Call Membership Meeting to Order: Aaron Todd 7:05pm

Introductions: Tanya Keith, Pam DeLancey, Aaron Todd, Rene Owczarski, Jon Royal, Dan Taylor, Connie Boesman (new Councilwoman), Clay Pasqual, Joe Gonzalez, Emily Westergaard, Dwight Long, Brookelyn Danti.

Approval of January Membership Agenda Add councilwoman Boesman- Jon, Tanya.

Approval of October 2017 Membership Meeting and December 2017 Special Meeting Notes: Rene, Tanya. Approved.

NBSD Update: 21 Part 1 crimes in December; 4 arrests, 9 unfounded. Multiple break-ins of smashing business windows with a brick and stealing TVs. No additional details on the fires at the two houses near Urban Dreams. Over the weekend there was a big fight at Hy-Vee Hall (Make Me a World) that carried over, ended up at the McDonald’s at 6th/University. Neighborhood Inspector Phil Anctil passed away unexpectedly – please contact inspections office directly; we do not currently have an inspector assigned. (515/283-4046)

Guest: Public Measure A: Joe Gonzalez and Emily Westergaard: Public Measure A vote is on March 6th. 97 of 99 counties currently have this 1% local sales and services tax in place (Polk & Johnson counties are the only ones that don’t). Money from this tax can go to retain 13 firefighters currently on a grant, build a new fire station in NE DSM, improve communications systems for emergency services, and improve streets/sidewalks/parks. Approximately 30-35% of money generated would come from those outside the area (visitors). Estimated that a family of four would spend an additional $4/month as a result of the tax. Audit will be under close scrutiny and reviewed annually. Hotel/motel rentals are exempt as that is state regulated. Prescriptions, gas, utilities, vehicles, professional services, and food for the home are also not subject to the additional 1%. Asking for our help and support of this measure. Check on the election office website (Polk Co Auditor) to see where to vote. If this passes, City should vote in a .40/$100 property tax relief.

Connie Boesen: New at-large Councilwoman. Trying to make it to the different neighborhoods, see what needs are, how to get people engaged, what can the City do to help.

Review and Approval of Board Officers: Table this to next general membership.

2018 Priorities Progress Update: More to come on this, we welcome input from general membership as to what is important.

Committee Updates

* Outreach (Baskerville) –Tour is May 19-20, 2018. Meetings 3rd Tuesday of Month at 6pm.
* Membership (Royal): Want to gather more information from residents as to what is important, what their areas of interest are; if they are interested in membership. Looking at possible incentives, different levels of membership benefits. “Block captains” to help with this effort.

Announcements

* Outreach Committee (3rd Tuesday of the Month)
* Roundtable Updates (All)

Adjournment 7:45pm.