



Board Members Present (X)					
X	Ibrahim Ali (12/18)	X	Deric Gourd (12/18)	X	Jen Sayers (12/19)
	Nadia Ali (12/18)	X	Kristina Johnson (12/18)	X	Erin Sears(12/19)
	Lori Calhoun (12/19)		Eldon McAfee (12/19)		Mark Schneider (12/19)
	Michael Christl (12/19)	X	Nichole Aksamit Purcell (12/18)	X	Todd Slaymaker (12/18)
X	Amy Clark (12/18)	X	Eddie Robinson (12/18)	X	John Smith (12/19)
		X	Mark McKinney (NBSD)		Eric Barker (NBSD)

Drake Neighborhood Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, February 21, 2017—Forest Ave. Senior Center at 7:00 pm

Note: All votes are in bold italics.

7:05-7:30 Board Business

Approval of Agenda and January Minutes Amy motion to approve Deric second all in favor

Financials – Mark absent no update

January 24 ZBoA Meeting/Nelson—Jen- lengthy 5 hour meeting. Fraternity house on 34th sold-approve to be apartments, compromise reached with owner from 21 units to 14 or 15 units will be working on parking solutions. 23rd st 4-plex reverted back to single family and PnZ suggested duplex it will become a duplex - this does not prevent future revitalization if it turns over again with a 6 month vacancy.

Business Partners Program—Amy- reached out Central Bank, Hy-Vee and Playhouse. Also working on new businesses to the area Lifestyle Juices and Chicago Dog.

Drake University will be working on partnerships with local businesses to offer discounts to students during month of April.

Marketing update—Nichole - Marketing Committee met after last board meeting and published Winter newsletter. DNA video roll out is planned for the next DNA meeting 3/21. The current digital format of the DNA newsletter is not reaching all the corners of the neighborhood, ask for a budget for a small print run of newsletters to distribute. Rough

budget \$600 for 200 copies at Office Max. Seeking print partner (hopefully in the neighborhood) will reach out to Copy Cat Printing ask gift in kind partnership.

Discuss Committee Liaisons - Jen-We do not want to burnout board members with committee work. We want to engage the community. Would love to have a volunteer coordinator person that we could all go to seeking volunteers for events. Should we look for a PT volunteer coordinator? How do we bridge the gap of things that need to be done and people that would do them? Nichole- we are not capturing potential new members/volunteers as they move into the neighborhood. KJ-Could we work with a realtor to get a list of new neighbors?

7:35 Neighborhood Updates

Introductions

Supervisor Mauro-ill and can not attend

NBSD: Mark McKinney- Dec 636 total calls for service/258 actual police calls - January 619 total calls /283 actual police calls. Number of actual police calls is down from last year. Mark checked on the crossing lights on University-they are working now. Todd - can we request more crosswalks on 34th or 35th and University? Bill Gray - hammering Traffic and Transportation to get more Hawk signals for that area of University Ave. Bill is also working on a corridor from MLK to 35th to make it more walkable. Nichole-Do we need to mark a formal request? Bill-will keep working on it.

Eric Barker-unable to attend

Drake Report – John -Suzie Burt Boys and Girls Club approved, planning on breaking ground in May with projected completion in 12 months. Specific location will be 25th and Forest (currently a parking lot). Club will serve 275 neighborhood pre-K through high school. Wednesday 28th 1:00PM this project goes to Planning and Zoning. University Ave. Nelson project is under agreement with restaurant and hotel providers, making progress on financing, plan to break ground in early fall. Introduction of Amanda Martin, Program Coordinator with Drake Community Engaged Learning team. Amanda is working with a group of students to honor the legacy of Paul Morrison with a week of service. They are interested in working with DNA on community projects the week prior to relays. Interested in assisting with neighborhood clean up prior to relays. John will put Amanda in contact with Mac to put this together.

Des Moines Neighbors Meeting – Erin-attended January meeting in error as it had been cancelled. Most of the board has been dissolved. Erin was invited to conference call meeting last night, declined invitation however Board Member Chris Morse will intend our DNA meeting next month. DNA's membership is paid through June.

Free Flix – Thursday, July 26 at Witmer Park email Jen your top 3 movie picks from the list by March 1st <https://www.swank.com/parks-recreation/bucket/5292-trending-now>

Quarterly Meeting - March 21th 7PM Colby will be presenting from Parks and Rec about Witmer and Nichole will show the DNA video. DNA Board meeting will be held at 6PM. DNA will provide light refreshments.

Bill Grey-doing a lot of work in the Drake neighborhood. Going to be some good things happening. More homes will be demolished. Still pushing University Ave streetscape.

Insurance renewal due-premium has not changed. ***John moved to approve renewal Deric second all approved.*** KJ will request Mark write renewal check to Terry Taylor.

Relays Water Station - Request to man water station at the Drake Relays Marathon 4/22 in the past there has been a lack of volunteer so we have not participated. If you are interested email KJ by mid march

40th Anniversary Planning Committee KJ interested in chairing as long as it is not a home tour, Erin interested in assisting. Erin has a few ideas involving partnering with new business in the area.

There is a meeting at North High School 6PM March 5th about what is going to be done with the Grubb YMCA

Meeting Adjourned__8:30