

GENERAL MEETING

January 11, 2021

The North Cedar Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of strengthening the community, promoting safety and quality of life, and to facilitate neighbor's pursuit of other common interests.

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 Jim opened the meeting by welcoming all. At least 11 attended. We met on Zoom.

MINUTES: Jo Anne read the minutes and they were approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Bonnie presented the treasurer's report. General fund balance: \$24,532.68. Project fund: \$11,084.46.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Jim thanked everyone for coming reported there were no hours put into the NPR since last meeting.
2. Update on bird feeders at Prairie Lakes Visitor's Center. Lorene heard they were in bad shape and needed updating. Frank checked on them and noted they just seemed turned over, not broken. Our local Prairie Rapids Audubon group and the NCNA are teaming up together to build new/repair old and add a water feature. More on this after Lorene talks to Craig on January 12.
3. Discussed what Cedar Falls being a "Bird Friendly" Community will involve.
4. Healthy Cedar Valley Coalition has asked the NCNA if they can cooperate with us to have community visits to several North Cedar residences (that exhibit healthy lifestyles) and also visit the NRP next June, 2021. Under consideration are the Carrell's Aronia Berry Farm and Jim's new prairie plantings and beehives
5. Bonnie Smith reported progress on the workout stations planned next to the bike trail at Gateway Park and Big Woods Lake. Stephanie Sheetz reported that they must meet federal safety standards. Bonnie reported that they are exactly like 2 others along the trail, so that should not be a problem. She is working at getting the cost for installation. The board will need to set a top limit to spend for the equipment when it comes to auction at UNI. Items sold there are usually "as is."
6. Mark Miller reported that neighbors need to be contacted about willingness to have a dog park near them before the change in location is proposed to the city. Mary Smith and Joni Krejchi will contact the neighbors to get input.

7. Dog Stations were discussed. The cost about \$300 each and could be put in 2 of our North Cedar Parks where there are already trash barrels. The Hiawatha Park and Natural Resource Park are the areas being considered. There may be grant funds available for this.
8. JoAnne reported the NC neighborhood tourist brochure is being printed. Copies will be placed at the CF Tourist Information Center and at the gas station by the Ice House.
9. Dennis Pruckler has not been asked to share his ideas with the city council. The board will discuss at the January 18 meeting whether to put a link to his Island Park proposal on the NCNA website.
10. Mark Miller reported the city council is working on a lot of things, but no major new developments to report. Sue Beach mentioned about all the tree stumps along Hiawatha Street.
11. Jim said adopting a roadway for NCNA is a moot point right now.
12. Jim Newcomb reported that the Longview Teaching and Donation Garden has been presented to the city. He has not yet heard back.
13. Repair of feeders and an addition of a water feature at the CF Visitor's building was discussed. Additional feeders may also be needed. Lorene is going to get more information about what is needed at the Audubon meeting January 12. There are individuals who have interest and skills to do this if more direction is available. Lorene is going to get more information about bird feeder needs and options. There may be some grant money available through PRAS.
14. Mary successfully filed the biennial report for NCNA with the State.
15. Sue reminded members of the option to send money to NCNA through Amazon Smile.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50. The Next Meeting will be on zoom February 8, 2021.

Jo Anne Ove. Secretary