

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 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)	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)
	Trish Davis (12/31/10)	X	Betsey Qualley (12/31/10)	Bruce Wilson (12/31/09)
X	Eric Moore, NBSD	X	Sgt. 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.Leisha Barcus for City Council- Running for At Large seat that is being vacated by Kiernan. Told us about her connections to Des Moines and her vision for City Council.

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

5.Neighborhood Based Service Delivery/Nest Update

Eric Moore reported that he has been working on a non-compliant property at 2500 Kingman (owned by Matt Doris) with the legal department. Some problems with Critelli properties that have been taken care of by manager Brad Voss within 24 hours. A lot of junk and debris complaints. Public Nuisance properties are moving through legal much quicker right now. Next Scrub Day is September 19th on the South side and there will be two more before the end of the year.

Ed Leedom reported on the West side of the neighborhood- has been mostly quiet in the last month- a few with junk on the curb. Talked to another contractor about 1021 26th Street who is interested in saving the house.

Sgt. Mulford reported that there was a shooting at 21st & Forest because of this there will be 10 extra officers in this area due to people calling in and voicing their concerns. Extra police coverage on the Anawim project. New bar that went in where Frank's Pizza was is having a lot of issues. Recommends we address the issues with Forest Mart and that we look into the liquor license that has been applied for from the new convenience store on University.

6.Treasurer's Report

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

7.Neighborhood Planning-

Updates from subcommittee meetings:

Parks & Trails- (Vince & Kevin) – Kevin reported that they met and set goals. This committee will continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month at Kevin's house.

Housing- (Deric & Barb) – Deric reported that they had a regroup meeting to review the past issues discussed. Tax assessments were discussed again. Also talked about goal setting. Will spend some

time focusing on the NE section of the neighborhood. Will have the different housing groups back for a round table discussion. Will probably be meeting through March 2010.

Drake Relationship- (Bill C. & Claudia) – Claudia reported that the last meeting was scheduled to discuss marketing strategy but discussion did not get to that point. Still waiting on minutes from the past two meetings. Bill suggested that we make another sub-group to deal with communications.

General- Discussion that each committee chair be in charge of updating the website, twitter, facebook and newsletter updates, so that it is not overwhelming for one person.

Dean and Mac will chair the next infrastructure committee.

8.Anawim/ Hubbell Update- 9 homes in 9 days has started today and is ahead of schedule according to Sgt. Mulford. Sister Stella pulled together a meeting regarding the shooting that had occurred and at this meeting Chief Bradshaw explained that this shooting was unrelated to the Anawim project. They did not get enough opposition to the 24-hour work schedule because there was not enough response from the owners.

9.Neighborhood Meeting/ Landlords- Kendall & Bill C. met with Sherman Hill and Merle Hay neighborhoods. Positive meeting to share experiences. They have had similar experiences with Critelli properties and both are seeing a little progress right now. Sherman Hill has come up with information that they distribute with contact info. for residents who have issues. Talked about recognizing the positive landlords. Next step is to get back together with the other neighborhoods to come up with a plan to work with landlords. Bill C. suggested teaming up with Sherman Hill on a landlord work shop. Eric Moore suggested that we have Mark Critelli attend rather than just his manager, Brad Voss, so that he is directly involved. Discussion on educating the tenants too so that they know who they can contact and what they can do.

10.2201 Carpenter- Offer to Purchase- Bryan Didonato (2207 Carpenter Ave) sent a letter to purchase the lot for \$400. It is currently assessed at \$500. The owners who offered to purchase have been mowing it. The Carpenter sign is going to stay. Betsey motioned and Deric seconded that we counter offer for \$500 and include that they will incur all closing costs. Motioned carried with aye vote. Will do some research on the abstract before we respond to the offer.

11.Website- Another discussion on hiring someone to create and complete the website. Committee will continue to look into this.

12.DNA Signs- contest sponsorship- Identity committee has been working on the contest rules and has a final draft to review. A judging committee will be set up amongst board members, DABA and Drake marketing. Discussed wording for contest rules for entrants and winners. Barb will look at the agreement to revise wording. Deb motioned and Kevin seconded for the second vote for spending \$750 for the winner of the logo contest, passed with aye vote.

13.Fall Music- Songs in September- Hot Club of Des Moines will be performing on Friday, September 11th from 7-9pm at the Thoreau Center. Will sell the DNA T-shirts at this event.

14.Dogtown Fest- sponsorship- September 26th from 3-11pm. Drake Law students will be doing kids games from 3-7pm. The student group would like us to purchase some items to facilitate the games. We asked that these requests be brought to the Dogtown Fest committee as we have already given our sponsorship to this committee/ DABA.

15.Newsletter- We haven't had a lot of content as of recent. Discussed options for getting more people involved with sharing information as a part of item #16 as well. Discussed having each committee chair provide an update for newsletter. Will try doing a Quarterly newsletter rather than bi-monthly. Deadline for the next newsletter will be September 20th. May have to change the format as staples can no longer go through the mail.

16. Board/ Committee Structure- Idea that we move more toward a committee structure in which the committee chairs report to the board with recommendations. Committees will be made up of both board members and non-board members. At the next meeting we will discuss a larger overview of what the committees might be and how this will work. Talked about how this would affect membership.

17. Board Elections- Bonita has resigned from the board. Deb will be resigning in December; we'll need a new treasurer for next year. Infrastructure committee chairs will share information of upcoming elections at their next meetings in order to reach more people.

18. NRB Meeting- September 24th at 5:30pm- need as many people as possible as traditionally the group with the most people in attendance is chosen for the grant. Please wear your DNA t-shirt!

19. Drake Report- Dolph reported on the Student Work weekend. Reported on a issue with the football players at the Dublin that was handled by the football coach. Activity passes will be mailed out when the printing is complete, so last year's passes will be honored until the new passes have been distributed. New passes should be out in October.

20. Resident- Kelli Beck-McKean 929 31st Street- is a full-time volunteer with the Habitat for Humanity and would like to have a permanent contact in the neighborhood; Kelli has offered to be this contact person for our neighborhood.

21. Adjourn

Kendall adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.