

**Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 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)		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)	X	Kevin VenHaus (12/31/10)
X	Trish Davis (12/31/10)	X	Betsey Qualley (12/31/10)	X	Bruce Wilson (12/31/11)
X	Eric Moore, NBSD	X	Sgt. Mulford		Ed Leedom, NBSD

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

Guest: Stephen Lauer, Oxfam/ interfaith power and light - Neighborhood Weatherization project
His organization is seeking help identifying homes/individuals that would benefit from this project; is also looking for volunteers to assist with the project. Drake students may be available to volunteer. There were questions as to the types of weatherization methods, the number of homes be weatherized, and if volunteers would be required to enter the homes in order to perform the work. The methods include window plastic, caulk-rope, etc. Additional information will be provided through e-mail.

Guest: James Maran attended to answer questions about Iowa Legislation HF 2120 – a bill introduced by Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad last session that defines a "nuisance" property and gives those affected legal remedy. Need neighborhood communities in DM and other cities to support the bill. The Board would like to discuss the bill in more detail at the next Board meeting. Questions can send to James prior to the next DNA board meeting: iowabody5547@gmail.com or 515-418-7910 (cell).

NBSD: Eric Moore and Sgt. Mulford reported

- Spencer Vandenberg is making progress rehabilitating 1075 26th Street.
- Maria La France is doing well with several buildings she's recently acquired.
- A number of violations discovered upon inspection of 1091 26th Street.
- Critelli property at 2615 Cottage Grove had a fire and a number of violations have been discovered. Critelli properties at 1113 26th and 2919 Kingman were referred to Housing Appeals Board. Critelli was given approximately 2 months to make repairs; has been ruled a "habitual violator", which gives City ability to inspect all of his properties on an accelerated schedule.
- Working with neighbors on 22nd south of University to address problems: prostitutes, drug dealing and general "hanging-out"; lighting is a problem; has asked City Forestry to trim trees that are covering streetlights; has been contacting property owners and asking them to install lights on their buildings. Also asking them to post "no trespassing" signs.
- Discussed general problem of the Laundry Center and the owner's ability to get a Class E liquor license. More prostitutes are in the area. The activities at the Laundry Center are part of the cause. It appears some may also be living in some Critelli properties. Panhandling a problem. One aggressive panhandler by the name of Terry has been arrested numerous times.

Motioned made by Bill that the Board authorizes President and Vice President designate a Board member to represent the DNA at future Housing Appeal Board meetings as necessary. Seconded by

David. Passed unanimously. Bill is on shortlist of Board members designated to represent the Board at those HAB meetings.

The Safety sub-committee will meet on 8/18 and will discuss drafting a general resolution to request the City to change grocery store ordinance; will present to the Board, then sign By the DNA, Drake Area Business Association, and Drake Park.

Senior police Officer Larry Rogers is retiring on 7/19.

Treasurer's report by Dean.

- Dean reported on the balances in checking and savings account.
- Dean also provided a final report for the House Tour

Bill moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 9, 2010. Deric seconded. Approved unanimously.

Drake University update by Dolph:

- Students will return in 4 weeks.
- Drake received 8,000 freshman applications, of those, 1,000 chosen.
- Needs community service projects for up to 700 students; would like to consider same projects as last year. Needs list of projects and contact info (including phone #) for each project by 8/14. Dolph will send out last year's list by 7/16 for review.
- Students might help with the Comnet project scheduled for the NE corner of the neighborhood.
- The Neighborhood Activity Passes will be mailed to all Drake area residents again this year. Dolph's office will coordinate with Bill to send email and post a message on the DNA website to info people look for the Passes in the mail.
- Dolph will check to see if the DNA could use the University cafeteria's large gas grill for the National Night Out cookout.
- Appears that the City Inspector never sent paperwork to the Waterworks to get the sub-meter installed for the community gardens. The students were paying the water bill for the community gardens. Drake University may look for ways to reimburse the students for the cost. In the future, gardeners should be assessed cost for water. Need to examine gardener contract before next year.

Jazz in July will be held 6:00 – 8:30 PM, July 20th behind Shops at Roosevelt, 42nd Street. Sponsored by Roosevelt Culture District and Drake Neighborhood Association. Will get a banner with new logo by 7/20. Will have balloons with DNA new logo. Will hand out membership flyers and forms and collect e-mail addresses. Volunteers: Trish, Dean, David, and Betsey.

National Night Out will be held 6 – 8 pm, August 3, at Drake Park. A cookout is planned: 200 hamburgers, 150 hot dogs, with baked beans, chips, cookies, and drink. Budget \$300 for food. Need flyers. Kevin will prepare. Need to send invitations to the ANAWIM residents. Claudia pointed out that some area residents are vegetarians. We will offer a vegetarian alternative such as Boca Burgers. Would like to have DMPD mounted patrol attend. Bill will reserve the Drake Park shelter, request to clean the Park and wading pool, to turn wading on for kids, check with New Life Center for chairs and tables. Eldon, Bill and Dolph will schedule a time to check the grill out. Deric has some supplies from last year at his house. Next meeting: 9 am, 7/24 at Drake Park. Planning Committee members: Eldon (chair), Kendall (co-chair), Bill, and Cyndi.

Metro Waste Authority offers a Beautification Grant for planting of trees: \$500 with a cost match. \$100/tree, planning to plant 10 tree this year. DNA planned 30 trees five years ago. Dave Will make application for grant. If we receive grant, \$500 cost match will be voted at next Board meeting. Dave will also look at future tree planting grants.

Drake Dogtown Festival will be held on September 25. The Drake Area Business Association is asking the DNA Board to support its request for street closure on University between the 22nd and 25th Street

for the event. Bill moved that DNA applies for the street closure. Deric seconded. Approved unanimously.

Audit Committee needs another committee member. Dave volunteered to serve with Dean and Trish.

Rental Property Subcommittee update: set-up an online survey of area rental property owners. City sent postcards to all those who own rental property in the Drake neighborhood. Link to the survey is also listed on the DNA website.

We need to communicate with those who own rental properties in the Drake neighborhood better, to support their needs, and to have their support for the DNA and work toward to a better community to live.

A committee is needed to determine what the needs are for a new DNA website. Dolph said that Drake University is now using Drupal for its website. May be able to get Drake students to help with the DNA website. Bill has not had time to move the existing website to the new host.

DNA's 501(c)(3) Status: no updates.

Need to set a special meeting to review goals developed by all committees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Recorded by Bill and Cyndi.