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Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association

Members Meeting, Monday October 11th, 2021

Sign-In: Tammy Berenguel, Buck Buchholz, Elizabeth Williams, Dave Johnston, Aubrey Loffredo, Jim Hugley and Roxanne Hugley, Karen Lodden, Rebekah Delgado, Polk County Auditor Jamie Fitzgerald, Inspector Josh Raleigh, Joel Van Roekel from Parks and Rec.

Polk County Auditor Jamie Fitzgerald provided a summary of the main election law changes that related to: Voting in person; Absentee voting; requesting an Absentee Ballot; and a Transition Ballot.

He answered most of the questions from neighbors. He also said their website could answer most other questions.

As always, he was an informative and responsive guest.

NBSD Officer Sgt. Scarlett had indicated she would participate in this meeting and Dave Johnston was aware that our neighbor Rebekah Delgado was at this meeting specifically to talk with Sgt. Scarlett. When Jamie was finished, Dave interrupted the procedure to confirm that Rebekah was there specifically to talk with Sgt. Scarlett. He explained that it was unlikely she would show-up this late. Our City Inspector Josh Raleigh talked with Rebekah and confirmed the problem needed the police involvement. He volunteered to attempt to contact Sgt. Scarlett with the problem and a request for her to contact Rebekah. She was obviously frustrated and left the meeting.

Inspector Josh Raleigh updated the latest on “Blitz on Blight” explaining both homes of concern on Leach were scheduled for Demolition shortly. Josh had previously helped Jim and Roxanne with some neighbor problems. They expressed their appreciation for his efforts. There were some questions others had for Josh. He answered or indicated he would follow-up and get the answers.

Joel Van Roekel from Parks and Rec gave a general update and then answered several questions about the status of MacRae Park. Some indication that the Parks and Rec Department eventually wants to have a Park or Green Space within a Ten (10) minute walk from any resident’s home.

Dave Johnston update Neighbors regarding the following:

WHNA Halloween Decorations Tour Guide. Five neighbors that have decorations have been contacted by known email. One responded with pictures. Additional 20 plus letters reached out to neighbors with Decorated homes. To early to expect response from these letters. Webpage created, but the only home pictures provided have not yet been provided. Waiting until we have pictures from at least a couple of homes. We still our looking for decorations just now going up for Halloween.

WHNA Fourth Annual Holiday Lighting Contest. Updated five prizes for this Christmas Holiday Lighting Contest from \$50 to \$150. Prizes awarded as HyVee Gift Cards. (Paid for by WHNA – NOT donated by HyVee)

Future WHNA Neighbors Meetings. Next meetings are scheduled for Monday November 8th 2021 at 6:00 pm and Monday December 13th 2021 at 6:00 pm. We have requests in for these meetings to be in the Library at South Union Elementary School Building. However, until the Covid threat becomes less we will still be meeting using Zoom.

Meeting Closed. Neighbors were advise our WHNA Board meeting is immediately after and open to anyone that wants to stay.