

17 Jan 81

University Place's

D. N. A.

N.H.S. Tour Notes

- * 24th & C.G. - Gateway to historic neighborhood of University Place
 - Originally site where Indians migrated to hold Council
 - Carpenter Square (named after Drake's orig. chancellor) set aside by University Land Co. as site for 1st Christ. Church
 - left a park until freeway built
 - soon to be a beautification project - planting trees & flowers
 - old gas lamps
- * Cottage Grove Presb. Church - 1889
 - an anchor point
 - a socially active church in housing rehab and services for elderly
- * Blind Mundies - neighbor. grocery of Mrs. Clark where Mrs. Clark sold dressing first made
- * Cottage Grove only paved street in area initially
 - Drake used to hold track meets on street
- * Close historical relationship between Univ. & neighborhood
 - Univ. Land Co had interlocking directorate with Drake Board of Trustees
 - sold lots and houses to generate income for Drake
- * Most houses directly south and east of Drake built in 1890's and early 1900's.
 - Drake students orig. housed off campus for 1st 25 yrs.
- * Kingman Place Plat developed by Mr. Kingman who used to have large nursery south of Kingman
- * Carson Apt. "
- * Jenny's - where Amelia Earhart once lived as child
- * Outside historic district where replating predominant
- * Solar home - emphasis by Thoreau center and others on energy conservation and renewable energy sources
- * Greek Orthodox Church - unique in Ds.M. - area historically noted for its religious toleration thanks to philosophy of toleration by Disciples of Christ & Drake
- * Grace Methodist - anchor point
 - Rev. Shoemaker on Board, members prominent in Assns. Formative stage
- * Assn. origins unique - elder residents prime movers and activists in revitalizing and preserving area

- * SW & NW quadrants of DNA area single family homes primarily
 - principal target areas for organizing Neigh. Watch program with police
 - start where blocks most stable and easiest to organize, then moving east 1 block at a time
- * Thoreau Center
 - community center with emphasis on energy
- * Reenter historic district - homogeneous nature of old homes
 - one of few areas still relatively free of intrusions of modern architecture
 - application to list area on National Register based on historical significance of area
- * Old Main - Drake U. - anchor point
 - begun by Disciples of Christ Church whose philo. emphasized pursuit of knowledge and intellectual understanding
 - 25 yrs. after its opening, Drake withdrew from active involvement with neighborhood for
 - now 75 yrs. later actively taken part in revitalization effort
 - because of L.C., ^{v.p.} K.R. & Pres Miller
 - concern about crime and its lack of involve.
- * Univ. Christ. Church - anchor point
 - vital, lead role in dev. Univ. Place 100 yrs. ago and again very involved today
- * Drake business district
 - one of ~~best~~ neighborhood busin. districts.
 - working with DBA to revitalize commercial district
 - seeking comm. tax abatement
 - expect new face list
 - conducting inventory of needs
- * 1st Fed Bank - anchor point
 - help finance newsletter and active on board as Treas.
- * Drake Park
 - ~~is~~ practice field for Drake athletics
 - sold to City in 1904
 - gathering point for protest in teens
 - people opposing Keo extension thru neighborhood

- * Area of New Life Center - an anchor point
 - example of concerned residents bringing stability to a few blocks with energy and hard work
 - 3 to 4 yrs. ago this particular area had high turnover of ownership and residents, high crime area
 - Assn. organizing residents block by block to know their neighbors, work together and know who to turn to for ^{complementing} resources.

- * Two fold purpose of National Register
 - install pride in the history and restoration of neighborhood
 - incentive to invest time and resources

* Philosophy of Assn.

- self help
- work together
 - litter campaign last year using block leader approach 20 blocks
 - this year's goal 40 blocks
- seek from outside only incentives of abatement and investment of private resources
 - e.i. paint program being developed with Iowa Paint

* Revit. Area - Univ. Place

- east of Drake part of Madal City R.A.
- south of Drake " " W-W R.A.
- seek R.A. status for N-E quadrant
- majority of homes single family owner-occupied ^{- older population}
- boundaries selected because each block exceeded 51% criteria estab. by Mgrs. office and ^{- outside area targeted by Drake for immediate expansion}
- using CETA staff donated by Drake to inform residents
- homes initial signs of disrepair
- Tax abatement as another tool to encourage residents

* NHS Consideration

- question raised as to why NHS might want to help a tax-exempt institution like Drake because of all the properties it owns
- historical consideration of Drake & housing
 - owns properties not only for expansion, but also for housing
- we in the neighborhood consider Drake a good neighbor
 - among the best kept properties in the area

- More importantly is that as I hope you have seen this morning, Drake is but one of many partners in this neighborhood
- Historically, we residents and small businesses have learned not to rely on institutions to take care of the neighborhood
- Those of us outside Drake hope the Assn is successful in estab. a network of neighbors and block leaders who strive toward self reliance
- We reach for helping cooperation from other neighborhoods like M.C. & W.W., ~~S~~ and from private sources like NHS
- It is in the process, Drake, the Churches, the businesses, landlords and City benefit, so be it

* Final note on cooperation

- We do not see ourselves this morning in a competitive situation with M.C. & W.W. for NHS services
- Our board is on record emphasizing cooperative efforts with our Prime Service neighbors
- We believe that the area most in need of NHS are those areas ~~bordering~~ ^{bordering} ~~at~~ by urban renewal ^{efforts} over the past 10 yrs.
 - western M-C, north W-W and eastern DNA
- We have already worked together ~~is~~ on certain efforts in the past and stand ready to do so again
- We appeal to NHS to work with selected areas within all 3 neighborhoods.

SUBSTANTIVE PRIORITIES FOR CETA EMPLOYEES

- * Neighborhood Watch
 - Operation I.D.
 - Neighborhood Watch
- * Revitalize Drake Business Assn.
- * Draw in private sector financial resources
- * Litter campaign
- * Owner-tenant campaign - cooperative efforts
- * Tax abatement & ^{Physical Improvement} paint-buy program
- * Plant life beautification

1/12/81

WLC/J.N./E.W.

VISTA - City contract offer

Increasing interplay between
University & neighborhood.

Omega patrol & ^{busi.} Grant & post office & senior citizen @ adv. class ▲
- Lou Wood (prof) SBA outpost (urban labr.)

NHS refer.

DNA

MINUTES FROM THE 2nd HALF OF JULY'S ^{Meeting}

Faye made a motion to authorize the establishment of a steering committee to investigate some precentage (perhaps 100%) of the capitol improvements needed along Kingman between Cottage Grove and Plot Polk Blvd.

After it was second and passed, Bob McClellen said we should re-present this motion at the next board meeting due to a lack of quorum.

The Steering Committee would consist of

Scott _____, chairman

Rick Jorgeson

John Neubauer

And two suggested names were Harold Wells and Paul Morris

Bob announced his resignation as board member and introduced Faith as the new representative of the church. John accepted this arrangement with the understanding that it will be ratified officially when the other DNA board members are back from vacation.

John is appointing a nominating committee for new Board Members, and Bob suggested some tall, good-looking Basketball player, a friend of Faye's, who works at the bank.

Gladys announced the ice cream social date and the August 28th Pot Luck at Drake Park.

Bob gave the financial report

Faye will get copies made of the Historic Book, and Gladys wanted to remind everyone about the executive committee.

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

3:00 pm

22 January 1981

The meeting was held in the Conference room of the First Federal State Bank, 24th and University.

Present:

W.L. Cunning, President
John Neubauer, Vice-President
Gladys Burkhead
Pauline Morrison
Faye Vilimek
Wayne Shoemaker
Bill Crawford
Rod Rhoades

Absent:

Gene Hiskey
Bob McClelland
Ben Robbins
Ginger Kuhl
Abraham Sommerville
Stephanie Furstenau
Phil Weider

Bill Crawford introduced the new President of the First Federal State Bank, Charles Gustavson. He expressed his willingness to support the D.N.A. effort. The board members welcomed his support.

Minutes of 17 December 1980 were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John Neubauer announced a savings on the Newsletter. Cost \$31.00 for 500 copies, both sides.
2. Introduction of CETA workers Bob Brown and Ellen Wittmaier.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Drake Relays Festival Support - Bill Crawford suggested D.N.A. get involved in the Drake Relays Festival Week. Suggestions were as follows:
 - Crazy Race with the local businessmen
 - Scottish band on the veranda of the bank/jazz band
 - Sidewalk cafes
 - Decorating windows using student volunteers
 - Popcorn and bratwurst stands
 - Mini Bulldog contest
 - Sponsor a float (possible parking on University)

Bill Crawford announced that the information concerning D.N.A.'s support could be published in the Drake Relays flyer if provided by February 20, 1981.

John Neubauer made a motion to appoint a committee to carry out the support project. Rod Rhoades seconded. Rod Rhoades volunteered to recruit/inform merchants in the area.

2. A survey of the neighborhood products and services was discussed. A directory of businesses and services is the project outcome. This survey will be conducted by Drake student volunteers.
3. Beautification - Larry Cuning suggested a symbolic neighborhood flower (blue and white petunias). A possible truck-load sale with neighborhood discounts was mentioned. Rod Rhoades suggested painting fire hydrants in the area blue and white with bulldog heads. This is to be done by student volunteers.
4. Revitalization of Drake Business Association - A lunch is planned at Diamond Dave's Taco Co., 2417 University, for February 3, 1981 at 11:30 am.
5. Project "FACELIFT" - H.U.D. "Partners in Neighborhood Development"- Larry Cuning announced that an application was being made for architecture consultants. Out of 52 prospects, we are still candidates. Amount requested was \$15,000.
6. Historic Project - John Neubauer explained the purpose of the bus tour taken on 1/17/81. A motion was made by Faye Vilimek to approve the historic project. Gladys Burkhead seconded.
7. Revitalization of Neighborhood (Iowa Paint program) - the discount rate for D.N.A. and possible rebate as a source of income were discussed. Rod Rhoades made a motion for approval. Faye Vilimek seconded.
8. An educational program for the benefit of neighborhood residents concerning revitalization efforts was discussed. Establishment of block leaders to proliferate information is the tool to be utilized.
9. A "Four Mile Marathon" and outdoor potluck is planned for sometime in August 1981. The race will be conducted through the Drake Historical area. A motion to approve D.N.A. support was made by Gladys Burkhead. Rod Rhoades seconded.
10. The board approved the logo for D.N.A., presented by CETA worker, Ellen Wittmaier.
11. An increase of membership fees was discussed. This will be an issue discussed by the general membership. John Neubauer suggested individuals pay \$3.00 and \$5.00 for families. Faye Vilimek suggested businesses pay \$25.00. Benefits such as the discount from Iowa Paint will be part of a promotional effort.
12. Larry Cuning announced that the Ford Foundation has allocated funds in the form of "local initiative grants" for the purpose of neighborhood/university partnerships. With this program, a coordinator position is funded for one year. This is being researched as a viable resource for D.N.A..

The meeting was formally adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

February 19, 1981

The meeting was held in the conference room of the First Federal State Bank, 24th & University.

Present:

W.L. Cunning, President
Gladys Burkhead
Faye Vilimek
Wayne Shoemaker
Bob McClelland
Stephanie Furstenau
Paul Johnson

Absent:

John Neubauer, Vice-president
Ben Robbins
Gene Hiskey
Phil Weider
Rod Rhoades
Pauline Morrison
Bill Crawford
Ginger Kuhl

Chris Meyer represented Bill Crawford. Ellie Wittmaier, (CETA) Neighborhood Project coordinator, was also present.

Gladys Burkhead reported that all the members had been called but many could not make it because Thursdays were inconvenient for some members. She made a motion that the Board Meeting days be changed back to Wednesdays. Wayne Shoemaker seconded. Carried. New locations were also discussed. Bob McClelland proposed the use of the Conference room of the First Christian Church. Paul Johnson suggested using Olmsted Center. March 18th, April 15th, and May 20th, are the Dates of the next three Board meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Cunning announced that Bob Brown (CETA) worker had left the organization and because of this, the abandoned houses project had been temporarily set aside. Two of the reported abandoned houses are now being revitalized and the third is still abandoned. This house, located at 3216 Forest, is owned by James J. Clark, who also owns a tavern in Ames, Iowa. It was suggested that executive action be taken to get the City to condemn this property.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Cunning announced that a new CETA worker was being considered. Also that, Iowa State Extension Service is being used to assist in the needs assessment project. He mentioned that an effort is being made to bring the Forest Avenue and

the University Place Businessmen Associations together in the near future. On February 3rd, a luncheon was held for D.N.A. members and the University Place businessmen. Among other actions, they agreed with Mr. Cunning's suggestion to form an action committee (Commercial Opportunities Committee) with an emphasis on keeping unwanted businesses out and recruiting wanted new businesses. Action is being taken to form this committee.

The value of the bank as a viable contributor to Drake neighborhood efforts was discussed. Chris Meyer announced that Bill Crawford had taken a new position which would allow him more time for community action. Additionally, the Businessmen Association agreed to form an "Events Promotion Committee" for the Drake Relays and future events important to the Drake neighborhood. They have made a list of proposed activities. They are as follows:

Bands for each day of the Relays week:

West Des Moines Dixieland
Iowa Scottish Heritage Bagpipers
Altoona Kitchen Band
Larry Kaptain's Marimba Band

A contest between the neighborhood merchants and Drake football coaches.

Taco eating contest.

Crazy races.

Every window of the merchants' storefronts painted with signs and slogans.

Tent in case of rain.

Popcorn, pop, and ice cream stands. Churches are invited to participate. If anyone has any suggestions, they are to let Bill Crawford know.

Larry Cunning reported a recent friendly contact with Councilwoman, Elaine Syzmoniak, who has pledged her support in the efforts of the Drake Neighborhood Association. He also suggested a meeting between John Neubauer, Stephanie Furstenau, and Ellie Wittmaier to discuss the Drake Neighborhood Association office taking over the responsibility for the Newsletter.

Drake parking has become a problem, especially during Fine Arts events. It was suggested by Bob McClelland that signs be posted so people would know what times they could use the Drake parking lots without being ticketed. Paul Johnson agreed these times should be printed on the events tickets. Faye Vilimek mentioned that students parking all day in front of the businesses took parking away from other customers. She suggested that possibly meetings between students and business persons in the neighborhood, might help to alleviate the problem.

Ellie Wittmaier announced that the cost for the blue and white neighborhood petunias was \$6.49 a flat or \$1.08 a dozen. Also that on March 19th, Lt. Trout, with the Des Moines police, will be bringing a van to 1803 26th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in the Neighborhood Watch program is encouraged to attend.

The next two general membership meetings are on March 31st at the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church and April 30th at the Grace Methodist Church. The topic of the March meeting will be Owner/Tenant relations. Gene Hiskey will address these issues with a panel of representative organizations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CAMPUS COMMUNICATION
Drake University

To: Larry Cuning

From: Bob MacDonald

Date: 3-6-81

Subject: Risers for Relays

Bill Dunbar asked me to reply to your note. It appears that we could let you use one or two 8" risers for that date. However, we would ask that you pick up and return them the day of the event. We are not set up to move equipment like that.

Let me know what kind of arrangements have been made. It sounds like a good event.



DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board meeting

2:00 pm

March 18, 1981

The meeting was held in the conference of room of the First Christian Church, 25th & University Avenue.

Present:

W.L. Cunning, President
John Neubauer, Vice-president
Gladys Burkhead
Bob McClelland
Pauline Morrison
Faye Vilimek

Absent:

Rod Rhoades
Ben Robbins
Phil Weider
Ginger Kuhl
Bill Crawford
Wayne Shoemaker
Stephanie Furstenau
Abe Sommerville
Gene Hiskey
Paul Johnson

Ellie Wittmaier attended.
Minutes were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Cunning announced a new CETA worker was hired. Danny Williams replaced Bob Brown's position. Danny is currently working on 3 projects simultaneously. He is doing research for the Historic project at the Water Works, researching abandoned houses, and doing a "needs assessment" survey.

The reported abandoned house located at 3216 Forest is being considered for demolition. The new owner is Bill Dickson and he will make a decision within the next 30 days.

John Neubauer reported that the research on the Historic project is about half finished. There are 10 people working on the committee and they have been working hard.

NEW BUSINESS

Ellie Wittmaier announced that as result of the pretest survey (needs assessment), several people have contacted her regarding the Drake Neighborhood boundaries. Many would like to see the Freeway designated the southern boundary. The issue is being considered by the Board.

Larry Cuning announced that the next luncheon date for the University Place Business Association and the D.N.A. will be held on April 1st at the Olmsted Center. President Wilbur Miller will ^{attend} ~~preside~~. Reports from the various committees and a general get-aquainted meeting will be the agenda for the luncheon.

Larry Cuning announced a low-interest subsidization for home improvement loans that is currently being offered by the City. Further research is being done on this program. A sliding scale interest subsidy is provided under the Neighborhood Development Office based on family income. Twelve Des moines banks or savings and loans are participating. This is not a program for just "low-income" groups.

Mr. Cuning reported our involvement in the Iowa Development Commission's program for community recognition. A contest entry consisting of D.N.A. projects will be submitted.

John Neubauer volunteered to be the spokesman for the D.N.A. at the City Council meeting Monday, March 30th. A decision is to be made on the designated revitalization area which is common to D.N.A., Model Cities, and Woodland-Wilkie planning boards. The purpose is tax abatement for home-owner improvements.

Mr. Neubauer requested funds for development of pictures for the Historic area project. The cost is estimated at \$60.00 to \$75.00. Gladys Burkhead made a motion that the D.N.A. pay the total cost. Faye Vilimek seconded. Carried.

John Neubauer presented information and a copy of an ordinance under study by the City which will constitute "enabling legislation", to provide future areas voting themselves into "historic preservation districts", real property protection against drastic changes. This proposed ordinance, sponsored by Sherman Hills neighborhood, does not affect the D.N.A. project for recognition on the National Register. Further, boundaries of the D.N.A. area on the National Register need not be the same as citizens could later decide they wanted to come under the city of Des Moines' protective ordinance. Neubauer moved that copies of the proposed ordinance be duplicated for the D.N.A. Board to study for future resolution as to favor, oppose, or neutral. Seconded by Faye Vilimek. Carried, for referral to study.

Neubauer and Cuning reported on discussions recently held to allay concern by neighbors that Drake was demolishing houses in the historic district for "Drake master plan". Neubauer reported that the concern was real, and some emotions had developed, even though the concern was only rumored and not based on facts other than one house at 28th & Brattleboro, and one house at 1167 - 27th St. had been demolished. Neubauer effectively conveyed back to these neighbors that Drake's master plan was for far into the future, and that no plans for large-scale demolition were under way, nor did Drake have any self-interest in demolishing more houses--in fact, they are attempting to demonstrate to the City that no more off-street parking is necessary to accompany the new building for the College of Business. The demolitions recorded above were for properties in no condition to be economically feasible for renovation, and because of security concerns in the neighborhood immediately surrounding, to open up dark and suspicious areas, and to forestall vandalism of the unoccupied, unused properties.

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Gladys Burkhead made a motion that the location of the Board meetings be held at the First Christian Church permanently. Bob McClelland seconded. Carried.

Gladys announced that the calling committee would notify the members of the up-coming "white elephant" sale at the next potluck.

John Neubauer agreed to approach Paul Johnson and the Des Moines Housing Council regarding the purchasing of a fire-damaged house at 1420 - 24th. We have been looking for a pilot revitalization project, using the Housing Council interim financing, Drake contracting and supervisory ability, then reselling the project on completion.

Larry Cuning announced that the University Bookstore owners have petitioned for zoning variance, indicating a move in the near future. He suggested that the University Place Businessmens' "Commercial Opportunities" committee be notified. Mr. Cuning also mentioned a need to move towards the development of a reinvestment corporation or a local development company. This was sighted as an alternative to government financing with regulatory constraints.

Faye Vilimek asked about business memberships in the D.N.A. A recommended business membership fee will be presented and voted on at the next general membership meeting.

On April 30th, a "box luncheon" auction will be held at the Crestview Baptist Church. The proceeds will go to help finance the OKTOBERFEST. There will not be a general membership meeting in May.

The need for a by-laws committee was discussed. Diane Heins will be contacted in this regard. Nelda Wells was mentioned as a possible contributor.

A need for serious search for alternative financing for the CETA positions was brought up by Chairmen Cuning. He expressed the concern that the highly regarded work of the past two months by the paid neighborhood workers is placed in jeopardy by the Reagan administration's negative appraisals of the CETA program in general. Also, that work of this nature needs at least one full-time professional coordinator to keep citizen volunteers interested and productive. The Drake/CETA contract ends 9/30/81. Neubauer stated that the priorities established by the Board could not be completed in the next six months remaining, and that a more realistic appraisal was that we had undertaken two year's worth of projects, indicating at least 18 months more work is needed by a full-time worker. Vilimek expressed doubt that the University Place Business Association could financially contribute to this-- they cannot afford more than their own assessments, let alone any staff. The suggestion was made that a professional-looking brochure of accomplishments, needs, and funding proposal be made up for presentation to private-sector corporations or foundations so that this non-federal (except for CETA) neighborhood organization can be kept going. Cuning indicated that Drake has reprogrammed his time on the job, with a new building project and some required staff economies, so that he will not be able to contribute the time he has given to D.N.A. for the last year and a half.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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1 CORPORATION NAME—

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 THE DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
 INC. C/O LARRY WENZL
 2401 UNIVERSITY AVE
 DES MOINES, IOWA 50311

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2 State briefly the character of the affairs which the corporation is actually conducting:
Neighborhood revitalization & beautification

3 Registered Office and Agent.
2401 University Ave. 50311

4 Name and Addresses of Officers and Directors (Use back of report for additional space)

OFFICERS	NAME	ADDRESS (complete)
President	Willis L. Cunniff	1422 27th Street Des Moines, Ia. 50311
Vice President	John Neubauer	2511 Cottage Grove Des Moines, Ia. 50311
Secretary		
Treasurer	Bill Crawford	First Federal State Bank 24th & University
	Gladys Burkhead	1107 27th Des Moines, Ia. 50311
	Gene Hiskey	2701 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, Ia. 50311
	Bob Ecclesland	First Christian Church 25th & University
DIRECTORS		Des Moines, Iowa 50311
	Bob Phoades	2401 University Des Moines, Ia. 50311
	Dr. Wayne Shoemaker	Grace Methodist Church 27th & Cottage Grove
		Des Moines, Iowa 50311

5 The undersigned officer of this corporation hereby declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing annual report is true and correct in all details.

BY *Willis L. Cunniff* President
 Officer's Signature and Title

*mailed
 3/14/81*

This annual report must be signed by one of the four officers, president, vice president, secretary or treasurer.

WARNING: Additional filings may be required. (1) If the corporation filing this report owns or leases agricultural land in the State of Iowa, or owns or leases any land in which poultry or livestock are confined for feeding or other purposes for ten days or more, or if this corporation contracts for keeping or feeding poultry or livestock or contracts for growing of agricultural crops, fruit or other horticultural products in the State of Iowa, it must also file form AR-1 State of Iowa Annual Agricultural Report. This form may be obtained from the Farm Reporting Division of the office of the Iowa Secretary of State, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

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USE SPACE BELOW IF NECESSARY FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

Bill Crawford First Federal State Bank 2401 University Des Moines, Iowa 50311
Ben Robbins Caldwell-Brien-Robbins Funeral Home 2100 University Des Moines, Ia. 50311
Mrs. Ginger Kuhl 3221 Mondamin, Des Moines, Iowa 50311
Mrs. Pauline Morrison 1054 35th Des Moines, Iowa 50311
Abraham Sommerville 2615 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, Iowa 50311
Stephanie Furstenau 2600 Kingman, Des Moines, Iowa 50311
Faye Vilimek Vilimek Gift Shop 1229 25th, Des Moines, Iowa 50311
Phil Weider Forker Pharmacy 2505 Forest, Des Moines, Iowa 50311

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

2:00 pm

April 15, 1981

The meeting was held in the conference room of the First Christian Church, 25th & University.

Present:

W.L. Cunning, President
John Neubauer, Vice-president
Gladys Burkhead
Pauline Morrison
Faye Vilimek

Absent:

Stephanie Furstenau
Rod Rhoades
Phil Weider
Ben Robins
Dr. Wayne Shoemaker
Bill Crawford
Bob McClelland
Ginger Kuhl
Gene Hiskey
Abraham Sommerville

Guests:

Wayne Mikos
Danny Williams
Ellie Wittmaier

OLD BUSINESS

John Neubauer announced a Planning and Zoning meeting to be held on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 pm. The implications of the proposed Historic District Ordinance city-wide aspects for Des Moines were discussed. This ordinance is receiving its main support from the Sherman Hills and Owl's Head Associations. Larry Cunning suggested we study the technical aspects of the proposal in detail before final approval by the Board. John Neubauer suggested that the Drake area will be leaders in solar energy and this proposal may be restrictive in this regard. These issues can be brought to the attention of the council members, so we have more than "one shot" at having influence on this. John Neubauer motioned we support the ordinance with "qualifications". Gladys Burkhead seconded. Carried.

On our local historic preservation district (registration on the National Register), John Neubauer mentioned that in the proposed Drake Neighborhood Association Historic district, institutions such as Drake University have the right to veto in order to remain exempt from the historic designation. The boundaries will not include the University's property. The First Christian Church council is examining their position on this also.

Abandoned Houses:

Larry Cuning announced that the house located at 3216 Forest is owned by Bill Dickson of Midwest Equities. Meggison Realty has recently offered it for sale. Dickson is being pushed by the city to make up his mind concerning the property. The house has been boarded up and the abandoned car removed. Something is apparently being done. Larry Cuning has met with Mary Helweg of City Legal Services and Art Cunningham, Housing Inspection, on the matter. They have agreed to keep the pressure on.

Mr. Cuning stated that Paul Johnson, Drake representative to the Des Moines Housing Council, informed him that the house located at 1420 24th Street is on the wrong side of the street in order to be included in a Prime Service area. In order for a house to be a Des Moines Housing Council rehabilitation/resale project, it must be located in a Prime Service area. The CETA workers are still searching out abandoned houses in the area.

Needs Assessment:

Ellie Wittmaier and Danny Williams reported on the "needs assessment" survey. There was a good response rate, however, they met with some resistance in the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd street area. These people do not identify with Drake University or the Drake area. They identify with Model Cities and Woodland-Wilkie neighborhoods. There were several comments received by the canvass workers on changes in the neighborhoods that have negative effects. Rental units and transportation of "undesirables" (halfway houses) were common responses. The women's correctional facility was mentioned in this regard. This unit has apparently been relocated recently to Ft. Des Moines.

Revitalization:

John Neubauer reported that the decision on the proposed revitalization area designation (for tax abatement on improvements) is being postponed until Woodland-Wilkie and Sherman Hills' conflict is settled. There is some problem with the historical and revitalization aspects. The date for the decision by City Council is April 20th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wayne Mikos (Special Events committee) reported that at the box social (general membership meeting on April 30th) he would be making a short presentation explaining the Oktoberfest to be held on September 19th. He said that persons had been assigned to several different projects. The projects were as follows:

- Public Relations
- Games and Events
- Dance and Entertainment
- Set-up and Clean-up
- Arts and Crafts Fair
- Bulb Sale (Gladys Burkhead will be donating some bulbs)
- Food and Beverage

10-12 persons attend the Oktoberfest meetings every other Saturday. These people will receive some form of recognition for their efforts. More volunteers are needed.

Wayne also announced the volunteer services and support of the fraternity

Sigma Chi. These people have offered to help set-up, clean-up or anything else that needs to be done. German clothing and decorations will be used for the Oktoberfest which will take place in Drake Park. Flowers are being planted in the park for which permission was obtained from the city.

Wayne also mentioned membership drives. There will be booths at events such as Art fairs and biking clubs. A door to door campaign is being planned. A brochure is also being designed.

John Neubauer announced the week of May 10-16 as being Historic Preservation week. Virgil Stanford of City Planning received this data from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington D.C. and informed all city neighborhoods. A meeting between 7 different community groups is being held Wednesday, April 15th, to discuss strategies and activities of neighborhood groups. The meeting will be at the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church at 7:00. A letter to the Mayor to get him to proclaim this week an historical preservation week for the city of Des Moines is being sent. The theme of the National Historic Preservation week is "Keeping America's Neighborhoods Together".

Faye Vilimek asked a question concerning the viability of the University Place Business Association. Larry Cuning stated that the Des Moines Office of the Economic Development Administration is considering going city-wide with a local development corporation. This would provide the opportunity and incentive for our own area business "facelift" project. The city is well aware of our interest in this area. If the city-wide LDC is not formed, we will ask Deborah Boudreau's office to help us get a Drake business area LDC formed. This corporation (an LDC) provides "seed money" and an overall design and "continuity of leadership" function.

Larry Cuning announced that Drake University has offered a storefront rent-free unit in which the Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. can relocate. The new fiscal budget and program has to go before City Council for a new agreement before a decision can be made on the new location. This organization is proposing to serve the Woodland-Wilkie, Model Cities and the Drake Neighborhood area. Our area is central to the other neighborhoods and appears to be a convenient location for the new offices. Neighborhood Housing Services figures their job is 90% complete in the Hiland Park - Grandview area and their Board is considering new target areas to serve.

Larry Cuning and Gladys Burkhead both mentioned that they had received several comments regarding the proposed name change of the organization. It appears that some persons do not want to see it changed. There will be some form of a vote by the general membership. The possibility of a mail ballot was discussed.

Larry Cuning attended an all-city energy planning meeting sponsored by the Center for Self-reliance and interested groups. He will represent the Drake Neighborhood Association. Task force groups are to be set up to concentrate effort on feasible wide-area energy objectives. The purpose of these groups is to do some long-term, wide-area planning. A Greater Des Moines Energy Plan needs formulation and recognition. The time to get some strategic planning done is now while the suburban metro areas are working together on the wide-area Sanitary Sewer concept and have a group already planning together. They are not very "sharp" yet on the energy and technical aspects, but there is a big opportunity for code updating and individual home-owner or builder awareness.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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NOTES FOR DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING:

1. The Bank will have the Iowa Heritage Bag Pipe Group on Thursday.
2. The West Des Moines Dixieland Band will be at the Bank from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Friday.
3. Bill Kitter will be painting all windows in the Drake area.
4. There will be pop, popcorn, and balloons on both days as give-aways at the Bank.
5. Several Drake area businessmen have challenged the Drake coaching staff to foot races which will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday.
6. There will be a 400 lb. block of ice with as many Drake memorabilia as we can get frozen in it. There will be a contest to see who can guess the closest to the number of items on the block of ice with a \$100.00 savings bond as the prize.
7. There will be 55,000 brochures published and distributed throughout the city advertising Drake Days.
8. Our statement stuffers will contain this same information.
9. All bank employees will be involved in the activities.

OLD BUSINESS

1. John [unclear] announced that City Planning and Zoning turned down the [unclear] on April 15, 1981. This was because there were too many [unclear]. It was recommended that the neighborhood groups come to a [unclear] statement. The ordinance was then passed Monday, [unclear]. [unclear] will be exempt from the Historic status if they [unclear]. This led to the discussion of City Code enforcement (see New [unclear]).
2. John [unclear] stated that the "revitalization" area (for tax abatement purposes on property improvement) for the Woodland-Wilkie district was approved by City Council. The Sherman-Wilkie tax abatement area will be decided on June 14th. It was felt that further decisions on additional revitalization areas were delayed because the historic ordinance issue "bogged down" City Council. It was suggested that Ass't. City Mgr. Dave Johnson be contacted to find out when the research on the proposed Drake area revitalization project will be done and when the letters informing the community of the hearing will be going out.

*Up Date
on Drake Relay
Days*