



Board Members Present (X)					
	Ibrahim Ali (12/18)	X	Deric Gourd (12/18)	X	Jen Sayers (12/19)
	Nadia Ali (12/18)	X	Kristina Johnson (12/18)		Erin Sears(12/19)
	Lori Calhoun (12/19)	X	Eldon McAfee (12/19)	X	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)	X	Eric Barker (NBSD)

Drake Neighborhood Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, Wednesday, June 6th, 2018, Forest Ave. Center. *Note: All votes are in bold italics.*

6:34 Board Business

Approval of Agenda and May Minutes - approved

Financials – Mark \$1936.08 checking \$21554.12 savings

26th Street House (Council 7/9) - Jen (former 11 plex) DNA requested it to stay single family with a zoning variance. Needing a DNA representative to attend the July 9th meeting as Jen will be out of town.

Business Partners Program—Amy/Jen new local business Kingman Coffee Roasters is interested in being a future partner.

Jen met with Grace Methodist Church last week, gave them a business partner form, they would like us to hold our meeting there again

Marketing update—Nichole--newsletter went out, physical copies were distributed along with business partner forms

Project with Drake PR Class – Jen- Journalism class from Drake would like to partner with DNA this fall to accomplish some of the ideas from the Columbus trip and ~~possibly the 40th anniversary project~~ (too late in the year for 40th project). Any ideas from the group for projects for this class? Slogan? Merch? Their comfort zone will be social media. Maybe

something to grow membership and generate volunteers. End result will be very professional. 20 students will come out with a deeper understanding of what the neighborhood is.

Witmer Park Renovations Update – Jen has been meeting with Parks and rec Ben Page, Bill Gray, Beaverdale Neighborhood Board Members, in 2019 as long as bids are approved original REAP grant will be completed. In 2020 the city will budget for the match to build restroom facilities \$300,000 subject to city council approval and DNA raising funds to match. City also request DNA fundraises for playground funding ~\$100,000 to be completed by June 30th 2019.

Vote for those in favor of making this project a success. Deric motion to move forward Todd second all in favor

7:05 Neighborhood Updates

Introductions

40th Anniversary Planning Committee Update – KJ and Erin meeting tuesday night at Jethros at 5:30 for all interested in planning the event.

NBSD:

Mark McKinney 434 calls for service, 1 robbery at Kum & Go suspect was apprehended

Eric Barker Big clean up on 28th by 235 getting ready to tear down. Volunteer at Rally in the Alley used the DM Mobile app to report large items that were too big for the volunteers to dispose of. Eric suggests that landlords give tenants large items stickers when they move out. Unfortunately it is a long process to pick up curb items that are not stickered.

Guest: Shane McQuillan, Urban Forestry Project Manager and Heather Anderson STEM extern and DM school board member- Shane warned of future tree losses due to emerald ash borer and provided handouts from i-Tree showing diversity of tree species in Drake Neighborhood and value of those trees.

Other cities are losing all of there ash trees to the beetles options are treat the tree and wait and see or the have the tree removed. The city is trying to put projects in place to treat specific trees, treatment lasts 2-3 years. If you schedule tree work make sure the company is insured. There is only one chemical treatment effective, Shane provided a list of licensed providers. Shane also left a sign up for tree planting requests. Planting is subject to sight analysis. Most trees have a 1 year warranty

Drake Report – John student orientations are underway introducing parents and families to the community. Looking to hire community relations person soon, interviews underway. 27th street plaza is underway concrete work and planting in process. Boys and Girls club is progressing very quickly prefab product should look complete by mid July. John will follow up on street closure notifications for event attendees.

University project with Nelson, ALEXANDER- construction November 2018 hotel site will relocate to the parking lot site

Des Moines Neighbors Meeting – Erin - not in attendance

Neighborhood Association Transportation Meeting – Todd- DM Bike Collective considering broadening their base to include greater metro area and all pedestrian issues. Expanding bike lanes and addressing safety issues. They also discussed need for controlled crossing on University between 42nd and 31St.

Heather Anderson DM Schools- bell times are changing so please be mindful with traffic that kids will go be going to school in the dark this fall.

Meeting Adjourned _____ 7:38 _____