



Meredith Neighborhood Association

## Quarterly Meeting

May 6, 2008

Hoover High School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm

4800 Aurora Avenue

**Board Attendees** - Those attending were Bob and Delores Wells, Wayne Thomas, Peggy Grim, Chris Craig, Ken Craig, Don and Jan Shaw, Cheryl Musser, Terri Golightly, Som Rasavanh, Barb and Don Lancaster, neighbors, guests, and city and police officials. Special Guests: Richard Clark, City Manager, Judy Bradshaw Chief of Police.

**Call To Order** - The Board Meeting was called to order by President Bob Wells at 7:10 pm. Thanked members of the board for their help.

**Richard Clark, City Manager** spoke of issues of concern. Des Moines has one of the highest tax rates and property tax rates. Need lower tax rate. He spoke about city and schools working together. Economic development is growing downtown. Hopes it spreads into city neighborhoods. Discussed Merle Hay Mall project not a definite. Working to control fuel consumption within city work force. Mr. Clark answered questions from the neighbors.

**Judy Bradshaw, Chief of Police** is Des Moines 60th Chief of Police. Has been in law enforcement for 29 years. Voted Law Officer of the Year. Thanked Tom Vlassic for his help throughout the years. Chief Bradshaw spoke about trust within the police force, interacting with the public; headed a gang unit; violent crimes are down in numbers. She is working with a program for special needs citizens with Alzheimer mental problems this is called LOST. Chief Bradshaw answered question from the neighbors.

**Treasurer Report** – Som reported a balance of \$4,264.61. Reminded neighbors to pay dues. Discussed increase of yearly dues from \$15 to \$20. A motion was offered to accept the treasurer's report and motion accepted.

Election Committee Chairman introduced and nominated Fr. Nick Taylor for President and Peggy Grim for Secretary for 2008-2010. No nominations were offered from the floor. Motion to elect carried. Don Shaw presented Certificates of Recognition to Bob Wells and Peggy Grim along with a potted geranium and gift certificate for their past years of service. Bob has served the neighborhood gallantly for many years.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Beautification Committee:** Planting of the street islands will be May 18 from 1-3 pm.

**Communications Committee:** Discussed newsletter and time involved to produce. Garage Sale coming up May 16 & 17 for the neighborhood.

**Community Development:** Scrub Day on July 19 was discussed. No yard waste again this year, and appliances are free this year and a free shredder will be back again this year.

**Membership Committee:** MNA needs new members, please talk to your neighbors.

**Social Committee:** Cheryl Musser, Dolores Wells and Barb Lancaster were thanked for their work in organizing tonight's event.

**Business committee:** Ken Craig talked about Famous Dave's on April 19<sup>th</sup> which was Member Appreciation Night and members received a 25% discount. New ad for newsletter is Bell Brothers Heating and Cooling.

**Old and New Business:** Chris Craig showed everyone the new MNA Welcome Signs. The city crews will install nine signs on established poles in our neighborhood boundaries.

Door prizes were won by Deloris Oswagen, Nancy Rathert, Fr. Nick Taylor, Tom Vlassis, Sandy Sinclair, Randy Taylor, Cheryl Musser, Dan Ramsey, Barb Lancaster and Wayne Thomas.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Grim".

**Peggy Grim, Secretary 2006-2008**