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| Board Members Present (X) | | | | | |
| X | Richie Allen |  | Eldon McAfee | X | Jen Sayers |
| X | Tom Biedenfeld | X | Carl McPherson |  | Erin Sears |
| X | Lori Calhoun | x | Matt Moore |  | Mark Schneider |
| X | Amy Clark | X | Nichole Aksamit Purcell | X | Jason Stuyvesant |
| X | Kristina Johnson |  | Eddie Robinson | X | John Smith |
|  |  | X | Mark McKinney (NBSD) |  | Eric Barker (NBSD) |

Drake Neighborhood Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 13, 2019—Polk County Center at 6:30 pm

**6:30 Board Business**

Approval of Agenda, January Minutes, Retreat Minutes ***all approved***

Financials – Mark checking 2620.54 savings 20565.48

Insurance Renewal – Terry Taylor may have already given bid to Mark. Is shed covered?

Premium is the same as last year. Shed was insured for replacement costs. Would need proof of ownership on items. How much of the contents are owned by the DNA? Questions about ownership of property on 2201 Carpenter. Statute of limitations on filing a claim for shed would be 6 months. ***All in favor of renewal of both policies.***

Witmer/Flicks Report - Jen it will happen Jen has turned in the application and it is a go for early in the season. The pond will be dredged (woot! woot!) early Spring.

40th Anniversary - KJ writing Polk County Community Betterment Grant application for funding. Will need to include funding for shirts, bags and promotional items.

Marketing Update—Nichole budget is waiting on a few estimates for printing partners. Dates for newsletters March, June, Sept, Dec 1st.

Membership Update – Matt/Nichole

Committee Event Budgets: Email Lori your information and she can compile it in an email.

Nicole will share login to the website with Jason.

Declined by DSM Hack due to our tax status

Lori has been researching watering for the beautification

Street party September or July? September, when students are here.

**7:00 Neighborhood Updates**

Introductions

Guest: Bob Mulvihill - Rezoning Request, change zoning 5 plexes on 24th st currently R60 requesting change to NPC to increase off street parking and commercial parking. It will come back to city council at next meeting on the 25th. Is this consistent with long term direction of the neighborhood? Will this cause congestion in the alleyway? Properties are 1127 and 1145 24th St. Kitchen business will have food truck traffic and owner plans on renting additional parking spaces from the nearby Holiday Inn. Bob asks for our support of rezoning to facilitate additional parking. Parking would be accessed from the alley not the street and that needs to be consider when making the decision of support. There is no written plan at this time. Kitchen business plans to be open next month sometime. Board will need to further discuss this before voting. Josh Mandelbaum is concerned that this does not fit with the neighborhood plan, is this what we want long term? The adjacent rental properties are in a deteriorating state. Ultimately this would be business parking behind residential homes. DNA requests proposal in writing from Mr. Mulvilhill addressing the potential benefit to the neighborhood and residents of the buildings. Board members are encouraged to drive by properties and around the block to witness conditions.

Josh Mandelbaum- Local Option Sales Tax vote March 5th. If it passes funding will be available for Blitz on Blight and additional rental inspectors. If it does not pass services will be delayed and projects will be put on hold. Early voting has started at the Auditor's office on Court & 2nd or by mail.

Bill Gray – Local Option Sales Tax could generate $37 million to the city of Des Moines if it does not pass property taxes will be increased. Neighbors for Growth are supporting this measure and have social media to promote a yes vote.

Tobi Parks could not attend Thomas Kuntz attending – xKb update and Summer in the City would like to include Drake Park in the line up this year. Trying to focus on diversity in music in Des Moines. Looking for community support in getting the word out and attending. Last yr average attendance was between 250-350 people security on site no incidents last year. Mid to late afternoon on the 4th Saturday of each month May, June, July, August. Tobi plans to attend the DNA meeting next month to provide more information on the progress of xKb.

NBSD: Mark McKinney snow parking has been an issue with over 30 ticket written.

Drake Report – John/Ryan- Nelson will begin construction on Home2 suites and retail space March 2019. Harkin Institute for Public Policy & Citizen Engagement has been with Drake since 2013 will now be housed in a new building to be constructed on the corner of 28th and University. Building will be the gold standard for handicap accessibility. Three homes adjacent to St. Catherines may be taken down, to be determined. Hours of operation will match Drake University hours with occasional evening programming. Emily with Harkin institute to speak on the work that will be done there, labor and employment, people with disabilities, retirement security, and wellness and nutrition. Programs like Count the Kicks, Childcare Cliff Effect, scholarship opportunities. Construction will start late Spring or early Summer of this year.

DM parks and Rec Laura- seasonal hiring has begun minimum age is 15 years old. Follow Parks and Rec on social media. Colby will be presenting on Witmer Park project next month.

Resident in attendance requests a 4 way stop on 25th and school. Jen recommend she contact Mark to meet her at her home to discuss the specific safety issues. Also advises to check out NBSD resources.

Meeting Adjourned\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8:52\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_