



Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 13th, 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					
	Dean Blum (12/31/12)		Nancy Gooding (12/31/2014)	X	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)
	Eldon McAfee (12/31/13)		Eddie Robinson (12/31/13)	X	Jen Sayers (12/31/13)
	Sean Haire (12/31/2014)	X	Kevin Venhaus (12/31/12)	X	Eric Moore (NBSD)
X	Richard Wallace (NBSD)		Teva Dawson (Parks)		Dolph Pulliam (Drake)

Introductions (5 Min.) Angela Connoly, Bill Cappuccio, Tayler Haggerty

Consent Agenda (5 Min.)

- Approval of Minutes. Liz moves, Kevin seconds, minutes pass.
- Monthly Financials. Not much activity, so nothing was there.

Reports (15 Min.)

- **NBSD:** Sgt Wallace. Burglaries in December and January that they met with unmarked cars and stepped up surveillance. Within about two weeks, they caught three burglars working in the area, and that seemed to clear things up for the time being. Not many issues in February. Three burglaries against Drake students in the dorms. Eric Moore: Our scrub day will be at Hoover High School on April 20th from 7-2 pm. No charge for appliances as usual. You can also always go to the transfer station. He wasn't sure whether there were going to be shredders there, but he'd get back to us on that. Dates this year: 4/20 at Hoover, 5/18 Bell Avenue Busines Park, 6/15 Capital Complex, 7/20, August will be at Southridge Mall, and a few others in the fall. Of course you can always go to the transfer station (4198 Delaware, north of Euclid about ¾ miles on the left). Deric says that they are talking about having the transfer station open more and moving away from the local sites. Conversation turned to

New Englander property, and how to address issues of boards getting removed. Bill C asked about declaring it a public nuisance, but one of the problems with that is that whoever brings it out of public nuisance will then have to ensure that all systems (plumbing, electric, and so on) are all brought up to today's standards, which reduces the likelihood of anyone ever fixing it up.

- **Parks:** Deric said that they have sent out the applications for the movies, so he will fill that out and get it to her in the next week or so, and Deric will be looking for volunteers.
- **Drake University/ Easter Egg Hunt:** Tayler Haggerty, Drake Law student explained that Drake decided to put on an Easter Egg Hunt rather than Holiday Hoops (which wasn't well attended by community members). They'd really like to get neighborhood kids to the event, and would love to get info out about this. Open to children 3-12 years old. Saturday, March 30th, on Drake campus. They have a lot of vendors donating things and volunteers who will make it a great event. They'd like to get RSVPs so they have a sense of how many people to plan for. They'd like parents to be at the event, especially for the younger kids.

Old Business

New Business

1. 1161 22nd Street zoning change

There are a large number of Critelli properties (Mac Investments, and others) that have all lost their conforming status (multifamily use) because they've been vacant for so long. Eric: A number of potential investors are interested in getting permission to allow multi-family permits there again. An example is 1161 22nd, built as a single-family dwelling, cut up into 9 units. There was a fire there, and it was declared a public nuisance in 2010. Some homes have been brought back to single family homes. There has been a lot of chaos in many of these homes before they were abandoned. If we want to follow our plan, we will need to be at the P&Z meeting April 4th. Deric: So far we haven't allowed multiple families in these kinds of properties, but he wanted to know if it made sense to allow duplex. The people at 1161 are asking to be allowed to move it from 9 to 5. If we did allow them to bring them out of public nuisance, they'd have to bring all of the systems up to current standards. The sense of the Board was that we wanted to stick to our neighborhood plan. Vacant homes tend to be moving in the neighborhood, and nobody spoke in favor of supporting a variance. Bill hasn't talked to anybody in the neighborhood who is in favor of the proposal (he's talked to a lot of people). A few said they could live with a duplex. Deric and Bill will be at the meeting.

Adjourn Business Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Board Presentations

- Angela Connolly – Polk County Supervisor.

Update on Polk County. There is a program started last year that worked really well: self-propelled battery-powered lawn mower program that sold out in a week's time in Polk County. Designed to reduce air pollutants. Very low noise. It's a lawn-mower exchange program. If you're interested, you need to get in touch very quickly (starting April 1st). They have 75 this year, and are selling them for \$284, about \$200 under standard price.

They have a program with the City to take care of vacant lots. This is getting very expensive for the County, they've been taking care of a lot of vacant lots in the City. Angela doesn't know what will become of that.

They put together a guide to city/county functions to help people understand.

Polk County Conservation issue. In January, they voted on a \$6 million bond issue. Some things they'll do: start renting cabins out at Jester Park, finish trail system out at Easter Lake, fix toilets in Jester Park, put up a classroom in Ft. Des Moines to bring classroom activities out to the part, property acquisition at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt.

Big county projects: Still working on the courthouse. Swap of Wellmark and YMCA; county will take over the Wellmark building and Y will take over Polk County Convention Complex. This should work out much better for the county because the Courthouse, the Jail, and the old Penny's building (county attorney's office and juvenile courts), so this will make a whole legal complex. Y will be able to install an Olympic-sized pool. County will tear down the old Y building.

Also working on a hotel site next to Wells Fargo. County loses a lot of money because they don't have a hotel connected to the convention center. It would go south of Hy-Vee Hall. The land is all consolidated, they just need money. Sending out an RFQ to see if there's any interest in a hotel.

NCAA Wrestling Tournament should bring about 90,000 people to the City. In St. Louis last year, restaurants ran out of food and beer and such. We really need to impress them so that we can get more NCAA events here. This is a big deal.

Sub-Committee Discussions

- Snow Plowing – Rehash. We'll be having a meeting to talk about the good and the bad of the ordinance. By and large it's been a success, but there have been communication issues. If you felt like you got a ticket that you shouldn't have, you should definitely appeal the ticket. Deric will bring issues up when he talks with Pat.
- Newsletter Update. There will be one coming out soon, hopefully next week, and then another for the second week in April.
- Website Update. Three items:
 - Kendal wants to do website training on April 6th.
 - Our hosting is currently done through Kendal's credit card account. She'd like to change that, but we don't have a credit card. Deric will ask Kendal to get more information. There will probably be an agenda item at our next meeting about that. Kevin suggested that we get a Square account.
 - Trish wanted them to finalize items like the membership database. Trish has had a lot on her plate, and will need to step down. Deric asked for volunteers to take charge of doing things like finding e-mail addresses and figuring out these kinds of issues. We have the people who will build it. Bill said he'd be happy to sit down with them and help on the project management, but didn't want to do the whole thing. Kristina said she'd have a Marketing Committee meeting, and they'll get that figured out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.