

GENERAL MEETING

September 14, 2020

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 Lorene welcomed people. 22 attended and all introduced themselves. We met at the NRP Shelter because the Eagle's Club was closed due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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

TREASURER REPORT: Mary presented the treasurer's report. General fund balance: \$25,990.41 Project fund: \$11,390.03.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Clint and Randy declined reelection to the Board. Thanks for their commitment and service. Sue, Mary, and newly elected Bonnie Smith and Dixie Beard will serve as members at large. Jim Newcomb was elected President, Lorene Wellnitz was elected vice-president, Jo Anne Ove was reelected as Secretary, and Bonnie Pruckler was reelected as Treasurer.
2. Stephanie Sheetz, from the city Planner's Office, mentioned her office has had 100% turn over since last year. She mentioned the Center Street Street-scaping project has been delayed because gaming grants have declined because of the Covid-19 closure of casinos, but it is still on record to move forward.
3. Kelly Dunn, our at-large city councilperson, spoke about her love for North Cedar.
4. Mark talked about the city's receipt of the Lake Street Bike Trail grant of \$302,000 for next fiscal year. The city will add \$58,000 to help pay for it. Mark also mentioned the Lone Tree fire station now is utilized by PSO officers for bookwork and training. Mark mentioned Island Park has water issues and city planners are still in discussion about the cut-off dam, too much sand, etc. Steve Smith recommended the city discuss that the cut-off dam be lowered. Our speaker for the October general meeting will be Dennis Pruckler and he will speak about the North Cedar water issues.
5. Mary Carroll told about the Scarecrow Contest to be held downtown Cedar Falls on September 22 and 23rd. The entry, named Nature Nelly, is finished. Thank you, Mary!
6. Jim mentioned his appreciation for the volunteers who completed the Phase 1 split-rail fence around the west side of the NRP. Volunteers also were thanked for watering the trees along Lone Tree Rd.
7. The North Cedar Elementary School playground drainage seems to be working, thanks to Bugs Benton's design and Benton Sand and Gravel. We just received 6" of rain in 1 week and there are no problems.

8. An application to Bird Friendly Iowa to make Cedar Falls a “Bird Friendly Community” is being put together by several North Cedar members.
9. Linda Jacoby and Jamie Clancey from the Cedar Valley Preschool spoke about the \$10,000 equipment playground renovation, new plantings and butterfly garden. They will hold a 50th anniversary open house next spring. In 50 years the preschool has served 4000 children. All are welcome to come and view the improvements.
10. Jim mentioned the wonderful volunteers, authentic people, and the fact that North Cedar is a great place to live. He and Jeanna have lived here 44 years. Jim provided delicious treats! Thank you.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Next meeting will be October 12, 2020 at the Eagles club.

J. Ove, secretary