

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room**

Board members present (X), term expires as noted					
	Open Board Seat (12/31/11)	X	Dolph Pullium (Drake)	X	Vince Rubino (12/31/11)
X	Dean Blum (12/31/10)	X	Kendall Dillon (12/31/10)	X	Claudia Schabel (12/31/11)
	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)
	Trish Davis (12/31/10)	X	Betsey Qualley (12/31/10)	X	Bruce Wilson (12/31/11)
X	Eric Moore, NBSD	X	Sgt. Mulford	X	Ed Leedom, NBSD

1. Call to Order

Kendall called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions-

Darlene Blake- Candidate for Iowa House District 61- had some ideas about the historical survey- thinks we should consider doing a tree survey for grant monies.

Richard Brown- Des Moines Parks Dept.- has about \$150,000 available to purchase new playground equipment. Would probably replace all of the equipment except for the swings, which would stay and be painted to match the new equipment. The wading pool will stay and was painted last year- the hope is to convert it to a splash pad in the next 5 years which would be much more efficient regarding water usage. Will either put woodchip mulch or rubber mulch on the ground around it. Four options were presented, the consensus was for Option #4 which is called Bound Around and seemed to be the best for a wider range of ages. Will start construction in the next 2-3 months and should be completed by the fall. Richard will have the design drawn up with color choices and location and will bring to our next meeting.

Mary Neiderbach, City of Des Moines and Denny Marchand, builder regarding 1131 28th Street. City of Des Moines currently owns the lot. Denny would pay the city their costs about \$10,500. Would have a restrictive covenant on the property that is attached to these minutes. Steve Wilke-Shapiro has met with Denny regarding options for building that would be appropriate for the neighborhood. Denny would like to start building this summer. The covenants will be attached to the property until Denny has sold it to an owner occupant. The tax sale is coming up in June and the structure has to be a public nuisance if there is a structure on the property. Denny showed a series of pictures of homes he has built and rehabbed, one that he did in Sherman Hill (Address) was done using plans from 1890. The board agreed to have Steve Wilke-Shapiro work with Denny on the building of this property. Steve will keep the board apprised of what is going on with this project.

23rd & Forest site- the second RFP received one proposal from Anawim and Hubbell for a 16 unit rental property. In order to apply for this money from the state, a proposal needs to be submitted to the state by June 30th. The housing subcommittee will handle this issue with Mary/ Sadie- Deric as the head of this committee will correspond with the city on this issue.

3. NBSD-

Ed Leedom reported that there has been some 1548 23rd has been PN has been purchased by Rick Prettyman who isn't doing a lot of work, is going to trial on June 3rd to demolish it but it could be set back because of the new owner, his reputation is that he doesn't get things done. 1527 24th street has been demolished. 1609 33rd is PN because of fire. Kingman Circle has a couple of duplexes owned by Nelson Enterprises that have received a lot of violations again this spring. Critelli is going to court as a

Eric Moore reported that he has had a lot of compliance on the properties that he sent violations to around Closes Creek. 3408 Cottage Grove is almost done but has slowed due to Critelli not paying his contractors. 3415 Cottage Grove has been foreclosed and they left a lot of junk and debris when they moved out. 2121 University is still creating problems; now they have a transient vendor in the parking lot. 2919 Kingman just had a rental inspection and most of the inside complied but the garage on the alley does not and will be torn down. 1161 22nd (Critelli) was burnt and will start rehab soon. 1103 22nd has received violation and will be foreclosed on this summer as the owners are both in nursing care homes. 1082 27th has been sent violations. 2419 Cottage Grove has been purchased by Maria LaFrance- will be closing on it in the next couple of days. 1075 26th is now being worked on again now that Spencer Vandervort has purchased it. 2600 Kingman apartment building was sold but fell through.

Police report- 2119 Cottage Grove- narcotics has been working on that, 25th & Cottage Grove has had complaints on the stop signs and some tickets were written and arrests made.

2625 Cottage Grove is where the suspect in the Kum & Go attempted robbery was found but we don't know if he lives there.

4. Treasurer's Report

Dean sent a report via email. Dean went over the expenses and income. \$2,000 check was sent to the city for the historical survey in May. Dean would like budget information. Filed the tax return (at no charge because he did it).

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

6. Drake University Update- Graduation is this upcoming weekend. Track meet May 20-22nd. Then highschool graduations will be held at Drake. Track & Field Championships will be June 23-27th- could be about 10,000 fans because of elite athletes. Team camps will be held in the summer. September 25th from 2pm-12am is Dogtown fest. Streetscape project is being discussed at an upcoming meeting in June and will be looking at how to fund this. The Ray Society is a program for Senior Citizens (retired and 62 years plus) sponsored in conjunction with Drake that allows seniors to take courses at Drake free of charge if they don't take the finals. Would like to invite senior members of the DNA to apply for scholarships to take classes at Drake in the fall. Dolph will send this information to Kendall to broadcast to the residents.

7. Historic Survey Update- Steve Wilke-Shapiro- Received two RFP responses back and have chosen Jim Jacobsen who is a local historian who knows a lot about Des Moines' history. City Council approved the contract at their last meeting. Jacobsen intends to start work on the project in early June and intends to have 70% of the work done by the end of the year. The next step is to get the website set-up so that we can collect a lot of information online via a database. We need to get a domain name and a host for the site. Steve proposes that we obtain historicdrake.org. Discussion on if this site will be confused with Drake University. Discussion about hosting this website and this being a segway to moving the hosting of our DNA site. Steve recommends hosting through Dream Host as they will do free hosting for 501c3. Motion to approve the purchase of the url and approve hosting on Dream Host which will total approximately \$100. Claudia motioned and Cyndi seconded, approved with aye vote. Claudia and Dolph will be involved with choosing the name for the url.

Have a Simpson College history student expressed interest in doing a summer internship to help with the survey- appears to be a great opportunity. Will try to work out the details by the next meeting so that they can propose a stipend for this student that the DNA would have to pay for- this would be an opportunity to extend the work that is being done by the grant. Will try to get the student for class credit.

8. Plant Sale Results- Kevin reported that we sold 225 plants but lost money because the truck cost more than last year and a sign was purchased that can be used next year.

9. Kevin will be getting perennials for Kingman Island next weekend and could use volunteers to help plant. Annuals from the city will be in this weekend and can be picked up at Kevin's after noon on Saturday.

10. **First Christian Church Garden Proposal Update-** Dolph reported that the request was made to Drake University to use the land and that at this time Drake University does not want this land to be used in this way. University offered to continue to expand the current community garden and make that available to the neighbors.

11. **Housing subcommittee draft goals-** Deric reviewed the draft of goals that he sent out on May 4th. This committee will meet again in June. Discussion about prioritizing some of these goals are there are many. Deric will go back to the committee and try to set a timeline of which goals we should look at completing in the next year from this list of goals. Discussion of some of the committees making sure that they are not overlapping now that we are setting goals- possibly meeting in mid-July.

12. **House Tour Update-** Will be setting up a scanning station at the house tour and will have a raffle for to incentivise people to bring their historical photos and documents. Betsey reported that we are still in need of sponsors/ people to contact sponsors.

13. **Jazz in July-** Dave met with this committee a few weeks ago and they mostly discussed possible vendors for the event.

14. **NNO- Mac & Kendall co-chairs-** Mac let the city know our plans and we're on their list.

15. **Adjourn**

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