



Board Members Present (X)					
	Ibrahim Ali (12/18)	X	Deric Gourd (12/18)	X	Jen Sayers (12/19)
	Nadia Ali (12/18)		Kristina Johnson (12/18)	X	Erin Sears(12/19)
X	Lori Calhoun (12/19)	X	Eldon McAfee (12/19)	X	Mark Schneider (12/19)
X	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	Ryan Arnold (Drake)

Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, September 12, 2018, Forest Ave. Center, **6:30 pm**

6:34 Board Business

Approval of Agenda and June/August Minutes-*approved with changes and approved June clarification*

Financials – Mark checking \$648.43 savings \$21556.81

Drake Journalism Class/Witmer – Jen met with students today they plan to help promote the Witmer park project via marketing materials print and social media. The group also brainstormed fundraising for 40th anniversary project. Witmer grant app will be due in October the \$150,000.00 funds would go directly to City of DM and then city would match \$150,000.00. Will be coordination with Beavertdale neighborhood on the social media parts. Also using the opportunity to drive membership. Jen is meeting with Parks and Rec next Thursday then they will put together timeline of what and when. This class will be working with DNA through the semester. Point person is Matt Thornton. Deadline for fundraising will be end of Summer 2019.

Opportunity Zones - Jen portions of the Drake Neighborhood were awarded Opportunity Zones. There is now a committee to see how we can take advantage of this to spur growth and development. Program involves a tax break on capital gains. Looking at all options: commercial, housing, education, health related. Individuals from NDC, NFC and Drake are involved. Sunset to apply for funds will be the end of this year.

Welcome Committee and Marketing update—Nichole has all the materials for the outreach. Next committee meeting is this Wednesday 4:30 at Mars Cafe and they could use a few more members. New email address welcome@drakeneighborhood.org Totes have not been ordered yet final two design ideas are presented. Newsletter is out and physical copies have been distributed in the neighborhood. Nichole is working with Bill on rebuilding the website. It is a WordPress based sight.

40th Anniversary Planning Committee Update – Erin has not spoken with KJ. Cookbook in the works and possible home tour, not sure if anyone wants to spearhead that. Also potential street fair is being discussed. Michael shared the home tour flyer from 1999.

Drake Report – John/Ryan 761 freshmen students this year, little over 4000 undergraduates. John had a personal tour of the Drake gardens with Eddie, very impressed. Nelson Project and Streetscape project are moving along. Ryan- Nelson hoped to have a press release out today announcing groundbreaking but that has been delayed to early October. Streetscape is being driven by the sewer separation next steps hinge on engineering. They will ask for staged approval with board. Robert and Billie Ray Promenade dedication Saturday October 5th at 12:00. Drake University Community Events pass information will be mailed to neighborhood residents the week of September 17th pass will include all performing arts event except the Magical Dinner. Drake will be releasing a new events calendar soon.

7:12 Neighborhood Updates

Introductions

Callie Le'au Courtright – Parks and Rec looking for photo submissions for annual contest deadline Oct 4th. Kids basketball is open now. Yoga in the Park has moved to Union Park for the remainder of the season. UPcycle Stewards is 3rd Thursday of the month at Gray's work is manual labor removing invasive species. Monarch Tagging events still going on. National Public Lands Day events coming up Yeader Creek Watershed free camping at Yellow Banks that evening. In October Fall Family Fun Day at Union Park. Deric request Callie research the Kingman Blvd island issue, specifically what resources are available to beautify this area. Neighborhood flower program is run through Parks and Rec, orders are due now for next year. Who upkeepes the islands? Watering is a major effort. Can they be watered by the city trucks? Ingersol and Beaverville fund their streetscape via SMID(Self Supporting Municipal District). Bill- CBDG grant could be used to maintenance the flowers in the area. Jen will give Callie's contact information to Linda about the future flower orders and beautification.

NBSD: Mark McKinney assaults were up from a year ago burglaries were down. 20 vandalisms this period last year 11 this year. Shots fired prior month 17 last yr 4 this year. Drake park got a lot of good traffic at Dream Center Community Family Fun Day. If you have something going on with students call campus security then they will call Mark.

Meeting Adjourned _____ 7:41 _____