

Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 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)	X	Eldon McAfee (12/31/09)	X	Deric Gourd (12/31/10)
X	Bonita Crowe (12/31/09)		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)
X	Eric Moore, NBSD	X	Officer Mulford	X	Ed Leedom, NBSD

1. Call to Order

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

2. Welcome and Introductions

Cindy Chen asked for our support for her candidacy for City Council, election is November 3rd.

Carla Sato with Lutheran Social Services came to talk about their upcoming programs and ask that we contribute by volunteering where and when we can, specifically for the refugee program.

3. Approval of Minutes

Kevin motioned, Vince seconded. Passed with aye vote.

4. Neighborhood Based Service Delivery/Nest Update

Sgt. Mulford reported on some disorderly house cases on MLK and a shooting on 22nd. Prostitution issues on Cottage Grove- please call Sgt. Mulford if you see suspicious activity. Sgt. Mulford & Eric Moore are working with some of the landlords to evict the people causing these issues.

Eric Moore reported that the landlords responsible for problem properties on 26th street have been cooperative.

Ed Leedom reported that there have not been many major issues in his area. New trees are being put in by the city along Kingman Blvd. Scrub day in the North of Grand neighborhood on Saturday, May 16th at 39th & Grand.

5. Treasurer's Report

Deb Austin reported on the balances in checking and savings account. Insurance has been paid and house tour sponsorships and plant sale monies are being processed.

6. Neighborhood Planning-

Updates from subcommittee meetings:

Parks & Trails- (Vince & Kevin) Held 2nd meeting on April 16th. Had more attendance this time. Kevin Moran, Parks Dept. General Operations, attended. Discussed issues and planning at Witmer and Drake Parks. Parks have new staff from Parks & Rec. managing them this year because of this and last year's flooding, the city is behind on their planning for these parks. Committee may take on some of this planning to assist the city in their master plan. City has privatized the maintenance for the parks; A+ Lawn & Landscape is doing the mowing and another company is taking care of the restrooms. Two more meetings for this committee. Would still like more people to be involved in this committee.

Housing- (Barb & Deric) Held 2nd meeting last Thursday. Discussed NFC, specifically a question of boundaries between Drake neighborhood and Beavertdale. When the planning process is complete the goal is to return to the NFC and clear up the boundary issue as it is currently affecting the financing offered by NFC. Discussed NBSD and the regulations that are enforced that affect area

housing. Jen & Larry James are going to do some more research on some of this. Discussed the fact that Des Moines does not have a property maintenance code. Also talked about vacant multi-family homes that are going to be losing their grandfather rights; owners would like to see these homes put back to single family homes. Attendance was good. Next meeting is June 11th @ 6:30pm at the Holiday Inn Express.

Drake Relationship- (Bill C. & Claudia) Held 2nd Meeting. Discussed the concepts and images of the neighborhood. Representation from Drake is a member from the student senate. Would like to have someone from the administration.

7. **Website-** Bill C. reported that he believes he can now maintain what we have now. We now need to decide how we want the site to look. Barb presented a preliminary design. Discussion of the committees each having their own page and calendar. Ready to move to the new server.
8. **House Tour-** Betsey reported that sponsorships are coming in, the brochure design is underway and the homeowners are all lined up. Trish has ordered the t-shirts, will be giving them to the volunteers and hosts for the house tour.
9. **26th Street Block Party-** Discussed having a block party in this area to bring people together and make our presence known. Discussion of doing a partial sponsorship for any area that would like to do something like this. Discussion of doing something like this in other areas. Discussion was tabled.
10. **Farmer's Market- sponsorship-** last year we gave \$250 for the farmer's market. Mac motioned that we support the farmer's market with \$500 this year, Kevin seconded. Motion passed with aye vote.
11. **Neighborhood Stabilization Program-** Kendall gave a brief overview of the program. April 2010-September 2010 the funds have to be allocated, so properties need to be picked asap. Entirely residential. Kendall has additional information for those who are interested.
12. **Forest Avenue Development-** City is now seeking developers for the area between 23rd and 25th. Interested developers have until the end of the month to submit proposals.
13. **Dogtown Event-** Bill C. went to a meeting and reported about what they are planning. They are planning a large event which would close down University for a period of time. They would also have a couple of stages with music and a beer garden. Daytime would be a family event.
14. **National Night Out-** We still need a chair for this committee. Deric volunteered to chair this committee. Event is August 4th at Drake Park.
15. **Urban Ambassadors-** green initiative company that is offering neighborhood association members free attendance to the upcoming events. Information will be on our facebook page.
16. **Plant Sale/ Quarterly Meeting-** Thanks to Kevin for organizing!
17. Jim Monroe has purchased the gravel lots on 25th between Cottage Grove and Drake Park and would like to do something with the neighborhood in this space. Tabled for next meeting.
18. **3rd Quarterly meeting-** Need to schedule. July 23rd tentative date.
19. **Membership-** mailed out renewals two weeks ago and have already had 34 returned. Have 35 business and 257 personal memberships.
20. **Adjourn**
Kendall adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.