



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 9th, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Holiday Inn Express**  
**1140 24TH STREET DES MOINES, IOWA 50311**  
**Conference Room**  
**Hotel Front Desk: 515-255-4000**

Board Members Present (X); term expires as noted					
X	Dean Blum (12/31/12)		Nancy Gooding (12/31/2014)		David Courard-Hauri (12/31/13)
X	Liz Albright-Battles (12/31/14)	X	Bethany Wilcoxon (12/31/14)	X	Deric Gourd (12/31/12)
X	Kristina Johnson (12/31/12)	X	Scott Johnson (12/31/13)	X	Erica Luna (12/31/13)
X	Eldon McAfee (12/31/13)	X	Eddie Robinson (12/31/13)		Jen Sayers (12/31/13)
X	Sean Haire (12/31/2014)	X	Kevin Venhaus (12/31/12)		Eric Moore (NBSD)
	Richard Wallace (NBSD)	X	Teva Dawson (Parks)		Dolph Pulliam (Drake)

**Guests included Nan, Bruce, Mark, Melanie Hopkins**

**Agenda:**

**Introductions of current board members in attendance**

**Consent Agenda (5 Min.)**

Approval of annual meeting and quarterly meeting minutes:

Kevin moved approval, Kristina seconded minutes were approved from both meetings

**Committee Reports (20 min):**

- NBSD
  - No report.
- Parks
  - Father/Daughter dance tickets are available now. Softball tournament will occur in February at an east side park. Volunteers are needed to transplant 300K annuals at the city's greenhouses. DNA will post something to Facebook to get the word out. Parks wants to get a more timely version of upcoming events in addition to City Source. An email alert will come to the DNA email box and DNA can post announcements on Facebook/webpage. The city is hiring seasonal jobs.
  - Free Flicks. DNA would like the last Friday in May as our Free Flicks date to coincide with our garden tour. Parks Dept is planning to restrict the number of dates but will take our request into consideration. DNA contact for this would be the Events Committee headed by Jen Sayers.
  - Scott asked about new signage for Witmer. Teva replied that Witmer is on the list for a newer, nicer sign but can't remember when exactly. She will check into this and let us know.
- Drake University
  - No report.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Board Presentations:**

None

**Sub-Committee Discussions**

Volunteer Committee: Service Learning presentation meeting regarding the study the Research Methods class did with our Drake Neighborhood businesses. To accommodate the schedule of the professor and the students, the DNA February meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Conference Room.

**Capitol Crossroads Town Hall**

There will be a town hall meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Central Library and some additional meetings in the suburbs to present the group's plan. Capitol Crossroads is a group that discusses development in Des Moines. All citizens are invited to attend.

**Forest Ave Development**

Deric distributed a survey earlier this week to collect opinions from neighbors and interested parties regarding Forest Ave Development. About 25 responses have been received and some trends were identified in the responses regarding neighbors' desire for the property and traffic concerns. Deric will continue to collect responses to the survey.

**Website:** no training date has been set yet by Trish Davis and Kendall Dillon.

**Guest:**

Melanie Hopkins from Everybody Wins! Iowa talked to the group about volunteer opportunities in the metro. She's volunteer coordinator and the group matches kids with adults who read together. DNA will announce the opportunity on Facebook.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:20**