

## **Waveland Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

**Met Online due to cold weather and snow**

Board members present: Chris LoRang, Molly Haus, Kathy Roat, Jenna Borcharding, John Smith, Tony Filipinni

Those unable to attend: Nick Coleman, Matt Ohloff, Rich Knapp, Carol Lunde

Discussed Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee discussions.

Board adopted \$30 family/individual membership fees for 2024.

Other levels of giving were also discussed for those who would like to provide more support. Ambassador level, Champion level, Founders level at \$50, \$75, or higher. Also discussed memorial gifts section in honor of an individual or family. No decisions were made regarding the higher levels of support.

Also regarding dues, places to let people know, social media, website, length of time, maintaining in the future. Who will do the execution? What process will allow outreach and tracking?

Kathy Roat shared a door hanger and the group discussed using it for outreach regarding memberships and also to Save The Date for future events in WPNA. Quotes were shared regarding printing. 22 cents, 16 cents, and more. \$150 quote from Des Moines printers for the city. We have 1654 living units we deliver newsletters to. City needs advance notice to order blank door hangers with perforations.

Police reports were discussed. Traffic safety was discussed Chris LoRang shared "Do people feel safe?" He meets with a safety person from Des Moines Police regarding pedestrian/vehicle safety.

Chris also reported regarding Recreation Districts in the city. Suggested that city meet with MidAmerican for questions and expectation. 20% of cost from MidAmerican suggested.

Regular meeting began. Guests Tim Earp, Brian Smith, Perry Klein, Ann Klein, Heidi Pullmann, Mike Pullman, Julie Snyder, Tory Rowley, Katy Condon.  
(Send sign in sheet around next meeting - sorry if I left anyone out)

Porch Fest Committee revisited: Tim Earp, Heidi and Mike Pullmann, John Smith, Jenna Borcharding. Not sure about this year. Last year's date was September 10<sup>th</sup>. Do we join to support or have a different time? Ingersoll Live, Beaverdale Fall Fest, Homecoming, Iowa vs Iowa State, and other local events during that time.

Chamberlain Triangle Project - Tory Rowley reported on the meeting she and David had with Principal Steve Schappaugh of Roosevelt High School in support of de-escalation with students on the triangle at Chamberlain and California Circle. Creating a positive neighborhood presence and making it a place for good things to happen.

Tory Rowley met with the people who coordinated the triangle across from Black Cat Ice Cream. They worked with the city and got support from Invest DSM. Their project involved fund raising of \$10,000 and involved fund raising and administrative talents by a team. John Smith added that he was on the Drake board at that time, and it took 5-6 years to complete. He was very involved in that project. It did give a sense of place and community.

Julie Snyder brought up the use of the new track at the high school for walkers. Many people want to use it. The school has been contacted about the request, but there has been no response from the Principle. Questions were whether it was a warranty issue that had to do with a condition on the donation of the turf. Is it related to liability for any injuries sustained by community members? Is it a worry about vandalism? Nick Coleman could ask for more information from the Principle, who will be at our meeting in February. (Nick Coleman and Tory Rowley met with Principle Schappaugh in early February)

Next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Waveland Golf Course will not be available, so the meeting will be held at the Franklin Avenue branch of the Des Moines Public Library. Board will meet at 5:45. General Meeting at 6:30.

Items for next month:

Scheduling planters and people to water Neighborhood gardens on Polk, Kingman, and any other areas.

Any volunteers for Backyard Meetings this Summer? May, June, July, August, September?

Set up dates for Quarterly Newsletters.

Make plans for filling Easter Eggs prior to the Egg Hunt in March.

What dates in 2024 for Architectural Tours in Waveland Park area?

Jenna would like to collect addresses and contacts for newly forming Young Professionals Network in WPNA.