

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room**

| Board members present (X), term expires as noted | | | | | |
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| X | Deb Austin (12/31/10) | | Barb Freeman (12/31/09) | X | Vince Rubino (12/31/09) |
| | Dean Blum (12/31/10) | X | Kendall Dillon (12/31/10) | | Claudia Schabel (12/31/09) |
| | Bill Cappuccio (12/31/09) | X | Eldon McAfee (12/31/09) | X | Deric Gourd (12/31/10) |
| X | Bonita Crowe (12/31/09) | X | 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) |
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| | 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

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

4. Neighborhood Based Service Delivery/Nest Update

Ed Leedom reported that he is finding more trash out on the curbs that is not properly stickered.

Tony Bemino, traffic officer, working on a few parking complaints, specifically in the 4-6pm no parking area on University Ave.

5. Treasurer's Report

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

6. Drake Student Projects 8/21-22- Dolph reported on the projects that the students will be doing in the neighborhood which will include clean-up at Drake Park, Flyer Distribution in the neighborhood, Witmer Park Clean-up, Michael Garden Clean-up, litter pick-up along the streets of the neighborhood, Kingman Island clean-up (weeding, raking, etc.). Contacts in the neighborhood have been assigned for each project; we still need a contact for the flyer distribution on Saturday the 22nd.

7. Neighborhood Planning-

Updates from subcommittee meetings:

Parks & Trails- (Vince & Kevin) – Vince reported that they have reviewed their goals, specifically updating parks and the possibility of surveying the neighborhood trails. Kyle Larson is assisting with this and they will have more to update next meeting.

Housing- (Deric & Barb) – Deric reported on the 2 meetings held by this committee since the last board meeting. Went over statistics of rentals, homeownership, etc. This information is what the city uses to make determinations as to where they will start the planning process. Discussed how information regarding the planning process will get out to the different areas of the neighborhood where income levels are lower.

The meeting prior to this one was focused on landlord-tenant rental issues. Some landlords were in attendance and said that they do not think they are wanted as a part of the association. Discussed grouping the good landlords together so that we can have cooperation against those landlords that are constantly violating. Suggested the formation of a standing sub-committee that would reach out to landlords. Kendall & Betsey volunteered to get involved with this.

Update on the preservation grants- Steve Wilke-Shapiro has finished & submitted the block grant with help from Kyle Larson. Jennifer James is doing the finishing touches for the state grant so that it will be ready to go in front of the City Council later this month. Kendall will write a letter of support on behalf of the DNA to accompany this grant.

Drake Relationship- (Bill C. & Claudia) – No Update

General- The housing committee still has more to cover and therefore will continue to meet. Kendall and Mac will co-chair the Infrastructure/Streetscape committee that will begin meeting in September.

8. **Anawim/ Hubbell Update-** Bill C. went to a meeting that was held last week. Discussion of the noise issues that will be a result of the 24 hour construction going for the 9 homes in 9 days. Hubbell will have to obtain a permit in order for construction to go on 24-7.
9. **NNO-** About 250 kids and around 150 adults attended this year. Discussion regarding what worked and did not this year. Discussion about whether or not we will continue to give school supplies away or if we will change our focus. Discussed moving it to Witmer Park or partnering with the sub-associations or one of the churches. Next year we will try to make changes in order to make the event feel more like a community gathering.
10. **501c3 Status-** Currently we are a 501c6 and as a result, some organizations are not willing to donate to us because they will not get a tax write-off for it. Discussion about changing our status to 501c3 and how this could increase our chances of obtaining grants and donations. Mac will bring back some names of attorneys who might be able to change our status.
11. **Website-** Trish suggested that we hire someone to take on the website and get it done. Trish will contact Bill C. for a possible contact in the neighborhood that has already expressed interest.
12. **DNA Signs- contest sponsorship-** Trish proposed a contest for designing our new signs/ logo. Will be open for entries for about a month around Christmas and would like to include a monetary prize with it in order to get more entries. Last time we had our logo redone, we spent \$650. Proposal is to offer \$500 for first prize, \$250 for second and \$100 for third for a total of \$850 to be spent on the logo contest. Kendall suggested that we just do one first place of \$750. Mac asked that we table this for the next meeting to give more people a chance to weigh-in. Trish asked that we keep in mind that this is a brand identity for the neighborhood rather than just the neighborhood association. Trish motioned that we spend \$750 for the first place prize money, for the branding/ logo contest, Bonita seconded, with a discussion and second vote at the next meeting. Passed first time with aye vote.
13. **Fall Music Event-** Chad Elliot concert at the Thoreau Center on September 11th. Discussion regarding the wording of the flyer. Discussion about possibly hiring a different musician. Trish and Bonita will be finalizing all details for this event.
14. **Dogtown Fest- sponsorship-** First vote was last meeting for the \$1000 sponsorship. Discussion about the event. Proposal for a \$500 donation instead of \$1000. Will be Sat. September 26th from 3-11pm. For our donation the DNA will be a presenting sponsor. Vince suggested that we ask for some stage time to talk about the DNA as a benefit of our donation. Second vote for \$1000 to Dogtown Fest passed with aye vote.
15. **Drake Neighborhood Task Force- 8/19 @ 3:30pm @ Olmsted Center in the Drake Room**
16. **Neighborhood Meeting- Critelli Properties- 8/19 @6pm -** Kendall has put this meeting together with the other neighborhood groups that have Critelli properties, will likely be at the Mickel Center.
17. **Carpenter Property –** piece of property that we own at 2201 Carpenter; Couple next door (to the west) would like to purchase this piece of property, they already mow it and take care of it, Carpenter Neighborhood Association supports the purchase of this (their sign is on it). Likely they will come to us soon.

- 18. Waveland Park three lane- request from Waveland Park (University Ave)-** Waveland Park Neighborhood Association is interested in making University Ave. more pedestrian/ bike friendly by adding bike lanes on either side of the road and making University 3 lanes with the center lane being a turning lane.
- 19. 26th Street Block Party-** Betsey asked the DNA to cover the additional monies spent (approximately \$51) because 8 blocks were covered with this one party. Motion by Mac seconded by Trish, passed with an Aye vote.
- 20. Adjourn**
Kendall adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.