

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 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)		Dolph Pullium (Drake)	X	Vince Rubino (12/31/11)
	Dean Blum (12/31/10)	X	Kendall Dillon (12/31/10)		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)	X	Kevin VenHaus (12/31/10)
X	Trish Davis (12/31/10)	X	Betsey Qualley (12/31/10)	X	Bruce Wilson (12/31/11)
	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. Kathy Calhoun & Amber Kobler with City of Des Moines-

Discussion on the progress of the planning committees. Over 100 people have participated in the committees. Neighborhood Identity group put together a set of goals that were presented to the board as a draft. Discussion of DNA goals and how they relate to the committee planning process. Discussion of the disagreement over the neighborhood boundaries. Concern over those in the NE quadrant who are not as engaged but are often affected. Possibility of using the upcoming historical survey to establish which areas are a part of which neighborhoods based on their historical significance & ties. Discussion on the various issues relating to the overlap of boundaries with other neighborhood associations. Kathy stated that they would work with those on the east side for establishing a good protocol for communication and leave the boundaries as they are now. Kathy asked us to try and get them more engaged in the future- solicit more representation from those areas if possible. Map will be revised to show the true boundaries near Waveland Neighborhood.

4. NBSD- Ed Leedom reported that they are giving some leeway to people who have down branches until the weather warms up. There is no free pick-up on large limbs from storms. A lot of cars are parking over the sidewalks and are being tickets. You have 48 hours to clean up the snow off of your sidewalk after a storm. Also giving leeway to leaving garbage totes on the curb because they realize that they are hard to maneuver in the snow.

Sgt. Dave Mulford reported that there was a shooting at Kum & Go on 22nd and that the police are handling it. They are also working on all of the illegal business activity at the laundry-mat on 21st & University. Over 100 tickets were written to vehicles parked on the snow routes. City will notify you via email when snow routes are in affect if you sign up for the notification via the website. Still having issues at the Dublin bar, particularly with underage drinking and are working with the owner.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dean emailed the balances in the checking and savings account to the board prior to the meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes- Bill motioned, David seconded, approved with aye vote.

7. Committee Updates

Updates from subcommittee meetings:

Housing (Deric)- Deric reported on the series of classes available through DMACC for Neighborhood Leadership. Discussed a possible ComNET survey in the NE area of our neighborhood. The city is not certain they will have the funding to do one of these surveys, but if they do, they would like to do one in the Drake neighborhood. If we do one, we would need volunteers to do it. Working on the final plan which is going to be quite long when its all done.

Infrastructure- (Dean & Mac)- Had a meeting last week and are not planning to meet again because the requirements have been met for the City planning process. Will likely move into a new committee with DABA and Drake to work on the streetscape along Forest or Dogtown area because there will be funding for this.

Starting 2 new sub-committees- Crime & Safety as well as Commercial.

8.Planning Meeting Recap- Kendall will have the board manual documents out for our review. She also together a list of the committees we discussed at our planning meeting and the action items for each.

9.RIA- DNA Position- The city has sent out surveys to the people around that property and would now like our official position. Trish motioned that we write a letter that says we do not object to the current use of the property as a rental to 4 unrelated people living at 1007 33rd Street but we are not in favor of a change of use to accommodate 8 unrelated people based on the comments we received from neighbors regarding density and the board's concerns about density in a single family home and the existing neighborhood. Mac seconded. Passed with an aye vote.

10.Carpenter Property Sale- The DiDonatos are no longer interested in purchasing the property. Mac volunteered to call the DiDonatos to find out why and report back at our next meeting.

11.Winter Road Survey- The City would like a representative of the neighborhood to fill out a survey after each snow fall to rate the snow removal. Betsey volunteered to fill out the survey for our neighborhood.

12.Close's Creek MWA Grant Update- Vince reported that the grant they were applying for specified that the money had to be spent in 2010 and the city's improvements have now been pushed back to at least 2011 so they now have grant money and are not sure how to best use it. They have been advised to use the money towards improvements of other watershed areas and educate homeowners on what they can do to improve these areas. The grant applies to the entire Close's creek area, not just the creek area in Witmer park. The homeowners in this group have met with a few city officials who are positive about their ideas for the use of this grant. They are asking for our support on this new approach. Vince motioned that we support the continuing find of alternative uses for this grant, Mac seconded. Passed with aye vote.

13.DNA Logo Contest- Trish reported that we now have 10 entries and a selection committee is beginning to form. The deadline for entries is Monday, February 15th.

14. Critelli Properties- Kendall met with the Sherman Hill neighborhood and they are ready to move forward. Kendall will be meeting with Christine Hensley and Mark Critelli along with representative from Sherman Hill on Friday, February 12th. They have a list of questions to ask Critelli and have a list of things that the city could do to help this situation.

15.Adjourn

Kendall adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.