



**Board of Directors Meeting
 Wednesday, July 9th, 2014
 7:00 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 (12/31/15)
X	Liz Albright-Battles (12/31/14)	X	Mark Schneider (12/31/15)	X	Deric Gourd (12/31/14)
X	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)
	Mark McKinney (NBSD)		Chris Reindl (NBSD)	X	Renee Sedlacek (Drake)

Introductions (5 Min.) Guests: Kevin Althaus (here to offer services as website volunteer)

Consent Agenda (5 Min.)

- Approval of Minutes: Minutes did not seem to be from the correct month. Kevin will figure this out and they will be approved next month.
- Monthly Financials. No report.

Reports (15 Min.)

- NBSD: No report
- Parks: No report
- Drake University. Drake will be hosting a "Volunteer Local" link, and if the DNA is interested, we could work with that as well.

Old Business. None known

New Business

1. National Night Out, August 5th. Deric: Drake Park Neighborhood will not be able to partner with us to put on NNO this year, so we'll be on our own. In the past, we've done a cookout where we've borrowed a grill from Drake, played some music, and so on. NNO can also be simple, where we just have the NBSD people there. Mac

says they haven't used Drake's grills in a couple of years. Unfortunately, Mac won't be able to be there (he usually does the grilling), and many of the other board members won't be able to be there either. It seemed like we had about 10 volunteers at most, so maybe we should try an ice cream social or something instead. Maybe Betsy could bring her music system, and that should be fun. Kristina received two letters, one from City of Des Moines and one from a Senior organization that would like to have presentations to members. She asked if it would be ok to do it in December instead, and we'll put an article in the newsletter. That seemed like a good solution. Kristina suggested sandwiches, Kevin suggested peaches and apples, Mac suggested popcorn. Jen suggested maybe we just figure it out at a committee meeting. Deric will ask Bill and Erica about tubs, and Besty about the music, and we'll do something a little more low-key than usual. They'll get the actual food figured out in the next couple of weeks. Bethany moved that we budget \$300 for National Night Out, the details of which Deric will e-mail in a week. Jen seconded, motion passes.

2. Farmer's Market: Eddie is working on a farmer's market for next year. The ideal location would be to use the parking lot outside of St. Cat's, and use the church as well, so he'll work on that. Eddie has been providing people from Lutheran Services refugee program with space in the community garden and plants, but there have been communication issues with them. It seems that they are probably using those spaces to grow for the farmer's market on Saturdays (10-2) on the LSI lot off of University west of 31st. It's been a challenge working with them, but he'd love them to become more of an integral part of the community garden community. Eddie has been getting great assistance from Kevin.

Adjourn Business Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Board Presentations

Sub-Committee Discussions

- Marketing. Next newsletter will be end of August.
- House/Garden tour. Grace Church is donating the printing, and Clear Channel donated four or five outdoor electronic boards, so that will save a lot of money. We'll want to redo the 4x4 signs that we've done in the past, and Erica is working on permits for those.
- DSMove. There are a lot of commitments from people who want booths already. If you know of potential financial sponsors, let Jen know. There will be one every Sunday around the city in September.
- 42nd St. Streetscape. They had a big event last week, and have raised about 1/3 of the project costs already. They've received a grant from MPO and Polk County, and the Committee has raised about \$50,000, so they're going to move everything up in the schedule. They will need to sign some Memoranda of Understanding, and those will go to the City Council for approval. This has to be done by November so MPO can approve it as well. Early next year they can start the land acquisition, because there will be some right of way issues and they will need to bury the electric lines. There may be some money from Prairie Meadows as well, so we'll see. The City has budgeted some money for the first two years as well. Shop owners are very excited about the change.
- Pool: To see Eddie "wikki" Robinson play pool, check out napaleagues.com. There's an amusing video up there as well.