



Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, July 8th, **Zoom Meeting, 6:30 pm**
Nichole, Mark, KJ, Jason, John, Carl, Jessica, Lori, Alec, Mac, Eddie

6:30 Board Business @ 6:40

Approval of July Agenda and June Minutes

Carl made the motion to approve the agenda and the June minutes and it was seconded by Nichole. The motion passed unanimously.

Financials – Mark

Checking: \$237.84

Saving: \$15,591.89

Committee Updates:

- Ambassador Committee update – Tom
 - Tom reported that he has connected with Ashley to welcome new members to the association. With Jennifer stepping down from the board, it creates a void in the business membership and discussion revolved around who might be able to take that role. Alec volunteered to take the lead as long as there were no concerns around conflict of interest - and Jason offered to support Alec in the areas where there might be conflict of interest.
 - The Westside Chamber is starting a movement to Tip 25% to help employees in the service industry who have been negatively affected by COVID-19. It was suggested the association pushes this out through social media and tag any neighborhood businesses. As an aside Alec offered a blanket thank you for continued support of his employees.
 - Several new businesses in the neighborhood are opening including: Dough Co, Coach's Kolaches, Rico's and Zumiez.
- Marketing update—Nichole
 - Limited news to report from the marketing committee. The Drake Pick Me Up challenge has been extended and Nichole continues to work to award gift cards.
 - The summer newsletter was cancelled.
- Website Update – Jason
 - Jason enlisted the help of Jessica, Nichole, and Tom to work on the website through the month of July. The hope is to launch the website in August.

Lori asked the board to consider action given the implications of COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement within the neighborhood. The focus of the conversation revolved how to support black neighbors. John shared the Burt Boys & Girls Club would be doing some sort of programming around Black Lives Matters and would keep the board engaged on how we can be involved. The other

main discussion was sharing a list of the black owned businesses in the neighborhood. Jessica shared The Director's Council was creating a list of black owned businesses and this would be something we could share on social media.

7:00 Neighborhood Updates

Introductions

NBSD Updates

- Eric Barker
 - Rental Properties Inspection are starting back up
 - Junk & debris is picking up and they can send notices and clean up.

Drake Report Update – Ryan/John

No major updates, but the first year class will be 775 students. These students will arrive on campus on August 13th. The plan continues to use the amended calendar shared at the June meeting with the main change being students on campus time ending around Thanksgiving. Anticipating mandatory masks on campus and in University buildings and fall sports decisions will likely revolve around the decisions made by the Power 5 conferences.

There continues to be progress on DMPS's end around the potential stadium project as the school board approved the project with a unanimous vote.

General Neighborhood Updates

Lori shared work continues on the Cottage Grove Triangle and some unexpected steps and costs have arisen. She will keep the association updated as the project continues work. Concern about excessive speeds on Cottage Grove 31st-35th and neighbors would like to have a survey done, in order to complete they would like the neighborhood association or a city council member to support a study. The association would prefer to wait until the University Avenue construction completes to see if the problems persist.

Varsity Cinema coming in August

Home Tour likely not happening as originally planned. Discussion around outdoor tour instead with the focus being on some of the block challenge areas. End Dates for University Avenue Projects is August and Nelson Development project is supposed to end in September

Meeting Adjourned _____ 8:06 pm