



Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, April 8th, **Zoom Meeting, 6:30 pm**
Present: Eldon, Nichole, Matt, Jessica, Lori, Mark, Carl, Jason, KJ, Jen, Alec, Eddie,
Ryan, Tom

6:30 Board Business - 6:34

Approval of April Agenda and March Minutes

No edits, motion was made by Jessica and seconded by Nichole. It passes unanimously.

Financials – Mark

Checking: \$328.82

Saving: \$15,588.00

COVID Discussion:

The board discussed some opportunities for the neighborhood in the midst of the COVID-19 Social Distancing. InvestDSM is offering an opportunity for the neighborhood to purchase \$500 in gift cards as prizes for various activities. The board discussed a “clean-up” on your own day, as the Paul Morrison Clean Up Day had been cancelled. Based on this discussion, the board will continue to discuss thoughts via email and come up with opportunity for neighbors.

Other discussions revolved around opportunity to help our neighbors during this time. Cottage Grove Church has become a neighborhood distribution center for Food Bank of Iowa and you can register to receive food or volunteer through their website. In addition, there are “Free Little Pantries” throughout the neighborhood for those in need.

Committee Updates:

- Ambassador Committee update – Tom
 - No Update
- Business Membership Update – Jennifer
 - No Update
- Marketing update—Nichole
 - Nichole shared discussed little blue houses, canceling things and rescheduling the virtual meeting. Katelyn is working on projects for summer events. Templating things for long term year use.
 - Not planning on printing the Summer newsletter
- Free Flicks – John and Ryan
 - John unable to join. Lauren has been scheduled for July 16 - Willy Wonka & Chocolate Factory. Ryan and John will be connecting with Nichole and promotion. Given the current business environment, the board wanted to be mindful of budget, sponsorship asks. Working on ideas for an equally impactful event.
- Drake House Tour Update – Nichole and Lori

- Met in March - committed to doing a house tour in October timeframe.
- Website Decision – Jen and Jason
 - Discussion around upgrading the website after the board reviewed the two options it was presented with. Discussion revolved around the need for the website to truly be a “plug & play” option and be cost effective as well. There was concern from board members about what the future would hold if Brand Canyon was selected in terms of long term maintenance. Wild Apricot’s ability to do the updates required as browsers update and us being able to “on-board” onto the site. Discussion also revolved around the need for a limited number of individuals to own the project, so there wasn’t a web of people with a pieces of information. Jason offered to take the lead in reaching out to the board and Lori, Tom, Matt, KJ, and Nichole offered to help when the transition happens. Tom made a motion to move forward with Wild Apricot at \$50 a month and for Jason to be the lead committee member on the project. Nichole seconded and the motion passes unanimously.

7:00 Neighborhood Updates

Introductions

NBSD Updates

- Mark McKinney
- Eric Barker
 - Rough time at the Housing office after the drive by shooting in the neighborhood killed the receptionist.
 - Solid waste is currently not picking up - even if they are stickered
 - Rental inspections, and others have been put hold
 - SCRUB dates are likely canceled as well
- Laura Murphy
 - Quieter, crazy busy on the trails and they are open
 - Follow on Facebook/Instagram/Twitter for updates
 - Programs are cancelled through May 11

Broadlawns Board Candidate – Dave Miglin

There are two seats open for Broadlawn’s Board and Dave Miglin is a candidate. He is running because he wants Broadlawns to remain a public and accessible hospital. He sees the position as a fiduciary responsibility to the community.

He also would work to expand mental health care through Broadlawns, expand clinics into the neighborhoods

He would work to keep Broadlawns strong & resourced to be a service in times like these.

He sees Broadlawns as the epitome of Iowa Nice - being available in the time of need.

Polk County Auditor – Jamie Fitzgerald: Upcoming Election changes as a result of COVID-19

Auditor Fitzgerald came to speak about what his office is doing to keep the primary elections in June fair and safe. They have reduced the number of polling sites - 177 precincts, 28 polling locations - but will ensure these polling sites comply with CDC and ADA guidelines. Curbside voting will be available at all locations.

His office is also part of a state wide effort to encourage individuals to vote from home. The

Secretary of State is mailing out absentee request forms to every Iowa from April 23rd-24th - May 22nd is the deadline to get the request form to the office.

Kevin Schneider – Polk County Sheriff: Public Health and Awareness

Kevin wanted to share with the board to be aware of scams in the neighborhood revolving around COVID-19. If you hear of any, please pass it along.

Drake Report Update – Ryan/John

Drake is transitioned to remote delivery of education. Residential students are mostly off campus. Some students have remained on campus. Many off campus students have remained in the neighborhood.

Transition summer programming to online delivery. Summer orientation is planning on being done remotely - Ryan is creating a neighborhood welcome video to welcome students. Consider sending a “welcome to the neighborhood” video.

Census Reminder – Jen

Kingman Island Cruise - Tom

Based on dates and timeline with COVID-19, Tom encouraged board to consider postponing event until 2021. Discussion was had about “spontaneous” block parties when social distancing seems to be ending to celebrate the neighborhood.

General Neighborhood Updates

Kum & Go has been demolished, along with apartment building behind
Polk County has put their grant program on hold - hold for funding for the marker at the Triangle.
Moving forward with the Cottage Grove Triangle with InvestDSM funds.
InvestDSM purchased a house to return back to a single family home.
Kingman Island has been cleaned up as this social distancing has been going on.
Tiny Trees project is on hold.

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