

Minutes

Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association

Members Meeting, Monday February 18th 2019

Sarge Lance Ripperger: NA

Joshua Raleigh: NA

Joel Van Roekel: NA

- March Meeting follow up with Joel to look into the numbers for 7-14 years old kids into our association and see if we couldn't sponsor a sports team of some sort

1-cent sales tax: - Mel Pins

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 - President of Summerset Neighborhood association
 - Southside Native
- Proposing the 1 cent sales tax
 - City only receives the funds
 - Generate \$36 mil a year
 - Increase will help with Public safety, Fire, and Police
- City needs funding but can't rely on the property owners
 - 1/3rd of that revenue will come from visitors
 - 2/3 by Des Moines residents
- Groceries, scrips, electric, gas, natural gas, and vehicles are exempt
- Resolution passed to outline what the funds will go for
 - Public safety, streets and sewers, Blitz on Blight 18 million
 - Also going to open public library hours to allow access to internet
 - Adolescent Mental health crisis unit
 - Annual audit will take place to hold the city accountable
- Absente ballot deadline is 5pm on the 22nd
- Property assessments will go up regardless but the tax rate per thousand will not
- If not passed, tax rate per thousand will go up on top of the already projected assessment increase

Weeks Park Detail from the Moreno's -

- Joel Van Roekel's boss Liam to have the students at Weeks come up with options/layout of the new park
- Options presented and voted on during school conferences.
- Asked why not south Union
 - Response: City won't do both since its close proximity
 - Advised we have to talk to our council rep for options and to address concerns
- No results
- Dave will try to have someone from the city come talk to us again about our lack of green space

Dues -

- Going forward the board will vote on any changes, updates, or fee recommendations prior to any changes being implemented
 - Board concerned that we don't have enough engagement to charge and we previously denied
 - Board voted yes
- Trial run dues paid on the 11th
- DonorBox costs roughly 2 dollars per transaction
- Money processed through DonorBox but the money still hasn't hit the WHNA bank account
- Dave will continue to follow up to make sure funds are processed through the bank
- Dave will update verbiage to ask for donations at this time per board vote

WHNA Pole Signs –

- Dave presented sign pole signs that now have been placed
 - Keep an eye out and report any location issues to Dave
- Brad proposed sign options to the board
 - Board agreed with Green/Yellow
 - 10 signs to start
 - Brad will order signs ASAP