



**Board of Directors Meeting
 Wednesday, April 9th, 2014
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Pomeranz Conference Room, Olmsted Center, Drake**

Board Members Present (X); term expires as noted					
	Dean Blum (12/31/14)		Nancy Gooding (12/31/2014)	X	David Courard-Hauri (12/31/15)
X	Liz Albright-Battles (12/31/14)	X	Mark Schneider (12/31/15)	X	Deric Gourd (12/31/14)
	Kristina Johnson (12/31/14)		Scott Johnson (12/31/15)		Sean Haire (12/31/2014)
X	Eldon McAfee (12/31/15)	X	Eddie Robinson (12/31/15)	X	Jen Sayers (12/31/15)
	Tim Smith (Parks)	X	Kevin Venhaus (12/31/14)	X	Bethany Wilcoxon (12/31/14)
X	Mark McKinney (NBSD)	X	Chris Reindl (NBSD)	X	Renee Sedlacek (Drake)

Introductions (5 Min.) Dan Bauser (Lutheran Services and their Community Gardening program). Frank Cownie (Mayor).

Consent Agenda (5 Min.)

- Approval of Minutes. Minutes passed (Bethany moves, Liz seconds).
- Monthly Financials

Reports (15 Min.)

- NBSD. (Mark) 29 calls for service in March, though there was probably a lot of duplication there. Explained the new system that gives a very large amount of information on crime reports. This just came online recently. He suggested documenting high-value items. NCPC.org has forms that can be helpful in knowing what you should keep track of. He'll send us a copy of the forms. Cownie suggested reinitiating a neighborhood watch program. In his neighborhood (Ingersoll Park), they have a phone tree that helped to catch people involved in a burglary because people called neighbors so that they could see where the people ran to hide. A discussion from that arose, Bill suggested that small groups might have more success networking. Turnover in the neighborhood definitely makes this difficult. (Chris) 64 junk and debris cases in the last month. He's going to focus on Drake Relay route so that looks nice for the race. 4 property cleanups, he boarded up one house and re-boarded another 3. Let him know if we see anything. There was a house fire on 21st St, and they're going to rebuild. He had just inspected it, so he knows everything was up to code. Luckily nobody got hurt.
- Parks. (None)

- Drake University (Renee) Not much to report. Apparently not much information has been shared yet about the parade, so people are wondering. The parade will be Sunday, April 13th (this coming weekend). They have wrapped up their application for Carnegie and it ought to be submitted by Monday. This would essentially be a “stamp of approval” saying that Drake is an engaged university. They’ll also send out communication about the calendar every two weeks in the future.

Old Business

New Business

1. Drake Relays Street Painting. We’re excited to do this. It ought to be around noon on the 23rd. Kevin moved that we pay \$200 for a square downtown, Jen seconded, motion passed.
2. Deric pointed out that there is a region just north of the neighborhood that is not part of any neighborhood association, and so they had trouble getting their concerns heard. Beaverdale is interested in taking on the western third, but it wouldn’t make sense for them to go all the way to MLK. Most people felt like it made sense for it not to be a “dark zone” (area with no neighborhood association), but that it probably made sense for them to join another nearby association because Drake is already large. The group felt like the first thing to do is find out what neighbors in that area would like.
3. Dan Bauser wanted to let us know that they’re looking for plots of land where refugees could garden, they would be extremely grateful. Kevin Suggested the north side of 28th Street right before crossing the highway; it’s owned by the state and has a lot of sun.

Adjourn Business Meeting

8:15 p.m.

Board Presentations

Sub-Committee Discussions

- Q1 Membership Meeting – follow up. Ako would like to get a group together for a conversation.
- Marketing. No updates. RCD: thanks to the MPO, there was \$450 K made available, so the streetscape project is closer to moving forward.
- 3201 Forest Ave Meeting. Deric said that they’re trying to get a group together to look at the next plan for the development. Apparently there is unlikely to be any IFA funding next year. The owner is looking to get out of the property, and Deric would like to get a group together to talk about what to do.
- 2121 University Update. No new news.
- 2014/2015 Odd/Even Plowing Area.

Cownie said that the budgeting in the city will be 24-month, balanced, with no property tax increases through 2016. They’re going to have to work hard to make this happen, and assumes that the legislature won’t change anything. He expressed thanks to the police and fire department for their wonderful response during the Younkers building fire. The developer is working to determine what can be done there. The developer and city are committed to moving on, but it’s about a \$40 million problem. The businesses that were affected to the east and south are back in; the partnership building is more seriously affected. Walnut and 7th Street won’t be open for a while, and the skywalk will also be out of service.