

Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association  
Minutes for Annual Meeting Jan. 13, 2009

The membership of the Association met at Staves Methodist Church, Des Moines, IA.

19 neighbors were present.

The meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner.

President Linda Westergaard called the meeting to order.

Linda told us that we can get a community garden set up in Sargent Park. The city will till a plot for us; we must apply for this. Applications for this are on the City website. We probably cannot make this year's deadline, but we can try it for next year.

Rachel Buse, Volunteer Coordinator for Rebuild Together, came and spoke. May 2 is the day that Rebuild Together has chosen to help elderly, disabled, or low income people. Anyone interested must apply for their help.

Rebuild together is looking for volunteers and donations. They can apply for clean up, painting, fixing, rebuilding something. These are all done at no cost to the homeowner.

Applications are due by the end of February.

Anyone wanting an application or to volunteer to help may contact Rachel at 697-1007, or email [Rachel@rebuildingtogetherdesmoines.org](mailto:Rachel@rebuildingtogetherdesmoines.org).

Don Tripp and Larry Edris from the City Park and Recreation Dept came and spoke. They are going to do more things to Sargent Park over the next few years. West of Four Mile Creek they will add a wetland area with a looping woodchip trail around it to connect with the Gay Lea Wilson trail (the current asphalt trail). They plan to add a multi-use field that can be used for soccer or softball, a playground, and a basketball court. These are all north of the new bathrooms that were built last year. They also plan to build a pedestrian bridge across Four Mile and an outdoor classroom. They will build two open air shelters, one on each side of the creek. They also will label the park with a new sign on the west side of the creek. These things will be added over the next 3-4 years. This plan is not definitely approved, but Don thought that we had a very good chance of getting these things approved by the City Council.

The Association elected its officers and board of directors for 2009. The following persons were elected by a voice vote of the members present.

President	Linda Westergaard
Vice President	Joe Youngwirth
Secretary	Dawn Stangl
Treasurer	Phyllis Kellogg
Directors	Tony Short
	Betty Short
	Jim Grove
	Margaret Heger
	Richard Schulze

The meeting was adjourned by President Linda Westergaard.

Submitted, Dawn Stangl, DANA Secretary