

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room**

| Board members present (X), term expires as noted |                            |   |                                |   |                            |
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|  | Open Board Seat (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)      |   | Bruce Wilson (12/31/11)    |
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| X  | Eric Moore, NBSD           | X | Sgt. Mulford                   |   | Ed Leedom, NBSD            |

**1. Call to Order**

Kendall called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Welcome and Introductions-**

Brad Ellerbroek- On behalf of Holiday Inn Express- HIE is updating their signage. The two by the driveways will be slightly taller (6ft as opposed to the current 5ft) but will be the same width. Would like to know if there are any objections to this change. Bill C. motioned that we support the proposed sign changes for Holiday Inn Express, Kevin seconded. Passed with aye vote and one nay.

Rose & Eddie Scott - on behalf of the community garden. They currently have a waiting list of 20 people who would like a plot in the Drake Community Garden. Would like to add another 50x20 feet in the back of the current garden. The area in question has been sitting idle for the past couple of years. Discussion of the proposed community garden to the west of First Christian Church that will also require Drake's permission. Kendall will check with Drake for permission to use the additional space for the community garden on 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

Eldon McAfee- (3000 School) Proposing an addition of a porch to the front of his house. He is asking for a letter of support that could be taken to the Board of Adjustments. David motioned that we write the letter in support and Kevin seconded, passed with aye vote.

Tim Voy- interested resident who would like to get involved with another sub-committee.

**3. NBSD-**

Eric Moore reported that Scrub Day on April 10<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Received a complaint about items that were dumped in Closes Creek, east of 34th street - homeowners affected were sent letters giving them 21 days to clean-up. Maria LaFrance is the interim manager of 2500 Kingman- sale is closing this month. 1075 26<sup>th</sup> was purchased by Spencer Vandeburg. Maria LaFrance bought 1107 26<sup>th</sup>. 1087 is trying to convert back to a duplex is currently a single family with a business- Moore says that it wasn't vacant for more than a year. Critelli's properties- problems with 1109 26<sup>th</sup> (Mulford received calls too), 2919 Kingman- occupant has been given a 7 day eviction notice, 2809 Rutland- a lot of traffic, loud music, in the street a lot.

Laundromat/Liquor Store- had a meeting with the owner and are sighting all violations that they can. This store can no longer sell processed food now without an additional bathroom being added to the store area- the one in the Laundromat does not meet the code as there is a door separating the two areas. They were looking for someone to hire for security. Have a transient vendor operating out of the parking lot. Will need a lot of neighborhood response to combat all of the issues that are arising from this property. Discussion of pro-active approaches to combat problems at this property.

Sgt. Dave Mulford reported that Scott Stern's properties have been a lot of trouble. Call if you see a Pitbull in the neighborhood – if the dog is over 6 months old, the owner must have \$100,000 insurance policy on it. Are trying to get the Map Probation area expanded to Drake- effects the

prostitutes in the area. Talking to Critelli about setting up a ride-along with Eric Moore or Sgt. Mulford. Bill C. suggested that we get several neighbors to start calling Critelli all of the time. Betsey will contact the 26<sup>th</sup> Street neighbors to start calling on 1109 26<sup>th</sup>. Several prostitutes now living at 1087 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

No report

**5. Approval of Minutes-** David motioned, Kevin seconded, approved with aye vote.

**6. House Tour Update-** Betsey reported that plans are underway. The tour will highlight the historic survey and will include homes from 31<sup>st</sup> -42<sup>nd</sup> along Cottage Grove and the adjacent side streets. Deric suggested including one of the rental properties on 35<sup>th</sup> between University & Cottage Grove.

**7. NNO- will need a new chair and a new board member-** discussed making it more like the outdoor concert and moving it to another location like the Thoreau Center. Will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday). Discussion on different possibilities to change this year's event. Mac and Kendall will co-chair. Will not do school supplies but will do grilling of hotdogs and hamburgers and will keep it at Drake Park.

#### **8. 501c3- tabled to next meeting**

**9. DNA History Service Contract-** Discussion about when we need to send the funds. We will send the funds when we find out that the consultant has been hired.

**10. Closes Creek Watershed Project-** Kevin & Kendall met with this group about which properties will benefit and what is appropriate for the typography of the land. Right now are looking for potential experts in this area. There is money from the grant for some consultation. Should be able to work with 12 properties to implement these improvements. David will look into possible contacts for a consultant for this project. We will have to be the fiscal agent for the grant.

**11. Historic Survey-** Are currently looking for the consultant.

**12. Quarterly Meeting-** will be Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at First Christian Church at 6:00pm. Angela Conley will be a guest as well as Steve Wilke-Shapiro for the Historic Survey. Will unveil the new logo and have the plant sale.

**13. DNA Sign Update-** Signs are up at all ends of the neighborhood. Will start incorporating the new logo into our current information. Discussion on how this will be incorporated into the website.

**14. Drake Relays Parade-** 2:00pm on Saturday, would like people there by 1:30pm. Kendall will get candy to throw. Kevin will drive his truck with the banner.

**15. Waterstation –** Will be at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Kingman, Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, starts at 8:00am- please be there at 7:45am. Please wear neighborhood shirts.

**16. Board Member Election/ Board Issues-** Closed session with the board to discuss current board issues.

#### **17. Adjourn**

Kendall adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.