

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 11, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room**

Board members present (X), term expires as noted					
X	Deb Austin (12/31/10)	X	Barb Freeman (12/31/09)	X	Vince Rubino (12/31/09)
X	Dean Blum (12/31/10)	X	Kendall Dillon (12/31/10)	X	Claudia Schabel (12/31/09)
X	Bill Cappuccio (12/31/09)		Eldon McAfee (12/31/09)	X	Deric Gourd (12/31/10)
	Vacant Seat (12/31/09)	X	Dolph Pulliam	X	Kevin VenHaus (12/31/10)
X	Trish Davis (12/31/10)	X	Betsey Qualley (12/31/10)	X	Bruce Wilson (12/31/09)
	Eric Moore, NBSD		Sgt. Mulford		Ed Leedom, NBSD

1.Call to Order

Kendall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.Welcome and Introductions

3.Approval of Minutes- Kevin motioned, Barb seconded, approved with aye vote.

4.Neighborhood Based Service Delivery/Nest Update

Kendall gave an update that was emailed to her by Sgt. Mulford regarding recent drug activity and warrants issued as a result.

Dolph reported that he attended one of the town hall meetings where he heard several times that people did not want the NBSD to be cut as part of the budget cuts.

Dolph also reported on campus issues including alcohol consumption issues both on and off campus. Anytime a student is cited for alcohol abuse, they have to go before the Dean of Students.

5.Treasurer's Report

Deb Austin reported on the balances in checking and savings account.

6.Neighborhood Planning-

Updates from subcommittee meetings:

Infrastructure- (Dean & Mac) Three areas that the infrastructure committee is focusing on : Street improvements, curb improvements, & side walk improvements. There will possibly be 1.4million available to the Drake neighborhood for improvements in the three areas beginning in March 2010. Discussion on sidewalk improvements around schools. Next meeting is December 8th, 6:30pm at the Smokey Row.

Housing- (Deric & Barb) – Deric reported that they had Home Inc. come in to talk; they talked about projects that they do; produce landlord/tenant book. Seems like they will be a key resource in the future due to their ability to do large developments.

Drake Relationship- (Bill C. & Claudia) – Claudia reported that they discussed goals more in-depth so that they can come before the board. They plan to continue to meet without the staff person from the city. Specific discussions included recommendations on the structure of the board and interactions/ committee structures.

7.Block Party Subcommittee- Claudia reported on this subcommittee's discussions. They are putting together a tool kit to cover what we want to accomplish. Discussion on the involvement of student

groups in this process and overall guideline that will apply is that it needs to be open to any member of the DNA/neighborhood.

- 8. DNA Logo Contest-** Trish reported that there are flyers that will be distributed to Drake so that students have an opportunity to enter the contest as well. Flyers have also been distributed around town. We have received one entry already.
- 9. Food Drive-** Dolph reported: The City of Des Moines has identified 1000 families that could use help with food over the holidays. Contact Dolph if you would like to participate with filling a basket for a family. Discussion on putting this out for members to donate at the quarterly meeting on the 9th of December.
- 10. 501c3 Status-** Claudia is working with a law firm to change our status and will handle this for \$500 plus filing fees. Bill C. made a motion that we allow Claudia to proceed with this
- 11. Insurance Update-** Deb will follow up with Terry from State Farm; she is currently reviewing the information.
- 12. Liquor License-** Bill C. wrote a letter to the mayor regarding the availability of liquor licenses and put some additional restrictions on this. Mayor responded that he would send it to the city legal department; he hasn't yet received a response.
- 13. Bylaws on the Website-** We will update the website asap.
- 14. Carpenter Property Sale-** Waiting to hear back from the buyers.
- 15. Board Nominations-** Claudia has put together a board nomination form. We need a slate of people who are interested by November 20th. The slate needs to be published 10 days prior to the annual meeting.
- 16. Board/ Committee Structure-** Kendall talked about revamping our structure in 2010. Would like to have a planning meeting in January to solidify the structure. Discussion on setting up a calendar for the year of events/ meetings.
- 17. Owners of 3400 Cottage Grove** came to find out what was going to happen with 3408 Cottage Grove now that it has been severely damaged by fire. Kendall will follow-up with Eric Moore on this and contact the Hartmans when she has more info.
- 18. Gladys Burkhead Award-** Nominations were Kevin & Carole Venhaus and Susan Guenther. Vote took place and the award will go to Kevin & Carole Venhaus.
- 19. Adjourn**
Kendall adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.