

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 10, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room**

Board members present (X), term expires as noted					
X	Deb Austin (12/31/10)		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)
	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)		Bruce Wilson (12/31/09)
X	Eric Moore, NBSD		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**

Joe Riley, 3515 Witmer Pkwy, came to talk about Close Creek. He would like to apply for a grant called Watershed Connections through Metro Waste Authority and Growing Green Communities that would clean this area up but needs to be part of a greater organization in order to apply for the grant. 1<sup>st</sup> step is to schedule a clean-up which Joe would organize. The city is currently planning to bulldoze and concrete the area. The DNA would have to be the organization submitting the grant. Before the grant can be applied for a clean-up must take place so that the city can see neighborhood commitment, nothing in the grant states a requirement for how much trash has to be taken out in the clean-up. Mac motioned that we support the clean-up day by promoting it and seeking volunteers, additionally if we approve of the grant application, we'll serve as the organization submitting it. Deric seconded. Passed with aye vote.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Kevin motioned, Deric seconded. Passed with aye vote.

**4. Neighborhood Based Service Delivery/Nest Update**

Ed Leedom reported that there is not a lot going on other than a lot of debris/trash on the curbs. Working on some properties on the east side. Residential property scheduled for demolition soon: 1701 24<sup>th</sup>, 1542 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1423 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reported that a request has been submitted to have the windows boarded up at 1021 26<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Moore reported that he has been working on rental inspections. 26<sup>th</sup> Street has been improving. Eric brought a map from the city planning department that shows our boundaries. Discussion of our boundaries vs. Beaverdale's.

Kendall & Eric Moore met with neighbors on 26<sup>th</sup> Street and Critelli – meeting was positive.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

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

**6. Sign Proposal-** Trish gave a presentation regarding proposed signage to identify our neighborhood. She called Kyle Larson and the process for pole signage is that the DNA would be responsible for paying for signage and the city will put the signs up. Monument signs are more involved. Trish proposes that we put pole signs up now and work to put up monument signs in the future. Presented pricing options from Fast Signs. We could specify locations of signs. Discussion of possible logos. Claudia suggested that we involve the Drake Identity sub-committee; Trish will present to this subcommittee on June 29th. Betsey motioned that we move ahead with the sign project. Kevin seconded. Passed with aye vote.

## 7. Neighborhood Planning-

Updates from subcommittee meetings:

**Parks & Trails-** (Vince & Kevin) Held 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussed beautification, community gardens, etc. Discussed ways to get and maintain volunteers so that these projects aren't dependant on one person. Discussed possibility of signage that says that the DNA maintains this area. Discussed possibility of getting a water meter. Discussed community gardens and possible bike tour of the neighborhood. Talked about a possible kit for residents with forms and information for residents. Discussed idea of neighborhood block captains to gain representation in all areas of the neighborhood. Next meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Kevin's.

**Housing-** (Deric & Barb) Next meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Express.

**Drake Relationship-** (Bill C. & Claudia) Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. Had about 15 people; 3 staff members and 2 students from Drake. Next meeting is June 29<sup>th</sup>. Still discussing

8. **House Tour Wrap-up** - Ended up with 264 purchased tickets and 330 people came through.

9. **Block Parties-** Larry James Jr. came to talk about ideas for a block party mini-grant. Discussion on the increase in drug traffic in the area, Suggested that we form a sub-committee to authorize, within certain parameters, monies for block parties- a mini-grant program. This would be an event that we sponsor and put our name on. Discussion on possibilities for this program. If the DNA is the official sponsor, the street closure is free. Subcommittee would come back with a recommendation on how to handle these situations in the future. Mac motioned that we approve a block party for 26<sup>th</sup> street and give them \$100 for July 11<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm. Trish seconded. Passed with an aye vote. Trish motioned that we appoint someone to organize a block party committee that will bring back recommendations by the next meeting. Dean seconded. Passed with aye vote. Claudia volunteered to lead this committee for now.

10. **Possible concert-** Trish proposes that we do a concert at the Thoreau Center on September 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Proposed cost would be \$200 for the musician. It would be on the front lawn, Thoreau Center would let us use the front lawn for free. Betsey motioned that we do one concert on the 11<sup>th</sup> and pay for the musician. Deb seconded. Passed with an aye vote.

11. **Brick sidewalks-** Neighbor wants to take out her brick sidewalk and replace with cement and she was told by the city to first come to the association about possible support for maintenance or repair. Bill C. motioned that when we are asked about brick sidewalks by a resident, that we provide information on repairing and maintaining brick sidewalks and encourage them to keep their brick sidewalk if they would like to. Mac seconded. Passed with an aye vote.

12. 3109 & 2421 Forest are both going to be demolished by Drake in July. They will have a salvage day on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm a form obtained from Drake must be filled out first.

13. **Jazz in July** on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-10pm at the Shops of Roosevelt. They would like DNA to have a booth and a kid's activity. Dean volunteered to help at the booth.

14. **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly meeting-** July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Witmer Park. Agenda is the clean-up of the creek, block party info. Meeting will be at 6:30pm followed by some food (ice cream or kettle corn) and live music from 7-8pm.

## 15. Adjourn

Kendall adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.