

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room**

Board members present (X), term expires as noted					
X	Kelli Beck McKean (12/31/11)	X	Dolph Pullium (Drake)	X	Vince Rubino (12/31/11)
X	Dean Blum (12/31/10)		Kendall Dillon (12/31/10)	X	Claudia Schabel (12/31/11)
X	Bill Cappuccio (12/31/11)	X	Eldon McAfee (12/31/11)	X	Deric Gourd (12/31/10)
X	Cyndi Chen (12/31/11)	X	David Courard-Hauri (12/31/11)		Kevin VenHaus (12/31/10)
	Trish Davis (12/31/10)	X	Betsey Qualley (12/31/10)		Bruce Wilson (12/31/11)
X	Eric Moore, NBSD		Sgt. Mulford		Ed Leedom, NBSD

1. Call to Order

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

2. Welcome and Introductions- Introductions of new board members and guests.

3. 2010 Census

George Shade from the 2010 Census is looking for help in going door to door to make sure that everyone is counted in the Drake area as they have had trouble getting a count in our area in the past. The census day is April 1, 2010. They are holding tests on Tuesdays at 6pm at First Christian church as well as many other locations for people interested in working for the Census. Their need right now is to find people who are interested in part-time/ temporary (6-8 weeks) employment.

4. Brook Winterstrom with Recovery in Action

Recovery in Action (RIA) has a request going in front of the Zoning Board of Adjustments for 1007 33rd on January 27th, they are asking to be allowed to have eight residents (all men) living in a single family home, no physical changes are planned for the home. RIA has done research that says that this is a good number of residents to live together when coming out of a treatment program. Currently RIA has two other homes that they have been granted "reasonable accommodation" for in the past. The current rental code says that no more than four unrelated individuals can live under one roof.

RIA has requirements for the men who live in the houses- they must be employed, sober, have a sponsor, and be a member of RIA. A rental agreement is signed with the owner of the house for two years, there is an agreement for 90 days between RIA and each individual resident. RIA encourages residents to stay long-term; a typical stay is nine months to a year.

If someone "falls off the wagon" the people from RIA are there within 12 hours. They also have a "house person" who is one of the residents who is in frequent contact with the liaison from RIA. No overnight visitors are allowed- this is also in the house rules. No person who has been convicted of the manufacture of illegal substances can live there either. In the past the Zoning Board of Adjustments puts a restriction on the number of vehicles allowed on the property but many of the residents do not have licenses, so it's typically a non-issue.

Later in the meeting, the board discussed our position on the request going before the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The board decided that we cannot take a stand on this issue because we didn't have enough time to collect all of the information we need to make a decision. We will write a letter detailing this and explain the concerns that we discussed. Bill C. motioned that we take no formal position, David seconded, carried with aye vote.

5. NBSD- Eric Moore reported:

3400 Cottage Grove is going to be demolished and the back building is going to stay because of the code they cannot rebuild the main house unless the smaller structure is demolished as well, 1161 22nd street also caught on fire and is now boarded up. 2500 Kingman has been foreclosed on, might have interested buyers. 1075 26th has been public nuisanced. 1107 26th might have interested buyers who will turn it back into a single family. 2915 Cottage Grove had a meth bust in November.

Eric Moore asked Maria La France to come to the meeting because she has been a good landlord in the area and currently owns two properties in the neighborhood.

We will have a new traffic officer again soon- possibly Ben Ihde again. A lot of cars have been towed recently due to snow ordinances.

Snow on sidewalks is supposed to be cleared within 24 hours of the snowfall but the past two snows have had a moratorium for 72 hours after the snowfall.

Bill reported that there has been a proposal for adding a separate sub-chapter to the state code regarding arrests on a nuisance property. This would allow the neighborhood organization to sue the offending property owner. Have been working with Ako Abdul-Samad on this proposal. Bill will distribute a copy as soon as he has one and will try to work with other neighborhood groups to get support for this bill. Should be 657.2a, will be introduced at the House of Representatives tomorrow.

6. Treasurer's Report

Dean reported on the balances in checking and savings account. Committees need to get their budget for 2010 to Dean asap.

7. Approval of Minutes- Dean motioned, Kelly seconded, approved with aye vote.

8. Committee Updates

Updates from subcommittee meetings:

Infrastructure- (Dean & Mac) Had their first meeting. Public works has streets, curbs & sidewalk determined and now will be waiting on how much funding will go to this. Meetings are the first Wed. of the month @ 6:30pm at Smokey Row. This will be separate from City's street repair budget. Next meeting will be about streetscape.

Starting 2 new sub-committees- Crime & Safety as well as Commercial. Will need 2 chairs for each committee.

9. DNA Logo Contest- Bill reported that we have a couple of entries and we have extended the deadlines out to Feb. 15th. Will need to put together a selection committee.

10. Critelli Properties- Claudia reported that Sherman Hill is still having issues with these properties including recent break-ins and would like the DNA to work with them to find a joint solution to these on-going problems. The consensus was that DNA will be supportive of Sherman Hill and will start to work with them to share information and strategies.

11. CDBG Grant Update- Claudia reported that Jen James is moving forward with an event in February at First Christian Church regarding historic preservation. Jen will be contacting people in the neighborhood to donate treats, etc. for the meeting and will be putting a marketing plan together for how this will be presented to the neighborhood.

12. Planning Session- Will be Saturday, January 23rd or Sunday, January 24th. Please send any items for this to Kendall asap.

13. Sale of Carpenter Property- Owner of adjoining property has counter offered for \$250 because we don't have an abstract. Bill C. proposed that we counter for \$400, Dean proposed we go ahead with his offer. Discussion. Mac motioned that we sell the Carpenter property for \$250 and the buyer pays

all closing costs including preparing the quit claim deed, Bill C. seconded, passed with an aye vote, Deric abstained.

14. Cyndi Chen - Central Iowa Shelter moving into Keo area, there is a meeting tomorrow to start exploring a "Good Neighbor" agreement. Cyndi will keep us updated on this.
15. Dolph reported that Drake has had the largest number of applications for Drake yet. School is still out for winter break, so there is not much additional activity.

16. Adjourn

Claudia adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.