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

Drake Neighborhood Board Meeting:

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

**6:30 Board Business**

Approval of Agenda, February Minutes-all approved

Financials – Mark

Des Moines Neighbors Designee/Mickle Awards – Carl has volunteered to be the DNA designee – thank you! The DNA paid their $20 dues for 2019. Nominations for the Mickle Awards will be coming out soon. Be thinking of potential nominees for 2019. The awards dinner will be held Thursday April 25th

Witmer/Flicks Report - Jen Thursday June 6th

Mega Scrub event this year Matt - We are under the Hoover mega scrub event April 20th. Drake formerly had their own scrub day but since it has been consolidated. Matt will keep us posted on the event. There is more information on the City of Des Moines website.

40th Anniversary - KJ, need to decide on a date July, August or September? Jen moves for September for more time to prepare and so the students will be here. KJ submitted $4900 request from the Community Betterment Grant. We will look for a date that does not conflict with other large festivals. Possible 21st or 28th. Jen asked the Drake student group to come up with a 40th Anniversary logo.

Marketing Update—Nichole new newsletter printing partner, looks great.

Membership Update – Matt unable to talk with Erin and Carl to hold a membership committee meeting. May begin to combine forces with the Welcome Committee.

Memorial Day Weekend we have volunteers from Cottage Grove Church to help with projects in the neighborhood. If you have project ideas email Lori.

Committee Event Budgets:

**7:00 Neighborhood Updates**

Bill Gray, Connie Boesen, Matt McCoy, Mary Maloney

Colby Fangman, DSM Parks & Rec – Witmer Park Updates

Jay Kozel- Improvement will start this year mostly on the North side of the park. Phase 1 will be funded by REAP grant from the DNR. Drake and Beaverdale Neighborhood Associations have partnered to fund phase 2 of the project.

Colby-Park Planner 1 with City Parks Trail improvements all 5% grade of less for ADA accessibility, pond will be dredged, two shelters constructed, parking expanded to 10 spots, floating fishing pier, sidewalk on 34th leading to designated controlled crossing. Backstop will be relocated to facilitate the ADA accessible trail. Phase 2 will be the playground, restrooms and future sprayground. Placement of playground will minimize noise to the neighborhood. Presented 3 playground concepts for feedback.

May 14th Second public meeting at the Beaverdale Neighborhood quarterly meeting

Drake Report – John/Ryan

Kim Jones working with Mac on pre relays April 17h 5:30PM cleanups - Paul Morrison cleanup day. Will be one week earlier then past years. Opportunity for students to connect with neighborhood community. Convene at Walgreens after cleanup for pizza. Mac would like to see safety emphasized.

Bucksbaum Thursday April 11th. Email Ryan or John if you would like seats on the floor.

Forest Ave will be closed during relays again this year.

University Ave streetscape is waiting on traffic study. University will be open during construction. Bus routes will not change during construction. Should start middle May. Partnering with DART to add art enhanced bus stops, bus shelters\stops will be reimagined\enhanced during construction. Shelter will have electrical and data.

NBSD: Mark McKinney and Eric Barker 678 call for service

Bid for website in the drop box. Please give Jason feedback via email. $250 approved to spend all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8:18\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_