



Meredith Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2008

Meredith Drive Church

5128 Meredith Drive, Rm 244

Attendees: Chris Craig, Don Shaw, Som Rasavahn, Peggy Grim and Father Nick Taylor. Guests: Matt Tapscott, Pat Monroe, Clancy Sullivan, Bob Vanderlinden.

Call To Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by President Fr. Nick Taylor at 6:36 pm. Additions to agenda were Welcome signs, school board forum, police email, identity theft and guest speakers. Don Shaw moved to approve the minutes.

Pat Monroe (Monroe Construction), Clancy Sullivan (Pat Brokerage business owner), and Bob Vanderlinden (civil engineer) were guests to speak of a rezoning opportunity in our boundaries. Pat Brokerage, 11 years at current address, is being replaced by the new Hy-Vee and owner Clancy Sullivan has been given the options to buy two properties across Douglas Avenue. They would like to have zoning changed to commercial. It is now part residential and part commercial. The plan is for a 30 foot set back. Building appearance will be brick. There will be green areas and trees. They are planning on two buildings. A chiropractor will move with Pat Brokerage and prefers to have the front of the building space. They plan to lease space within city regulations. Don Shaw asked the question of water drainage concerns. Clancy Sullivan will submit that they spoke to the MNA and asked that we send a letter to the City zoning that they explained their plans and asked if we had any concerns. Chris will be in contact with Cindy Smith from the Beavertdale Neighborhood Association Board and to Clancy Sullivan to acknowledge our meeting discussions; the BNA had asked us by email if we had any objections after we met. We (the board) should send a letter to Planning and Zoning Committee that we see no objections to the proposed plans.

Treasurer Report: Som reported a balance of \$8,569.55. Som reported receipt of membership dues and a grant from the Polk County Supervisors for a new computer for the association. A motion to approve, with all agreeing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee: No bills from Lori regarding expenses for island plantings. Don Shaw brought up doing something permanent with the island ends. We have had many great compliments on the islands. Cut down on city ordered mulch next year from a light load on each island to ½ of a light load for each island as we had too much and it starts to blow off. We will send checks and thank you letters to the 3 households that are watering the islands.

Welcome Signs are installed on our streets and look great. One extra sign after nine appointed location were installed. Chris to send thank you to Aaron Johnson and Mike Ring of the City and to Parks Department. We spent \$1,963 from the \$2,500 grant we had received. Chris will submit the bill. It was decided that we will pay the bill for the signs now and wait to be reimbursement.

Business Committee: Ken Craig was unable to attend as he was out of town. July 1 will be the start of ad collecting.

Communication Committee: Chris updated the Board contact list. Fr. Nick asked that his church name be corrected on the list. Summer newsletter to be started July 1; website continues to be updated. We received a grant of \$,3000 in the form of a check and letter signed by Angela Connelly, Polk County Supervisor made possible by Prairie Meadows for a new computer for the MNA.

Community Development: Scrub Day volunteer Matt Tapscott MHNA member (577-0380) reported Scrub Day will be Saturday, July 19, 2008 at Hoover parking lot. No yard waste again this year. Free appliance disposal. Don advised Matt the need to arrange for a city sweeper to clean the Hoover parking lot at end of morning. Last years went great. Don Shaw will contact schools for use of orange safety cones. May need to request

more cones and to ask for more vests from the City. Don will arrange for the shredder truck. A meeting is planned for June 17 at Chris's house for coordination of details.

No report on 50th Street & Meredith traffic issues as Terry Go lightly was not available.

On the ComNet program John and Peggy Grim met with Des Moines Neighbors and the City. Want to hand out flyers educating neighbors about what the program entails. Hoover has agreed to let us use cafeteria for meeting area.

School Board Forum scheduled for August. Don suggested that we become more involved as individuals. We need a contact for the Meredith Neighborhood Association. Fr. Nick has agreed to be the contact. Chris will contact BNA that we agree to be of help with the Forum. Chris will update City website with Fr. Nick's information as our neighborhood contact now and remove Bob Wells.

Membership: Membership dues have been coming into Som. Bob Lutz is doing a great, great job updating the membership list and new neighbors. Karen Taylor is working to get Welcome Neighbor Program up and going.

Social Committee: Garage Sale went great on May 16 & 17 and had a good day. July 4th Kids Parade will be at 10:00 am at Bel-Aire and 48th. Bruce Babcock to coordinate the volunteers. Salvation Army Summer Bell Ring at Dahl's. The date will be set later. Peggy will help Don coordinate volunteers. Fr. Nick to be of help. Don has Westchester Park reserved and applied for sound permit for NNO on August 5. Need to confirm with Meredith Middle School for a rain date. More discussion next meeting at July 14th. Need to invite Todd Dykstra.

Westchester Park Committee: Chris emailed the police about comments from neighbors regarding unwanted activities at the park.

Old and New Business: Fr. Nick shared his close call with identity theft. It was in regard to a credit card application that was probably stolen from his mailbox. Fr. Nick wanted to alert everyone of this activity.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm with a motion from Don Shaw.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by



Peggy Grim, Secretary 2008-2010