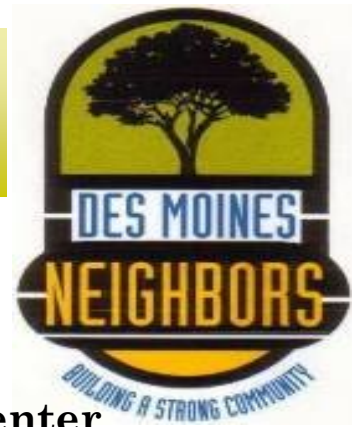


DES MOINES NEIGHBORS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2009



Des Moines Neighbors Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday October 22, 2009

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Robert W. Mickle Neighborhood Resource Center

Speaker: City Council Candidate Forum

City Council Candidate

When: October 22, 2009

Where: Mickle Center 1620 Pleasant St.

Why: To give the neighbors of Des Moines an opportunity to discuss the pertinent issues regarding the city.

All candidates from each race are invited to attend.

Remember to VOTE

The City of Des Moines will hold elections on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009 for positions on the City Council. Run off election day will be Tuesday December 1, 2009 if needed. Be sure to check the Polk County Auditor website for your polling locations.



Des Moines Neighbors is once again selling Younkers Fundraiser Coupons!
Contact Des Moines Neighbors Chair Cindy Christian if you are interested in buying or helping out!

Des Moines Neighbors By-Law Changes

A vote was taken at the September 2009 Des Moines Neighbors meeting to change the by-laws to allow the Board of Des Moines Neighbors to vote electronically as long as it remains in compliance with open meeting laws.

Des Moines Neighbors Board of Directors:

<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice Chair</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>At-Large</u>	<u>At-Large</u>	<u>At-Large</u>
Cindy Christian Sniklfritz30@hotmail.com 556-6296 (cell)	Ed Conlow conlow@mehsi.com 255-3044 (home)	Jeff Johannsen jjohan1664@aol.com 280-6071(home)	Brian Millard bmillardsm@aol.com 274-5038 (home)	Lynn Cutshall lcutshall@hotmail.com 255-3367 (home)	Harlan Donaldson valleyhighpresident@yahoo.com 263-4922 (home)

Minutes
Des Moines Neighbors General Meeting
September 24th 2009 7:00pm
Mickle Center

In attendance: Don Vines, Larry Rogers, Lynn Cutshall, Leander Harral, Jane Linthucum, David Stephenson, Jo Ann Hanover, Brian Millard, Cindy Christian

NRO Staff: Shallee Keenan, Kimberly Hansen

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Cindy Christian

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda: B. Millard

Second: L. Cutshall

Corrections to minutes:

Spelling of B. Millard's & Roger Dorem's was corrected

It was also added that there was a discussion about forming a committee in order to discuss the weed issue in Des Moines.

Motion to approve the minutes from July 2009 with corrections:

Second by: B. Millard

Motion Carries: H. Donaldson

Guest Speaker:

Gary Fox – Des Moines Traffic and Engineering

Mr. Fox discussed the new bus benches and the company that will soon be taking over the bench operations throughout Des Moines.

Discussion about the different aspects of the change in the bus benches these include the types of benches, the companies, the contract and advertising on the benches and the locations etc.

Questions were answered about locations, whether visual images of the benches will be available at the council meeting, snow removal and a number of other things.

They will not be allowed to take out current benches that have been put in by neighborhood etc.

There was a brief discussion about round- a-bouts throughout the city and neighborhoods.

Larry Rogers Report

Great neighborhood meeting at the academy the day before, primarily NBDS neighborhoods that were involved.

Brief discussion about camera in police vehicles. There are currently cameras in every traffic vehicle and other vehicles depend on funding.

Link to check crime in your neighborhoods <http://mapping.dmgov.org/crimeview/>

Neighborhood Resource Office Update

ComNet

All surveys are complete for the year

Completed Waveland Park August 29th

SouthPark will complete the portions of their survey that we did not get to in October, if the weather holds up.

NRO "Friendraiser"

An effort to raise awareness about the Neighborhood Associations and the NRO .

November 5th 5:00-8:00pm at the Des Moines Social Club ; Name is TBD.

NRLC Neighborhood Resident Leadership Certificate

Brief discussion about the classes overlapped with the meetings.

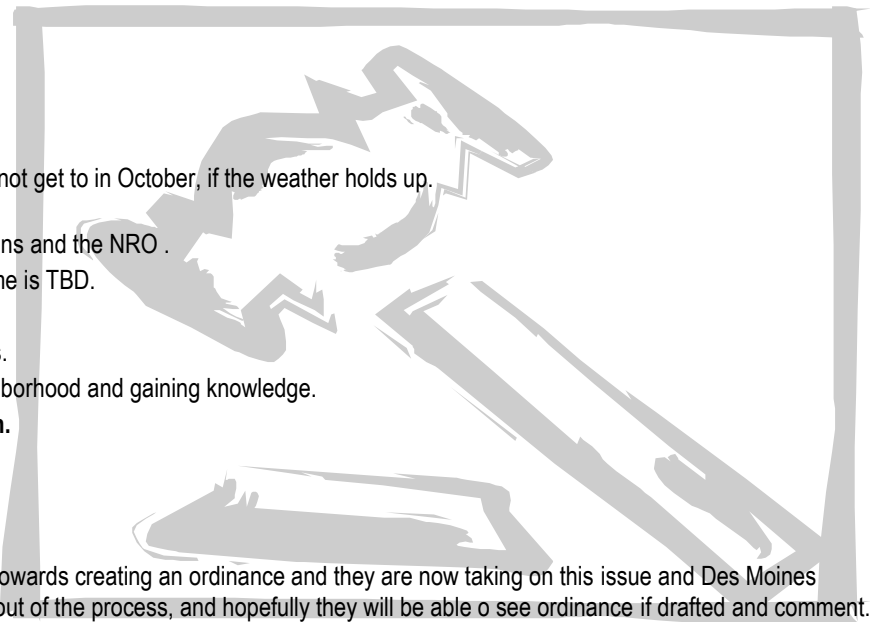
The classes are a chance to get new people involved with neighborhood and gaining knowledge.

Fall Schedules are now available and classes are in session.

DMN NEIGHBORS REPORT

Convenience Store Canopy

B. Millard shared that the city manager has asked staff to work towards creating an ordinance and they are now taking on this issue and Des Moines Neighbors will wait to see results. DSM Neighbors is now out of the process, and hopefully they will be able o see ordinance if drafted and comment.



Des Moines Neighbors by-law changes

by laws distributed, third page section six, article five e is where a change will be made. It is changed to note that board members can vote via electronic devices, ex. E-mail.

B. Millard voiced issue with e-mailing vs. live vote on phone; feels that it should only include telephone or conference call.

A few questions were answered ex... does open meetings laws include e-mail?

"The board of directors may vote and participate in meetings so long as the process remains in compliance with open meetings laws"- Proposed by Ed Conlow

" At the discretion of the chair, the board may use electronic devices to vote or participate in meetings, so long as such process remains in compliance with open meetings laws"

C. J Stephens discussed how her neighborhood just did about electronic voting. Wanted things done electronically to be entered into official minutes and documented.

Any spending had a \$500.00 limit.

Clarification that the Des Moines neighbor's by-law changes only affect the Des Moines Neighbors Board of Directors participation, not general membership.

Motion to change by-laws : H. Donaldson

Second: E. Conlow

Motion passes

Cookbook

Cookbooks are ready to be ordered as soon as the price is approved.

Treasurer Report:

J.Johanson was absent

Current Balance: \$1,947.91 as reported by Cindy Christian

New Business

Youngers Community Day will be in November - C. Christian has the books sitting on hold for her.

Dave Stephenson brought up a discussion about the dangerous/ Poisonous weeds that are appearing all over the City of Des Moines.

He brought dangerous weeds to show the group and suggested that all neighborhood groups get copies of the Weed commission office operations manual.

Action Item: Cindy Christian will join Dave Stephensen and Don Vines in forming a committee to discuss how this weed problem can be combated.

Old Business

None

Neighborhood Reports

Remember the free computer classes that are being offered by the NRO.. Check the newsletter for more information.

H. Donaldson mentioned a course on new driver safety

Mondamin Presidential- Fish and chicken Fry October 2nd 5-8pm Casady school \$6-8 depending on what you get.

King Irving – October 3rd Rock the Block-Block Clean up Day still looking for volunteers to help out.

King Irving- 13th & College Avenue will have a Community garden going in

The Tai Village cultural celebration October 3rdB. Millard

Waterbury- Saturday June 12th and Sunday 13th of 2010 Secret Gardens of Waterbury featuring the Secret artists of Waterbury.

Private fundraiser with pre garden tour and art auction the day before.

Val Air issue- the neighborhood association does not support the actions against the Val Air.

October 6th- FCCI will have a meeting and Habitat for Humanity will introduce new family in the neighborhood.

October 7th- Waveland Park's large fall meeting at the NW community Center- Bill Stowe will speak about Storm water run off.

No official adjournment.

