



Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 8th, 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 | | | | | |
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| X | 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) | | 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) |
| X | Richard Wallace (NBSD) | X | Teva Dawson (Parks) | | Dolph Pulliam (Drake) |

Introductions (5 Min.)

Consent Agenda (5 Min.)

- Approval of Minutes. Minutes were not available on Dropbox.
- Monthly Financials. Dean is working to resolve PayPal issues on the website bills. Kevin moved approval of the financials, Erica seconded, and the motion passed.

Reports (15 Min.)

- **NBSD.** There was a meeting between City Councilmember Christine Hensley and people living around 2600 Kingman regarding issues in that area. Hopefully they have been resolved at this point. The person who was hanging around in a white 2001 Ford Ranger was stopped by an officer. He said he knew someone in 2600 Kingman, which was why he was hanging around the area. He wasn't doing anything wrong, so he wasn't apprehended, but the police let him know that they were watching him. Regarding burglaries, most people think that they happen during the night, but what people do often is knock on the door to see if anyone's home, look around to see if anyone's watching, then go around to the back door, knock again. If nobody's watching, they then

just kick the door in. There aren't enough officers to be everywhere at all times, so it's important for neighbors to keep an eye open for things that seem suspicious.

The crime mapping information showed that the Drake Neighborhood actually had a very small number of problems comparatively.

P&Z has approved the zoning waiver for the sale of the Thoreau Center, and it goes before the City Council in June. Some people have been concerned about late night partying there, and so Deric is going to be meeting with neighbors to figure out ways to tighten up the waiver.

- **Parks.** Not a lot of announcements. We needed to choose a movie. Some people felt that the movies last year were focused on kids, but then there were very few kids out there. Given that the movie doesn't start until it gets dark, it seems like there probably won't be many kids there this time either. People talked about whether to go for popular current movies or classics. It seemed that the sense of the Board was that classics might work nicely in Whitmer Park. We needed a list of three, so people decided on North by Northwest, Singing in the Rain, and Wayne's World, with North by Northwest as the first choice.

Wading pools will be open when school is out.

- **Drake University.** No representative was at the meeting.

Old Business

New Business

Drake Farmer's Market was wondering what kind of involvement the DNA would like to have. People felt that the table wasn't particularly effective. Dave suggested that maybe help setting up and taking down would be useful. Eddie said that there was also need for new tents, as they lost seven in a big windstorm last year. Dean asked what was going to be going on this year. Eddie said that it will be opening on June 5th. It seems like the neighborhood would be interested in helping to do promotion and perhaps set up a volunteer roster.

Adjourn Business Meeting

7:45 p.m.

Board Presentations

Sub-Committee Discussions

- **May Events.** Sign up to volunteer for the garden tour! Kevin has contacted media. Erica will set up a Facebook event. Movie night will be our May quarterly meeting.
- **Recycling Pilot.** A group met on Monday to discuss recycling. The City has discussed doing a pilot for increased recycling in the neighborhood. They were afraid of doing the whole neighborhood because DNA is so large. We will be doing the pilot in the far southwest corner: 37th to 42nd, south from Kingman. Recycling would be weekly. They'll be looking to see if they can increase compliance. They'd also do more education.
- **DNA Archives.** The grant will be turned in soon. Deric has written a letter and Erica says that we should know in five or six weeks.

Meeting adjourned 8:35.