new zip code starts in July 2009. The association will keep everyone posted. Items discussed:

- Leasing self storage for buying bulk salt discussed by city to combine resources
- Restructuring parking area to alleviate congestion at Cowles' school

- Housing stock single family homes to rental property and their deterioration. Ordinance passed by city about living occupancy to preserve housing stock to alleviate abundance of rental property
- Sidewalk at 65th and University, city decided no

SPEAKER-Mr. Jim Eggers

Mr. Lange introduced Mr. Eggers to speak about the ordinance process and long range plan vision 2020 for the city.

Mr. Eggers stated that his tenure with the city is about 10-11 years on the city's planning and zoning as chair person. He stated that the city is seeing homes being turned over to realtors. City's ordinance is patterned after the City of Ames regarding the occupancy guidelines. More than 3 adults there is an issue with noise and parking. City tries to discourage numerous occupants and looking to move toward single family homes. There are so many issues about rights and privileges. They took the City of Ames ordinance for feedback to City Hall. Six weeks later West Des Moines patterned their ordinance after Windsor Heights.

Mr. Eggers stated that the city has rental property inspection for violation to make sure they are up to code both in home and outside of the home. Inspections are annually.

Mr. Jenison informed group that any reported violations are now confidential through the city. Mr. Eggers took questions from the audience regarding oversized vehicles, off street parking, temporary storage units, construction dumpsters and property zoning regarding Cowles school's proposed soccer field.

LONG RANGE PLAN 2020

Mr. Eggers reported that 63rd and Hickman west city is dealing with commercial property as part of the city's plan. Focus is on housing to have input on remodeling and compare to city's ordinance. Their goal and effort is for longer tenured residents. He spoke about DART (Des Moines Area Regional Transit) plan for a hub. He reminded group that infrastructure is at the heart of city's planning discussion. They are still in the process of gathering information from residents, so far they plan to have two more meetings and an open meeting to keep residents informed.

Mr. Lange announced that the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2009 6:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church with possible chili supper. Association will keep members informed.

Meeting adjourned 8 p.m.