



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

Drake Neighborhood Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, Wednesday, May 9, 2018, Forest Ave. Center. ***Note: All votes are in bold italics.***

7:00 Board Business

Approval of Agenda and March ***Minutes approved***

Financials – Mark, not in attendance

Jen need to approve spending for web storage upgrade ***motion approved***

Business Partners Program—Amy/Jen, Guest Richie Allen in attendance from Bank Iowa new Gold Level business partner, welcome Richie!

Rally in the Alley - Lori Event will start at Walgreens, City of Des Moines providing bags and trash pick up. 9AM to noon 5/26. Lori will get the map out prior to event. Do we want any additional volunteer hours to go to the space on 25th St.? Nichole will get Lori contact info for potential volunteer photographers for the event.

How does Drake communicate proper trash disposal to outgoing student population? John will look into this.

Marketing update—Nichole- Working on newsletter this weekend, submissions for content due by this weekend. Should be published by 22nd or 23rd. Amy will help with physical distribution. Katelin will work on posters for upcoming events. Reminder to look up street closure information for 30 and 31st st.

Welcome Committee update- Nichole- working on how to divide and conquer the neighborhood. Looking for committee member in the N or North central area of the neighborhood. Working on what merchandise to order for the DNA members.

Kingman Island Cruise update Mac suggestion to reschedule to late summer due to construction in the area. Will plan for late August or early September.

40th Anniversary Planning Committee Update KJ and Erin meeting later this month to begin planning. Volunteer Sammie Smith would really like to help with the event. KJ will contact her.

7:19 Neighborhood Updates

Introductions

PnZ-Jen request for rezoning denied on the large yellow house. The 1120 26th rezoning issue will be brought up at a future city council meeting.

Drake Report – John- Thanks to the volunteers and DNA board for member who made the clean up happen before the relays. Boys and Girls state track May 16-19th. Student move out dates 16 and 17th. Commencement 19th and 20th. May 22nd will be the start of construction of Boys and Girls club on Forest and 25th contractor on the project is Wietz. End of June AAU track meet. will be International Junior Olympics at Drake. New Community Relations hire will be coming July 1st. June 12th weekend Board of Trustees meeting and more information about development on University may be coming. John will look into maintaining the lot in the meantime to keep weeds to a minimum.

Mac will try to organize

Des Moines Neighbors Meeting – Jen/Mac/Amy- NFC nominated as Business of the Year, Christine Hensley nominated as Public Figure and Mac nominated as Volunteer of the Year. Mac received the award for Volunteer of the year.

NBSD: Mark McKinney Forest Ave street closure was very successful. Drake will be closing Forest for State Track Meet as well.

Eric Barker-keeping busy lots of active rentals in our neighborhood.

Guest: Chris LoRang – RCD Piano-not in attendance

Guest: Connie Ryan, Candidate for Senate District 21(Matt McCoy's seat), previous resident of the Drake Neighborhood. Graduate of Drake University. Served as Executive Director of Interfaith Alliance of Iowa for the last 16 years. Issues important to her strong public schools, fixing Medicaid privatization issues, water quality, women's' health issues, stands with unions. Early voting started Monday, primary is June 5th.

Guest: Shane McQuillan, Urban Forestry Project Manager- not in attendance

Guest: Frieda Bequeaith – Drake Farmers’ Market-market coordinator starts Wed June 6th 4:30 to 7:30 24th between Drake Park and Cottage Grove. 5 vendors committed at this time. Looking for a yoga instructor as Emily will not be available this summer.

Meeting Adjourned _____ 7:58 _____