



**Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 11th, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**St. Catherine's of Sienna Student Center**

Board Members Present (X); term expires as noted					
X	Dean Blum (12/31/14)		Nancy Gooding (12/31/2014)	X	David Courard-Hauri (12/31/13)
X	Liz Albright-Battles (12/31/14)	X		X	Deric Gourd (12/31/14)
X	Kristina Johnson (12/31/14)	X	Scott Johnson (12/31/13)		Erica Luna (12/31/13)
	Eldon McAfee (12/31/13)	X	Eddie Robinson (12/31/13)	X	Jen Sayers (12/31/13)
	Sean Haire (12/31/2014)	X	Kevin Venhaus (12/31/14)		Bethany Wilcoxon (12/31/14)
X	Mark McKinney (NBSD)		Chris Reindl (NBSD)	X	Renee Sedlacek (Drake)

**Introductions (5 Min.)**

**Consent Agenda (5 Min.)**

- Approval of Minutes: Bethany moves, Jennifer seconds, minutes pass.

**Reports (15 Min.)**

- NBSD: "Part 1 crimes" in the area: Drake Park is down 15%, Drake is up 11%, and Carpenter is up 35%, but the increase is almost entirely due to petty theft. Part 1 crimes are everything from bike thefts to homicide. We're up 41 thefts over last year, but as a whole things are going well. There are now two squads on burglary (as of this past Sunday), which is a doubling. They boosted that because the first dedicated squad was extremely effective. The revenue for the burglary squads comes from the traffic cameras. The first 6 months that the traffic cameras were out, there were 8,000 tickets. In the 10 months after that, there were only 4500, so he thinks it's really working. To get a ticket from the speed cameras, you have to be going 11 mph over the limit. Dean asked if the lights on 31<sup>st</sup> Street have been de-synchronized because the traffic is backed up so far. Sgt. McKinney didn't know, but he said he'd check.
- Snow Ordinance: There was a fair amount of confusion after the snow last week where to park, compliance seemed to be fairly street-specific.
- Drake University: The new practice facility groundbreaking has taken place, and the project is underway. The home on 27<sup>th</sup> Street across from Olin Hall is going to be purchased by the University and demolished, and they

would like to offer it for salvage. She'll forward the info to Deric, and he'll let the rehabber's club know about this. Long term, 27<sup>th</sup> will be closed and converted to a pedestrian walkway. Also, the Drake Real Estate office is being torn down and Drake Real Estate is going to be absorbed into Facilities. Drake will continue to maintain the rental properties, it will just be consolidated. Scott Law (director of security) would like to attend in January. Campus has been informed of the snow ordinance info. Finally, there will be a marketing meeting asking: "If Drake University and the Neighborhood were oozing with pride, what would that look like?" Kristina asked about the activity cards, and Renee said she'd get some to Dave, and said we might want to work together to ensure that the mailing list is correct. Renee said that Des Moines was #6 on the national "Age-Friendly" list, but wants to be on the forefront of the effort to be age-friendly. She handed out information on efforts that the city is doing to improve in this area.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Announcements**

Eddie said that there will be no farmer's market next year, because it was difficult to market it. Some people wondered whether there might be a new space. The question is who will organize it. Eddie has already had four calls from others about how to start a market in their neighborhoods. Eddie said that it usually took five people to run once a week, so it's not a huge time commitment. Some people wondered whether it was something that Drake might be interested in holding, and Renee said she'd look into it. Eddie said that he's currently working on contacting vendors and giving them the bad news.

Deric will be in touch about a January strategic planning meeting.

### **Adjourn Business Meeting**

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### **Membership Meeting:**

#### **Board Candidates**

Nancy Gooding is not going to remain on the board, so Deric is trying to find someone from what used to be the Kirkwood Glen neighborhood. Carl McPherson or Sean might be good people to talk to. What we'll probably do for that is just find someone in January.

The slate of candidates was:

David Courard-Hauri

Scott Johnson

Erica Luna

Eldon McAfee

Eddie Robinson

Jen Sayers

Mark Schneider (n)

"n" = new member

The slate was moved by Jennifer, and seconded by Kristina. The slate passed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45.**