

# Minutes

## **Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association Members Meeting, Monday October 8th**

### **Joselyn Fry- Libertarian Candidate for Polk County Supervisor, District 5:**

- Facing Democratic candidate Matt McCoy in the November 6th election
- Currently resides on the north side of Des Moines
- Currently Chairwomen for the Libertarian party
- Wife and mother who wants to serve her neighbors
- Major Goals/Focuses:
  - Focus on individual rights and freedoms
  - Seeks a smarter government that is more transparent to the public
  - Eliminate traffic cameras
  - Pay down current bonds and ensure public vote on new bonds
  - Spend time reviewing Social Service programs for treatment options such as the Bridges program
- Q & A session:
  - How would she address county money? Joselyn advised she would obtain community input on where funds are needed
  - Blight Homes and what plan was to correct the issue - Joselyn advised she would take issues to the City Council to address the issue. She is not interested in raising taxes to correct the issue but would be willing to look into this further if elected
  - 1 cent sales tax and current property tax increase - Joselyn did not agree with the increase and advised she was not satisfied with the property tax increase due to the no vote on the 1 cent sales tax
  - Private schools receiving funding - Joselyn does not feel private schools should be receiving funding
  - Salary - Joselyn advised the current salary for Polk county supervisor is as much as the governor. She does not agree with the salary and would be willing to take half of the current salary
  - State mental Health issue - Joselyn advised the state will be mandating new changes in the near future to address the

### **Joel Van Roekel - Parks and Recreation Liaison Officer:**

- Joel advised he sent the notes from the last meeting to his superiors and has not heard word back. He will report back when/if response is received.

### **Josh Raleigh- Inspector:**

- Dave asked for a contact we can utilize to educate the association on the process of addressing blight homes especially after the boarding step (Dave has tried with no success). Josh advised to email [cjmoser@dmgov.org](mailto:cjmoser@dmgov.org)
- Member advised that Matt McCoy indicated he would have the blight home torn down at 4110 SW 5th St last Monday but due to rain this has not yet occurred
- Josh went over the steps to get blight status removed from a property, as well as how he identifies an owner occupied home based on the Polk county assessors page

### **Sergeant Ripperger- Crime Report:**

- 3 crimes reported in the last 30 days; per map provided which is down from this time last year (6)
- Discussed security recommendations on trailers:
  - Hitch lock
  - Add an identifier such as a sticker or engraved tag