



Drake Neighborhood Board Meeting Agenda:
Wednesday, November 13, 2019—Polk County Center at 6:30 pm

Board Attendees: Jennifer Sayers, Lori Calhoun, Mark Schneider, Thomas Biedenfeld, Eddie Robinson Jr, Jason Stuyvesant, Erin Sears, John Smith, Ryan Arnold (Non Board Member), Carl McPherson, Eldon ‘Mac’ McAfee

6:30 Board Business

Meeting was called to order at 6:28 by Jennifer

Approval of Agenda, Previous Minutes

Edits to agenda included removing marketing and membership updates, as Nichole and Matt were absent.

Mark motion to approve agenda and minutes. Eddie Seconds

Motion Passes – Unanimously

Tobi Parks – Conditional Use Permit

xbK worked with the Drake Neighborhood Association and Zoning Board when the project was starting to get a conditional use permit that stops alcohol sales at 11 pm and everyone needs to be out of the building by midnight, in addition alcohol sales are only available during a ticketed event or if there was a performance on the stage.

In the planning stages of a New Year’s Eve Party, Tobi would like to request an amendment to the conditional permit that allows for exceptions to the closing times based special events. Her proposal would be that it includes New Year’s Eve and four other “special events” per calendar year that allows xbK to extend their hours. She envisions events like election night, the 80/35 music festival, or other special events (like the Drake Neighborhood Street Party). Her proposal would be that these exceptions are approved in consultation with the Drake Neighborhood Association. In addition to the proposed amendment to the hours, Tobi asked for the ability to sell alcohol at private events where there might not be a ticketed performance (or performance on the stage).

Jason made the motion to approve of Tobi’s amendment and for the DNA to write a letter in support of the amendment. Carl seconded.

Motion Passes – Unanimously

Jennifer will draft a letter to be sent to the Zoning Board in support of the change.

Tobi also shared that there would be a special show on January 12th with Leigh Nash (of Sixpence None The Richer), which she will make sure to invite the board to attend.

West Side Chamber – Darrell/David

Darrell Sarmiento, Executive Director of the West Side Chamber, was invited by Jason to attend tonight's meeting and share what is going on in the business community. Darrell brought with him the current president David Pargulski and shared a little bit of the history and background of the west side chamber. The West Side Chamber covers Ingersoll and Grand Avenues, all the way up through Beaverdale and ends at Merle Hay Mall. The Chamber has been around for around 10 years and acts as an advocate for the West side businesses, while the Greater Des Moines Partnership provides the region's economic development engagement. The Chamber's board is made up of twelve business leaders and is one of 3 chambers in Des Moines.

In the heart of the Chamber's footprint is the Drake Neighborhood and the next focus of the Chamber will be everything going on in Dogtown. As we have seen, there is no shortage of new economic development is happening in the neighborhood. The chamber seeks to harness some of this energy and create a brand for Dogtown to make it an attractive area of the city for visitors. The Chamber has seen some activity growth from the neighborhood as well, Alec from Papa Kenos will be joining their board in January and Ron from Fong's will act as an ambassador. Drake Diner recently renewed their membership with the chamber as well.

Currently, the Chamber is seeking to hire an intern that they hope to have hired by the 1st of the year and thanks to the support of Drake University and Neighborhood Development Corporation, the intern will focus on the Drake Neighborhood. In addition, the Chamber is working with Dave Raymond's class at Drake University which has been assigned a branding assignment to create the brand for Dogtown. Darrell will seek to engage stakeholders as this project progresses.

Ryan/John – Drake Updates (Confidential to the Board)

John shared the announcement from today regarding Drake collaborating with Des Moines Public Schools to build a stadium for high school football, soccer, and rugby and Drake's men's and women's soccer teams. The anticipated site of the stadium is just to the east of Shivers Indoor Practice Facility to the Post Office and from Forest to Clark. The project is estimated to cost \$19 million with the DMPS providing \$15 million. The School Board will be voting on it the week of December 3rd. John emphasized that this will be a point of pride for the city's young student athletes and be competitive with the other stadiums that other cities have. Drake is in talks with the current property owners (laundry mat and one residence) to purchase the land and talks are positive.

Drake is planning an announcement for after Thanksgiving regarding a new real estate development. It will be in collaboration with Broadlawns to develop a Community Health Center, this is modeled after clinic on East University Avenue. The planned site

is on a property adjacent to Walgreens that currently has homes on it. Drake plans to find interested individuals in moving the houses to new lots. The Double Brick Home on Brattleboro Avenue will remain.

The center will serve as the home for student health/mental health and is part of a growing partnership that the University has with Broadlawns. Questions revolved around the potential services that would be provided. Ryan deferred to Broadlawns to answer those questions, but emphasized that the East University clinic is the model for this clinic.

Ryan also reminded board members that if they are interested in floor seating for the Bucksbaum Lecture next week to send him a note and he would place their name (and a spot for a guest) on a list.

Financials – Mark

Currently, there is \$3,080.53 in checking and \$17,580.11 in savings.

Nominations for December Elections – Lori, KJ, John

Lori shared an updated from the nominations committee. They have confirmed all the seats that are eligible and what is an open seat. They have candidates for each open seat. Lori shared that there is quite a good list of names on the potential candidate list and suggested to engage that list for future committees. Slate will be ready to be published at the end of the month.

Erin took a moment to share with the board that she is not running for re-election because of her election to vice president of her teacher's union and role in the Roosevelt Foundation.

December Meeting Plans

Jennifer shared that last year's meeting started at 5:30 and proposed that we followed a similar timeline, with a limited board agenda, neighborhood updates and elections taking place afterwards. Alexander will provide an updated on the hotel and apartments. Lori suggested that it might be a good time to provide an update on the revitalization work.

Revitalization Team

Jennifer shared that InvestDSM has funding available for a community holiday event up to \$1500. InvestDSM will provide funding for hardware and part of it must include a community gathering of some sort.

Jason suggested “wrapping the construction” to beautify the neighborhood in the transition phase. Lori then shared that it might be a way for us to highlight what the community could “unwrap” next year. Everyone seemed to think this would be a good idea. Any other ideas can be shared with Jennifer and she'll shared them back with InvestDSM's staff member.

7:00 Neighborhood Updates

Jennifer welcomed everyone and kicked off introductions.

Ryan Arnold, Drake

Ryan shared an updated from the Drake Annoucement today regarding the Community Stadium. Drake is collaborating with Des Moines Public Schools to build a stadium for high school football, soccer, and rugby and Drake's men's and women's soccer teams. The anticipated site of the stadium is just to the east of Shivers Indoor Practice Facility to the Post Office and from Forest to Clark. The project is estimated to cost \$19 million with the DMPS providing \$15 million. The project does need the approval of the school board.

Ryan reminded attendees of the Bucksbaum Lecture next Tuesday with doors opening at 5:00 pm for Megan Rapinoe. The University is anticipating 8,000-9,000 attendees.

In addition to Bucksbaum, the Drake basketball teams have tipped off. Please contact Ryan if you don't have your community events pass yet. The pass is not only good for sporting events, but also for any of the arts events. Mainstage Theater will be presenting Pippin November 21st through 24th. You can use your pass to attend the production.

Mindy Alexander, Four Oaks Foster & Adoptive Family Connections

Mindy shared with attendees that November is National Adoption Month, which you might have known if you have seen any of Channel 13's adoption stories. Right now, Four Oaks' biggest need is individuals or families interested in adopting sibling groups or teenagers. In order to be eligible to be a foster or adoptive parent, you just need to be 21 or over. You can be single, married, co habiting, etc. You also need to complete a 30 hour training with an annual 6 hour training to maintain your eligibility. She shared a brochure to review. If you are interested in getting training, contact the email on the brochure, but the slots are filled based on priority of placement preferences with 1-2 classes starting each month. Trainings primarily take place in Ankeny office, but have been in Pella or Indianola. There is an online orientation each Wednesday and Sunday night at 8 pm, with a monthly in-person one.

Other needs of Four Oaks include getting the word out, if you are a member of any other group or organization that might be interested in hearing from Four Oaks, please let Mindy know. They are also looking for individuals that would be willing to donate material and time to help train current foster/adoptive parents for their 6 hour commitment. This could cover a variety of topics, but in essence, if it is helpful for the upbringing of a child, it would be of interest.

Deanna Lehl, Neighbor

Deanna is a neighbor at 3311 Cottage Grove and she wanted to encourage attendees to grow food, not grass. She advocates for alternatives to grass and has plenty of plants to share with neighbors who would be interested in getting started.

Nikki Grote, Neighbor

Nikki contact Jennifer regarding the shooting in her area around 42nd Street and Kingman Boulevard in June and October of this year. Jennifer was able to get her connected with Mark McKinney and other residents of the area to discuss how to handle. Nikki shared with attendees her story and how her experience made it difficult to feel comfortable and safe in her own home. She also wanted to thank Jennifer for connecting her with Mark. Once she shared concerned with Mark, Mark used every resource at his disposal to get to the bottom of what was going on with the shootings. He discovered that opposing gang members were living in Kingman Court illegally. Once this was discovered, the perpetrator was evicted. Mark also shared the perpetrator in the June shooting was also arrested through normal procedures. The emphasis of the time was to reach out to Mark whenever you see or hear anything that might be a little fishy in your neighborhood. If he is aware of it, he's able to take care of it, if he's not, then he can't do anything about it.

Discussion was also had around landlord's attending the DNA meetings, Jennifer shared that there was previously a landlord's committee.

NBSD: Mark McKinney and Eric Barker

Mark's report: 741 calls for services (down from last year) 9 bur, 2 assaults, 3 thefts, 1 motor vehicles. 2.47 days between burglaries (slower for this time of year). He credits the news and ring video doorbells. He again shared the WatchDSM program, which can be found on the city's website. The program maps out where all the cameras are in the city, so that if there is a crime near your camera, a detective would reach out and see if there was a possibility for you to review your footage and would you be willing to share that with the city.

Laura from Parks & Rec: Reminded attendees about the Wreath across America (\$15 to sponsor a wreath). As the holiday season starts, there will be two Jingle Bell Parties on December 5 and 12 at Community Recreation Centers. These parties are beneficiaries of Toys for Tots. There is also a marketing assistant position that is open through December 5th. This is a part time job. In addition, the parks department is launching their holiday pool pass. You can purchase November 28th through the end of the year. Be sure to like the Facebook Page to see everything that's going on.

Carl Voss, Candidate for City Council

Carl Voss is a candidate for City Council at Large in the December 3rd run off election. He was previously an interim city councilman, got a peak behind the curtains and it didn't scare him away. His focus on the doors has been revitalization of neighborhoods, focusing on water (both the water that we drink and the increase flooding), youth mental health, and street repair. He believes he finishes what he starts

and plays well with others. He also believes that he has a duty to give back to the City. He encouraged attendees to get absentee ballots requested and asked for our vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 pm