



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

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, October 10, 2018, Forest Ave. Center

### 6:35 Board Business

Approval of Agenda and June/August Minutes *approved*

Financials – Mark approximately \$1000 checking and \$20000 in savings \$489 paid out for DNA tote bags

Drake Report – John no major updates. Neighborhood pass information was mailed out to the community. Orchestrate will be the restaurant and Hilton will be the hotel in the new development.

Welcome Committee update - Nichole the committee addressed and sent 60+ welcome flyers to new residents. A small amount of feedback has been received. Future plans in the works to reachout to expiring and expired members.

Marketing update—Nichole DNA website is functional it just looks different. She is still working on it. Tote bags are ordered and have shipped. Nonprofit discount was given on the order which made them under budget. Some will be available to sale at future outreach.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee Update – KJ/Erin no efforts made since last meeting. Thanksgiving will be the cutoff for ideas. Lori saw a former publication from DNA circa 1980's on Nextdoor that may be of interest to replicate. KJ may have a copy.

Jen has been working with the future flower orders Linda Mathews did the ordering for next year. Revive the beautification committee? Concerned residents Tom and Linda sent a complaint letter to the city that the DNA has done nothing to beautify the neighborhood. Jen is moving forward in kindness :) No updates from Bill Gray on funding the watering of the flowers.

## **7:00 Neighborhood Updates**

### Introductions

Matt McCoy, Polk County Supervisor Candidate representative for Matt (and Drake graduate), Taylor in attendance to represent Matt. Early voting is already underway. There is a satellite location at Drake tomorrow from 9-3.

Angela Connolly, Polk County Supervisor, update, a lot going on, 2 new mobile trucks with DMARC focus on the metro area and school kids. Iowa Events Center built in 2005 every year usage increases 45 concerts scheduled this year generated 1.8 million dollars for the county. Targeted revitalization neighborhoods the county is funding part of the consulting fees. Also funded police cameras. Jester Park Lodge is open it is great for all ages, educational opportunities and outdoor rec opportunities. Principal Riverwalk Lauridsen Skatepark is breaking ground next week, 3.5 million in construction costs should be done by next fall. Water Trails and Adventure trails are still in planning.

Witmer Park grant is being submitted by Jay from Beaverdale Neighborhood Association. Jen is working with a journalism class from Drake on the fundraising for the playground equipment. Grants will be awarded in January.

Nelson Hotel Project: Alexander Hilton Home2 Suites will be the hotel brand that project will be started in March 2019 the restaurant partner will be Orchestrate Hospitality. Erin voiced many concerns about parking, construction noise and neighborhood disturbance during construction. The hotel will be 5 stories, shorter than the church and at a lower elevation than the Alumni House so it should "fit" into the neighborhood.

NBSD: Mark McKinney 3rd Annual Free Winter Community Car Check Up Saturday the 20th 9-12 at North High. New Playground Build Day at Evelyn Davis Park Wednesday the 17th 8-5. Head's up tis the season to watch for package theft.

Eric Barker good compliance on curbside dumping. Housing is going okay. New program rates houses on how they benefit the neighborhood. Erin mentions that Des Moines House Rentals is not providing lawn care at their properties and it is contributing to the blight in the neighborhood. Nichole reminds us that we can register the property as weed complaints. Sidewalk complaints should be directed to John Evans with the city.

Des Moines Neighbors Meeting – Clint working on revising bylaws Amber will be at Nov 1st meeting at 6pm Evelyn K. Davis Center.

Witmer Park Project Nick Donovan park neighbor and on the fundraising committee in attendance and excited to get started. Nick Miller current student at Drake in PR writing class will be working press releases and brochures. Students had many great questions about the project and the DNA marketing strategies used in the past.

Callie Le'au Courtright with Parks and Rec Evelyn K Davis Playground Build, volunteers may be needed for flood relief efforts. Fall Family Fun Day coming up. Water is being shut off for the season in parks. Prescribed burning will be starting in November.

Meeting Adjourned\_\_\_\_\_8:21\_\_\_\_\_