



Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 11th, 2013
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
St. Catherine's of Sienna

Board Members Present (X); term expires as noted					
X	Dean Blum (12/31/14)		Nancy Gooding (12/31/2014)	X	David Courard-Hauri (12/31/13)
	Liz Albright-Battles (12/31/14)	X	Bethany Wilcoxon (12/31/14)	X	Deric Gourd (12/31/14)
X	Kristina Johnson (12/31/14)	X	Scott Johnson (12/31/13)		Erica Luna (12/31/13)
X	Eldon McAfee (12/31/13)		Eddie Robinson (12/31/13)	X	Jen Sayers (12/31/13)
	Sean Haire (12/31/2014)	X	Kevin Venhaus (12/31/14)	X	Chris Reindl (NBSD)
X	Mark McKinney (NBSD)		(Parks)	X	Renee Sedlacek (Drake)

Introductions (5 Min.) Guests: Patrick Wilkie Brown (sp?), Tim Lane

Consent Agenda (5 Min.)

- Approval of Minutes. The minutes for August were not yet posted and will be available for approval in October.
- Monthly Financials. We haven't gotten a bill for the movie night. Dean discussed the financials; we had less profit than we did last year because we didn't have a plant sale. Dean is still waiting on a couple of bills. Some people expressed that we need to think about what we want to do to increase revenue for 2014. There will be a membership drive proposal in October, but that may well not be enough.

Reports (15 Min.)

- NBSD. There have been a total of about a dozen bicycles stolen, half from Drake's campus. People should be aware that bikes need to be secured. Not a lot else, as things have been relatively quiet. Deric asked about 1024th Street. The City denied the request for a waiver, but the owners won the appeal. They didn't submit the proper paperwork, so Chris stopped the job. We'll see how things progress the junk and debris has picked up a bit now that students are back, but nothing too bad. Patrick (visitor) asked about a couple of houses owned by Jack Stewart. They were on tax sales, and the certificates were redeemed (26th between Kingman and Cottage Grove; some of the only two houses that are in very poor shape). Patrick wanted to know what could be done if the owner doesn't want to sell. Mr. Stewart has a number of houses in the neighborhood, and they are in terrible shape. Chris pointed out that the City is unlikely to be able to fix it up even if they get ahold of it because there's no money to demo it. They can take care of junk and debris, but there's not a lot else to be done at the City level.

Every time the City has to remove junk and debris, or the County has to cut the weeds, he gets charged, so residents should stay engaged and perhaps if an abandoned home gets too expensive he'll sell. Calling Mr. Stewart may also be helpful.

- Drake University. Renee Sedlacek. Renee is the new Drake liaison. Her role will be to be a presence in the community, looking for ways to connect Drake's work in the community back to the neighborhood. She's been on the job since Tuesday, so she didn't have too much to say just yet. This year is the 20th anniversary of Halloween Hoops. It will be on the 28th of October (Monday); there will be more info coming soon.

Old Business

Erica has been talking to the website designers, and in order for us to utilize our membership database we need to do an upgrade. The cost for this would be \$1200. Dean suggested that we get a written proposal on this before we vote on it, to make sure that everything we want is in there.

Jen: 42nd Street Streetscape was approved by the City. They're going for a large number of grants, and are working to raise \$714,000, and then the City will add their match and the project can move forward. This would be from the freeway up to Crocker, involving trees, lighting, parking, a new stoplight, and so on. So the project is moving forward.

New Business

Jen moved to get rid of the DNA phone, which Dean said costs about \$40 per month, but goes many months without being used. Kevin seconded. The motion passed.

Adjourn Business Meeting

8:00 p.m.

Board Presentations

- Tim Lane – Des Moines Move. Open Streets is a relatively new term; it means taking \$1 billion infrastructure and repurposing it. They thought that the Drake area is a perfect place to do this. They'd close down University from 23rd to 42nd on the 29th of September, from noon to 4. This would be for four hours, Parks and Rec will have Frisbee golf course, games, there will be a 21-person bicycle, basketball hoops, restaurants will set tables out into the streets, lots of other great stuff. Neighbors and businesses have been unanimously excited about it. They would like the DNA to endorse the project. They don't need money, but they will need volunteers, outreach, and other stuff. Tim is asking for approval, there was no objection, and so Deric signed. People were interested in having a table with some information and maybe something to drink. The Event Committee will work on this.

Sub-Committee Discussions

- Marketing. Nothing to add.
- 1139 24th Street – Update. Deric. This is the Ballard Glass building. The city would like to rezone the entire area C1. The existing zoning is nonconforming. The board felt that it would be ok to rezone the three lots to NPC (with restrictions) if the owner wanted to do that.
- Garden Discussion. Kevin said that the Michael Memorial Garden on 25th and Cottage Grove ought to be redesigned to be easier to care for, as the Garden Club is not able to keep up with it as well as when people living near it were willing to be responsible for it. Others agreed.
- Nominating Committee. We should start getting ready for elections at the final quarterly meeting.

Adjourned 8:47