

January 1985

Members present; John Neubauer, Virginia Peterson, Linda Bender, Harriet Danielson, Faye Vilimek, Diane Munns, Bruce Heilman, Ric Jorgensen, Gladys Burkhead, John Wilken, Kerry Graham, Jim Ryan.

Members absent; Mike Early, Dorothy Anderson, Wayne Shoemaker.

- Item 1. Approval of minutes of December meeting - approved
- Item 2. Approval of financial report (see attached report) - approved
- Item 3. John suggested paying remaining note for books by adding \$100 from Fallfest account to the existing \$200+ that we have from sales of books. The note is for \$300 plus interest. Fallfest savings account is at \$1641.55. - Motion: Wilken Second: Heilman - approved
- Item 4. Sales of future books to go to general fund. - Motion Wilken Second: Jorgensen
- Item 5. John Neubauer presented selections for newsletter. Discussion for other things in newsletter.
- Item 6. John described various neighborhood organizations.
1. Drake DesMoines Development Corp. - 6-7 community leaders to control new building or rehab in the neighborhood - formed in October 1984- Drake and Hawkeye Bank are moving title to their properties not slated for use by them to this corporation
 - a. Drake Revitalization Committee - set up by Corp. above to do research on building or rehab in neighborhood. J. Neubauer and B. Heilman are on this. - formed in November 1984.
 2. Neighborhood Housing Service - to assist in rehab loans in area
 - a. Neighborhood Housing Service Development Corp. - in the rehab and resell business
- Item 7. Houses to be demolished.
6 are owned by Drake, 4 are owned by Hawkeye. John offered NHS Development the option to move and rehab the 6 houses owned by Drake. They will decide if this is possible and report to the board at the February board meeting. The Drake houses are scheduled for demolition in March.
- Item 8. 3-4 months from now, the Drake Research Institute(a new group formed consisting of Drake students) will report on land use studies to the neighborhood.
- Item 9. John is going to talk to Drake regarding including Drake properties in the Historic District application. Then we can reapply for the National Register. We were given this opportunity by the National Register.
- Item 9. Committees. Suggested that they report to board every month.
- Executive - Meets between board meetings when decisions need to be made. Includes 4 officers plus Gladys and Bruce.
- University Relations - Develop broad-based relations with University trustees, administration, faculty and student body and to strive for greater understanding between University and the neighborhood. Includes Faye, Jim, Bruce, Mike(?)
- Membership - Maintain and promote membership. Includes Virginia, John
- Beautification -promote and administer neighborhood beautification projects in flower and tree plantings, home improvement, and salvage recycling. Includes Kerry. Linda and Diane for salvage only.

Special Events - Develop special events for social and fund raising purposes. Includes Fallfest.

Historical - to develop projects and promote the neighborhood's heritage. Includes postcard committee. Includes Linda, Diane. Ric for postcard only.

Communications - To maintain personal contact at least monthly with all members regarding neighborhood affairs. Call members, schedule potlucks, address newsletters. Includes Gladys.

Motion to accept committee goals - passed

Item 10. discussion to decide how sign-up for committees will be handled at the January meeting. Virginia and Diane will organize.

Item 11. Daffodils around Witmer Park. Gladys and the Beautification Committee will coordinate this project. Project approved.

Item 12. Gladys will submit in writing to Ric Jorgensen concerns regarding things landlords should do to keep up properties. Ric writes the NHS newsletter.

Item 13. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting. February 13, 7am, Drake Neighborhood Association office.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP - This \$5.00 fee would allow the Drake Neighborhood Association to function basically as it is doing now. It would pay for the Newsletter, Directory and expenses incurred by regular meetings.

SUPPORTIVE MEMBERSHIP - This \$10.00 fee would allow the Association to do some extra types of projects. For example: the committee feels a professional-quality brochures and letters to new residents in the area would help provide membership. The Board would act on committee requests for use of these additional funds.

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP - Would begin with \$25.00 and no upper limit. This would be for those who wished to see the Association define and act on some very important goals. For example: Cost of the historical book could have been paid for by this kind of fund.

Chuck Hellman is negotiating with Drake University about some special benefits which might be available to members of the Drake Neighborhood Association. He will have a report ready at the next committee meeting.

Members present were: Chuck Hellman, Kryss Farley, Mary Neubauer, Neal Stillwell, Chris Kaphart and Virginia Peterson. Excused absence - Diane Yanney. Notified but did not respond - Jim Rusnow, Harvey Harrison and Gae Hanbeck. Others who are interested in future meetings are Tom Hayes and Peggy Jester.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Peterson

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, January 18, 1985 MEETING

The first meeting of the committee had been held in November. At that time the group had been asked to discuss purposes and goals for 1985, and to come to the January meeting prepared to make specific recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The recommendations as agreed upon by the committee members present are:

1. The establishment of a membership year. Recommendation would be that year run from September 1, ~~1985~~ through August 31, ~~1986~~. Persons who join before that time would pay a pro-rated membership fee.

(It is felt this method will allow for better membership promotion and make it easier to keep track of the membership. Also, since the election of the Board of Directors takes place in October, it will make it easier to put out an up-to-date Directory).

2. That in November of 1985, a new Membership Directory be printed and distributed to those who request one.
3. A new membership fee schedule be adopted which would reflect what persons wish to do for the Drake Neighborhood Association (instead of single, family, owner, renter, etc.).

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Members present were: Chuck Heilman, Kryss Farley, Mary Neubauer, Neal Stilwell, Chris Kephart and Virginia Peterson. Excused absence - Diane Yanney. Notified but did not respond - Jim Rupnow, Harvey Harrison and Dee Hanbeck. Others who are interested in future meetings are Toni Hayes and Peggy Jester.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Peterson

DNA Feb 13, 1985 7 am meeting call: Began 7:20-adjourned 8:25

Minutes

Membership year was established to be September 1 beginning of each fiscal membership year. Those joining pre-Sept 1 to have dues prorated to next Sept 1.

Established that the corporation would have only two banking accounts: One checking account; and One savings account. Proceeds of committee programs will be held in these accounts as a part of the general fund. Unexpended line item funds to revert to general fund yearly.

Expenditures will be based upon budgets approved by the Board.

It was decided to establish a fiscal review and policy committee composed of the executive committee which would report to the January corporate meeting each year for ratification.

The Executive Committee to meet before the March board meeting to draft the budget for 1985.

Endorsed the content of a letter to Des Moines City Council relative to an environmental impact statement regarding the proposed "Loop By-Pass" street project.

Gladys Burkhead reported favorable action on the part of the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Dept. which will establish Daffodil plantings in 1985 at Witmer Park. A planting diagram will need to be approved by the Parks department before planting can begin.

Neubauer reported on progress of Bill Foley, Leo Green, Tim Tabor and Neubauer relative to safety considerations with playground equipment to be installed on Drake Park.

Neubauer reported the appointment of a University Relations Committee to work with Drake University: appointments are Ed McCartan, Dee Hanbeck, and Vicki Sanders to represent Drake Neighborhood Association on the total committee of 16 person. Recommendations, thus far, are:

1. Two-way communications be established
2. Development of a student liaison
3. Participation in the Drake Relays
4. Liaison in the improvement of Drake University property as well as neighborhood property
5. Establish liaison with University academic staff, working with deans of the various colleges and departments

report by Neubauer on investigations of the use of Elmwood school as an arts facility. A feasibility study will be undertaken by Drake Reserach Institute and the George Howell company

All actions at this meeting were approved unanimously, with no dissenting votes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE--March 11, 1985

PRESENT: John N., Linda B., Harriet D., Gladys B., Kerry G., Tim T., Becky P.

*Expected unreimbursed expenses

General Committees: Historic
Salvage
Communication
Beautification
Special Events
U. Relations
Drake Park

*Beautification: Bulb Savings can be spent for anything we wish
Kerry feels 500 Daffodil bulbs for Witmer Park will
cost \$225.00

Request: \$ 270.00 water
232.00 redbud trees (30 at \$7.75)
100.00 repair parts of truck
50.00 printing expense (fund raising)
225.00 bulbs

\$877.00

Tree fund has \$241.00, suggest budgeting \$240.00 to replace trees
\$250.00 for bulbs (total \$490.00) and Committee raises remaining
funds.

*University Relations: \$50.00 for relays sign

*Special Events: \$50.00 for Halloween(?) any event incorporating a raffle(?)

*Historic: interviewing people, garden party, Christmas party.
\$300.00 asked
\$100.00 budget plus up-front \$\$ for X/mas and garden
eligible for loan from general fund

Salvage: \$100.00 expendible also eligible for up front loan

Communication: no money

Executive: -0-

Membership: 2 projects
\$50.00 brochure expense
\$150.00 membership directory

Drake Park Playground Project: Wants \$1,000.00 for basic boundary of
playground. Will present idea to membership for further money and help.

\$1,965.00 total cash on hand \$2,690.00
1,080.00 operations
\$3,045.00 total

projections: 40 books (\$355.00) box social
to Sept. 1 memberships Christmas party (\$60.00 ?)
ice cream social (\$60.00 ?) raffle (?)

Iowa CCI

1607 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50316
(515) 266-5213

IOWA CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

AGENDA

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

March 13, 1985 - 7:00 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church

Joe Fagan 3424 Cottage Dr.
3300 Cottage Dr.

I. Introductions (Rod Boyd, 274-0693; Lou Ann Burkle, 255-4544; Connie Hagerman, 255-1977. Sherm Yehl, Department of Urban Development, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Conservation; Leo Hejda, Housing Inspector).

II. Discussion of the Issues

FACT: The American Public Health Association Housing Maintainancy and Occupancy Ordinance as adopted by the city states (Sec. 1.02): "... the purpose of this ordinance is to preserve and promote the physical and mental health and social well-being of the people ..."

FACT: Rundown houses controlled by absentee landlords are lowering property values, endangering health and safety and detracting from the neighborhood.

FACT: The Des Moines Housing Code states (14-24): "No person shall rent, let, lease, or otherwise allow the occupancy of any dwelling unit, or rooming unit unless that person holds a valid inspection certificate therefore."

III. Questions to Sherm Yehl and Leo Hejda.

- A. Could you both briefly explain the purpose of your positions.
- B. What are our rights as neighbors to poorly maintained rental units?
 - 1. Do we have the right to demand an inspection if we believe violations exist?
- C. What, specifically, is the inspection procedure, including follow-up on violations?
- D. How short a time can you legally allow the landlord to correct violations?
- E. How does the department deal with landlords who continually violate the code?
- F. Will you agree to promptly inspect any property we bring to your attention as having possible code violations? YES _____ NO _____

IV. Questions to Leo Hejda regarding specific properties

- A. 1082 35th Street (owner Joe Coppola)
 - 1. The house is an eyesore. Will you agree to thoroughly reinspect this house within two weeks? YES _____ NO _____
 - Will you send us a copy of your report? YES _____ NO _____

Pat Williams
284-8501
Phyllis Bailey
9:30
ART

Call City Manager for Problems

Des Moines, Iowa 50316
(515) 266-5213
Nisly
4000 46th

B. 3421 Cottage Grove (Owner Clavin Investments - Clair Fisher, Marvin Yarrow)

1. Why is this house being occupied without a valid inspection certificate?

FACT: *The most recent inspection certificate on this house expired on 1-25-85.*

2. How can you inspect a garage that doesn't exist?

FACT: *Even though the house has no garage, the garage was found to have four violations on the inspection report of 1-25-84.*

3. Will you agree to thoroughly reinspect this house within two weeks?

YES _____ NO _____

Will you send us a copy of your report? YES _____ NO _____

C. 3407 Cottage Grove (owner Eugene Hiskey)

1. After the 1982 fire, why was an inspection certificate issued?

FACT: *Inspection report of 5-21-82 states: "Unit 4 ... fire damaged. Will grant one year for renovating."*

FACT: *The fire damage is still visible on the exterior of the building.*

2. Are people now living in this house? Have you checked to make sure no one is living in the portion of the house that is not to be occupied?

YES _____ NO _____

3. Why has the owner of this house not been forced to renovate or demolish?

4. Will you agree to thoroughly reinspect this property within two weeks?

YES _____ NO _____

Will you send us a copy of your report? YES _____ NO _____

5. If the next inspection of the building shows no improvement, would you recommend condemnation? YES _____ NO _____

V. Summary of tonight's meeting

March 27th. planning meeting

Present:

Ann Wright
Linda Bender
Virginia Peterson
Rod Boyd

Lou Ann Burkle
Connie Hagelman
Peggy & Joe Jester
Joe Fagen

Things discussed and agreed upon:

1. Define purpose of meeting as limited to revit efforts
2. categorize panel groups in three areas; city, Drake Univ. and revit groups
3. present each panel group with specific revit question or statement, each within their area, to be addressed at meeting. Send to them, along with agenda, before meeting.
4. Send letter of meeting and invitation to all churches, businesses and realitors in area, make contacts.
5. each person to work to promote meeting.
6. discussion of slide show. Something to do at another meeting.
7. decision not to have supper because of too large a group, not enough time.

April 2nd meeting agenda

1. Agree on Purpose Statement
2. Agree on Agenda
3. Agree on methods to use to assemble a large crowd

We will meet April 2, 7:30, at Ruth Trumbo's house, one door west of my house.....Peggy Jester _____

BOARD MEETING: APRIL

Members present: John Newbauer, Virginia Peterson, Linda Bender,
Harriet Danielson, Gladys Burkhead, Wayne Shoemaker,
Kerry Graham, John Wilkens, Ric Jorgensen

- Item 1 Deferred reading of minutes to May meeting since I forgot to make xeroxes.
- Item 2 Financial report - discussion on whether we have money available to put in a CD to earn interest. Decided to transfer \$1000 into certificate for 90 days.
- Item 3 Motion to have all evening meetings carried -- 2nd Wednesday of every month 7:00 PM
- Item 4 Committees
- A. Daffodils (Gladys) met at Witmer Park, decided what to do. OK with park people. Gladys is estimating 1600 daffodils.
- B. Communications (Gladys) next potluck April 30 at First Christian - business meeting to discuss budget, and Tim Tabor will set up and explain the Drake Park project. Asked committee to call about the town meeting
- C. (Linda & Diane) The Association will have more houses to salvage for the Bank. Diane is talking with the bank about date for the first project -- maybe April 27. A plan also needs to be worked out regarding insurance, the cost, etc. and Diane is checking on that also. John McRoberts has offered us the use of an empty warehouse for storage. Drake Neighborhood Association and Sherman Hills are planning to sell what was left over from last year's salvage sale on May 18, and people can donate items for that sale.
- Bruce Garber (from Neighborhook Housing) noted that Drake wasn't yet ready with a plan for their houses. NHS can take 5 houses and the application is in for \$70,000 to moving expenses
- D. Drake revitalization Comm. (U) (Virginia)
1. greatest efforts can be realized by joint efforts between University and others.
 2. Drakes crime rate is much lower than other Universities.
- E. Membership (Virginia) Brochure is designed and written soon to be printed. Cost estimate - comm. has \$90 to spend.
- Need to put in newsletter that people pro-rate until September then pay yearly dues.
- F. Beautification (Kerry) - Schedule tree planting in May

OLD BUSINESS

- Item 1 Letter to reconsider historic district sent to Drake Revitalization Committee - March 31, 1987
- Item 2 John Newbaker said Drake is eventually moving out of buildings south of University. Want feasibility studies for Elmwood. If doesn't work wants permission to approach DDM with Pioneer turns down. *if Pioneer*
Motion passed.

Secretary had to leave at this point. End of minutes.

Meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETING APRIL 28, 7:30 PM at the Drake Neighborhood Association office, 1153 24th St. - First draft of the new brochure will be ready to look over.

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES - March 31, 1987

The committee met at the home of Virginia Peterson with the following present: Mike Hanback, Chris Kephart, Connie Hagerman (from Public Relations) Harriet Danielson, Faye Vilimek, Chris Killough. Other members: Preston Daniels and Mary Radcliffe were ill. Chuck Heilman could not be reached by phone. Marlene Clark had a class.

Mike Hanback opened the meeting. The goal of the committee is to increase membership and involvement in the Association. There are 4700 households within the boundaries of the Drake Neighborhood, and approximately 200 of those have membership in the Association. More involvement of members is also important if the work is to continue and grow.

The committee agreed that there is need for a new membership brochure to kick off the annual membership campaign in August. (The membership year runs from September through August.) Ideas for the new brochure are:

1. Consider a 4 panel brochure printed on 8½ x 14 inch paper.
2. Use the new logo.
3. Have a bulk rate mailing panel included.
4. Rearrange the membership application form.
5. Rewrite the copy using some of the info from the slide presentation.

It was agreed that Connie Hagerman and Virginia Peterson would write the first draft of the brochure. Connie would check on the logo and the script of the slide presentation. Mike Hanback would do a new membership application form. Connie & Virginia will meet April 7 to begin work.

Discussion followed about how to distribute the brochures to the total area, or if that is too expensive, to a portion of the area. Harriet agreed to research the cost of bulk mail distribution and Mike the hand delivery aspect. Check with John White and Welcome Wagon for mailing lists.

Other ideas suggested:

Put together a large map of the area with markers that indicate where members live. Could be useful for setting up neighborhood events, slide presentations, etc.

Challenge each member to bring in one new member each year to double our membership.

Have a contest and offer a prize for the person bringing in the most new members.

Have door stickers with the Drake Neighborhood Association logo for members.

Offer T-shirts for sale with the Association logo (referred to Public Relations).

Encourage the use of the slide presentation among churches and realtors.

Contact new persons moving into the area about membership. Perhaps hold a coffee for those moving into the new apartments.

Meeting adjourned.

Virginia Peterson

CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

Office of City Manager

Council Letter Number 7998

Agenda of April 8, 1985

The Honorable Mayor
and
Members of the City Council
City of Des Moines

Re: Interim Report on
Abandoned Housing

As in other northeast and midwest cities, Des Moines has experienced many of the same factors that contribute to housing abandonment including continued "flight to the suburbs" by families which can afford to purchase homes, high maintenance and energy costs which prohibit the elderly and poor from remaining in their homes and the lack of profitability of rental housing in certain areas of the City.

Since August, 1984, City staff has been reviewing the problem of housing abandonment in Des Moines. In working with the Housing Coordination Board, efforts have been made to identify the extent of the problem and recommend possible solutions. In November, 1984, a preliminary list of 480 properties was made public. In December, 1984, Urban Development staff surveyed the properties on the list. Properties were rated on a scale of one to four with a rating of four being the worst condition. Those properties rated three or four were photographed and compared with the current inventory maintained by Housing Safety. Subsequently, the Plan and Zoning Department mapped the properties to enable City staff to better monitor neighborhood conditions.

That list has now been revised with additional properties identified in an apparent condition of deterioration and blight. Currently, the list contains over 200 homes, 131 of which are classified as vacant and dilapidated. Many of these 131 properties are already in the rental housing inventory. Additionally, approximately 43% of those properties have also been identified as being tax delinquent and thus not supporting City services.

While abandonment occurs in many parts of the City, it is primarily concentrated in the City's "core area". Over 56% of those structures identified as in need of major repairs and possibly abandoned are located in census tracts 11, 12, 13, 14, 24, 26 and 27 located in the City's near north side.

Although the abandonment process is reversible, it will require a substantial commitment on the part of the City to develop a comprehensive plan to manage the problem of abandonment and conserve existing housing resources.

Four areas where the City could take action are improvement of administrative procedures, provision of incentives to home buyers, revision of existing housing policies, and consideration of penalties against property owners.

1. Continue Improvement of Administrative Procedures

Urban Development and Legal Department staff have explored methods of streamlining the existing demolition process. Over the past several months a number of procedural changes have been made which have improved the demolition process. Major changes are:

- a. Consolidating the Board of Health roll call which permits the City to proceed immediately with demolition after the City has secured a court order.
- b. Eliminating the requirement whereby vacant properties are referred to the Housing Advisory Board prior to submission to the Board of Health.
- c. Initiating administrative removal powers for properties that are legally declared a nuisance and dangerous to the public health and safety.
- d. Sending waiver forms for demolition with the original public nuisance action.

Unfortunately, the administrative process may require up to six months to before demolition. Staff believes a number of other steps can be taken to improve the process. For example, the use of administrative removal will be recommended in more cases. The Urban Development Department is currently working to streamline and improve current procedures and will present additional information as part of the April 8, 1985 Council meeting.

While abandonment cannot be controlled by demolition, the City must be able to eliminate the most deteriorated structures quickly and effectively before the abandonment results in further disinvestment on the part of residents and more abandonment in neighborhoods.

The Iowa House of Representatives recently passed House File 572 which requires the appointment of a receiver for those properties declared abandoned. The receiver would have broad powers to repair an abandoned house, to make the house available for rent, to collect rents, and to receive management fees for the executive of the court order. While receivership alone is not the total answer to solving the problem, it can provide an important tool to the City.

2. Provide Incentives to Homebuyers

High interest rates have forced many potential home buyers out of the market. Saving money for a housing purchase downpayment is often not possible for low and moderate income families.

For the past two years the City has provided a Home Purchase and Repair Program through Community Development Block Grant funds as well as a variety of home improvement programs administered by the City and local non-profit groups. While the Home Purchase and Repair Program has met with some success, it requires a relatively high public subsidy. Additionally, the required five percent down payment has made it difficult for some potential home buyers to qualify.

The concept of leveraging public dollars with market rate mortgages is an excellent method of providing affordable housing. The City's investment could be enhanced through the issuance of a mortgage bond issue with the Iowa Housing Finance Authority or working with local lenders and the local HUD office to implement an existing FHA purchase/rehabilitation mortgage program such as the FHA 203(k) program.

To provide such subsidies for as few as 100 properties could require an expenditure of between \$275,000 and \$600,000. The success of these programs hinges on the continuation of federal funds at some reasonable level. The private sector must also accept joint responsibility for reinvestment in our older neighborhoods. Federal Tax Reform proposals may result in the elimination of incentives which encourage such investment.

3. Revise Existing Policy

In the past, enforcement actions by City staff against vacant and secured properties with outstanding violations, had been discontinued. This policy has been re-evaluated with the intent of continuing enforcement until corrective actions are made so that neighborhood deterioration is kept to a minimum.

As a result of City efforts to automate the housing code operations, inspectors receive a print-out on a periodic basis showing properties that are vacant. Although this is primarily limited to properties formerly in the rental inventory, it does provide a consistent method to monitor the status of these properties.

To use enforcement of the housing code as a means of neighborhood conservation, the City must inspect and monitor vacant properties that cannot be classified as being "abandoned", but none the less create a blighting condition within neighborhoods because of deteriorated exterior conditions such as peeling paint, deteriorated porches, poor roofs and foundations. Property owners should be encouraged to maintain these properties even if the buildings are not available for rent.

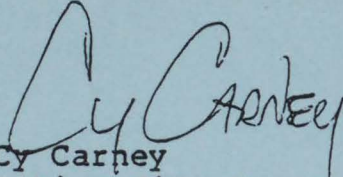
4. Explore Penalties to Property Owners

The City could also consider financial penalties against property owners for not maintaining a property in a suitable condition. The City of Philadelphia, for example, has a non-utilization tax as an assessment on property that remains vacant and abandoned. St. Paul, Minnesota charges a \$45.00 quarterly inspection and review fee to those properties that are vacant and boarded. In New York, income tax benefits (i.e. depreciation) can be denied to owners with properties in violation of the housing code. Some of these options may be available to the City of Des Moines under Iowa Code.

The City may pass on to property owners (in addition to inspection fees) the administrative costs of enforcement actions, such as public nuisance or injunctive actions due to housing violations. The Budget and Research Office has been asked to completely assess the costs of City actions against abandoned property.

It is recommended that the City move forward to address the problem of housing abandonment. The Council is invited to review the suggestions in this letter in addition to visual materials which will be presented at the April 8 meeting. Staff has and will continue to prepare appropriate policy and procedure recommendations for Council consideration which can effectively reduce the number of abandoned houses, conserve the existing housing stock, and, where appropriate, remove those structures that have as their only purpose a blighting influence on the neighborhood.

If you have questions or need any additional information, please advise.


Cy Carney
Acting City Manager

CC/lf

cc: Urban Development Director
Plan and Zoning Director
Corporation Counsel

Please read this and bring with you April 2 along with your ideas

Purpose of meeting (April 17)

1. To generate pride in neighborhood by relating that improvements have been accomplished, that more improvements can be expected, that City, Drake Univ., and revit groups are involved and will continue to help.
2. To impress upon City, Drake Univ., and groups by a large turn out that the neighborhood residents really care about revit and are committed to its success.
3. Main idea to put forth: That all involved parties have the same basic goals and interests and that all have a great deal to gain by the revitalization of the Drake Neighborhood.
4. That City, Drake Univ., and revit groups on panel will understand better the functions of each other and the interrelatedness of their efforts.
5. To generate new momentum toward revitalization goals by offering specific methods, programs and/or meetings involving the established leadership of the Drake Neighborhood Association and other existing groups and to encourage leadership of other newly interested groups and individuals.
6. Help ^{dispel} ~~dispel~~ rumors and untruths about decline, crime, unrealistic leadership.

How to accomplish

Opening statement

goals of DNA, closing statement
panel members

must work for large turn out

statement to panel as purpose of meeting

also included in statement to panel

revit groups relate efforts

relate Cottage Grove effort, how other neighborhoods can do the same

pass out 'fact sheet'

Exploit ^{how} ~~how~~ to get the greatest # involved for the greatest good in the Drake area revit

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN MEETING

focus on

R E V I T A L I Z A T I O N

April 17

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Grace Methodist Church
37th & Cottage Grove

_____ agenda _____

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|-----------|---|---|
| 7:00 | Moderation | John Neubauer, President
Drake Neighborhood Association |
| 7:05 | | |
| 7:09 | Welcome | Mayor Pete Crivaro |
| 7:13 | Background | Virginia Peterson, Vice-President
Drake Neighborhood Association |
| 7:19 | I. Presentation of City | Council Member Elaine Szymoniak |
| 7:27 | Initiatives and Views | Planning Director Jim Grant |
| 7:35 | II. Looking Ahead: our strongest
asset as a committed neighbor | Ed Glazer, Chairman,
Board of Trustees,
Drake University |
| 7:40 | III. Initiatives and views of
area business and revitali-
zation groups | Mike Earley, President,
Hawkeye Bank |
| 7:45 | | Bruce Heilman, President,
University Place Commerce Co. |
| 7:52 | | Curt Lankford, President of Board,
Neighborhood Housing Services |
| 7:56 | IV. Neighbor's Viewpoint
A recent Initiative by I.C.C.I. | Rod Boyd, Cottage Grove neighbor |
| 8:03 | V. Drake Neighborhood Association
Past and Present,
"Adopt-a-House" Concept | John Neubauer |
| 8:03-8:13 | -----TEN MINUTE BREAK----- | |
| 8:18 | VI. Introduction of Dignitaries in Audience | |
| 8:45 | VII. Audience Response, Questions, Ideas, and Concerns | |
| 8:50 | VIII. Closing Remarks | Peggy Jester, Planning Committee |

Nicole C. Zenian	3523 University
James Breining	4001 Cottage Grove
Viola Spratlen	1107 27 th
Gladys Burkhead	1107 27 th
Bruce C. Heilman	1318 39 th
Kay Heilman	1318 39 th
Wayne Shoemaker	3423 48 th Pl.
Nan Stillions	1604 24 th St. Place
George Nakas	D.M. City Council
Gregory Quick	P+3 Commission
Perry Beeman	D.M. Register
Judith Seeder	1315 45 th
Anna Smith	D.M. Renovations Co.
Chris Kephart	6001 Cottage Drive
Tom De Haven	Ramsey Memorial Home
Joe Parkey	3939 Cottage Grove
Francis A. Vilimick	1229 25 th St.
Alma Herdes	1231 25 th
Eloise McCartney	1419 29 th
David T. Sollenbarger	4015 Cottage Grove
Kim Knutsen + Anne Kurtz	1305 34 th
Cy Carney	City Hall
Camillio Marasco	2721 Lakeland Dr.
Merle J. Kaplan	537 Kenworthy Dr.
Jeanette B. Zacherle	3815 Cottage Grove

Jack Rose	2315 University
H. L. Cole	1717 24 th Drive
Ann Wright	2923 Kingman Blvd.
Russ Olney	4131 Lower Beaver
Frances Killough	1611 31 st
Mrs. J. Edwin Gray	1616 31 st
Elma Schuchert	1076 33 rd
Doyle George	2315 University
Ernest Yoke	3636 Kingman
Leo C. Green	1348 39 th St.
Martin Blecha	1122 27 th St.
Winnie Beardsley	544 32 nd W.D.M.
Pete Crivaro	Mayor D.M.
Dan Collins	1314 34 th
Mark Paul Sawyer	1503 Pleasant # 5
Mr. + Mrs. Harold Harvey	676 35 th
Paul A. Johnson	Drake (5703 Waterbury Circle)
Betty Huffman	Drake (1920 40 th Pl)
Ray Hock	Drake (")
Edward Glazer	Drake
Ant Paddock	Drake (1408 NW 103 rd)
Laura M. Ross	1143 27 th
Ls + Gladys Baldwin	1107 24 th St.
Mark Zingerman	6207 Eagle Dr.
Foye + Edwin Klimick	1229- 25 th

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Scott Parks	} The Creative Roundtable 1085 26 th St.
Ed Schacherer	
Bob Schriver	
Sue Schacherer	
Dorothy Anderson	2808 Brattleboro
Ruth Trumbo	3915 Cottage Grove
Helen Martin	Box 1025 D.M. 50311
Linda Bender	2826 Rutland
Ken Karlsen	1301 24 th St.
Ken Rouse King	3711 Cottage Grove
Mrs. Mark Langford	1142 23 rd
Donna M. Boyd	3420 Cottage Grove
Michael Bdel	3610 Kingman Blvd.
Don + Sue Honk	1129 38 th
Mike + Dee Hanback	3023 Kingman
Homer Goodner	2847 Cottage Grove
Eleanor Leavy	1200 35 th St. # 206
Don Griffith	
Martha Jorgensen	4005 Kingman Blvd.
Scott + Rosemary Stouffer	4069 Kingman Blvd.
John Chambers	2322 Warren Rd. (Terrace)
Dave Madsen	1050 24 th
Buck Brock	R.R. 2 Dallas Center
W. J. Neighbour	1085 26 th (617 SE 2 nd Ankeny)
John Lorentzen	1143 36 th

Marie Spry	3811 Cottage Grove
Hedo Zacherle	3815 Cottage Grove
Josh Brown	4023 Cottage Grove
Arlene Smith	2923 Rutland
Mrs + Mrs Frank Clark	925 29 th
Leonard Grove	3318 Forest
Lin Beys	3318 Forest
Harvey Martens	2935 Rutland
Charles Jones	1546 8 th St.
Mary Morman	2935 Kingman Blvd.
Iwila Anderson	1014 37 th
Monroe Colston	800 High
Lorraine Demaio	1080 35 th #3
Pauline + Paul Morrison	3322 University
Harriet Danielson	1231 25 th St.
Virginia Petersen	1312 39 th St.
Frank Jackson	1442 33 rd
Peggy Jester	3821 Cottage Grove
John Davis	5408 Ingersoll
Elaine Szymonick	2116 44 th
Roger + Becky Schoonover	1118 38 th
Donna Halfhill	3816 Cottage Grove
Otto + Dorothea Knauth	1020 37 th
Martha Willits	412 38 th Pl.
Raymond Wolf	1227 25 th

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people attending
April '85 meeting
on Revitalization
of Drake Neighborhood

Mike Spangler	3403 Cottage Grove
Kerry Graham	2935 Kingman Blvd.
Bill Horstman	2921 E. Euclid
Eva Horstman	2921 E. Euclid
Albert McMurrin	2215 Drake Park
Reg & Sue Stycket	3103 Kingman Blvd
Ric Jorgensen	4005 Kingman
Margaret McCarton	City of D.M.
Bob Schultz	City of D.M. Neigh. Dev.
Bene Barton	1130 35 th
Sarah Coats	1126 39 th
Polly Clark	2934 Rutland
Gladys Austin	1051 37 th
Albert Myrtle McMurrin	2215 Drake Park
J. Mc Laughlin	1213 25 th
Peter Frederick	1213 25 th
Ronald G. Carr	1107 22 nd
Larry Siegel	1401 31 st
Bob Dericks	1129 28 th
Diane Munns	2924 Rutland
Georgia Davenport	1051 36 th
Chris & Dianese Arns	2800 Rutland
Mark Johnson	1076 38 th
A. E. Barnhill	2003 27 th
27 Jack H. Stuart	4009 Muskogee

Larry Hoffman	277-8942
Chris B---	1222 30 th #1
Jack Hatch	840-18 th
Edna Swain	1131 Harding Road
Mr. + Mrs. Arthur Bey	1100 6 th Ave. Apt. 12
Chris Kellough	1611 31 st St.
Connie Hagerman	3300 Cottage Grove
Thomas J. Tracy	1159 26 th
Mary Radcliffe	1028 25 th St.
Robert Miskimen	859 39 th (New) 4006 Cottage Grove (Now)
Audrey Wedestrom	1138 38 th St.
Bernadine Wedestrom	1138 38 th St.
Curran S. Simpson	1245 34 th
Genevieve McCartan	1434 31 st
Ed McCartan	1434 31 st
Jean Darner	4129 4 th St.
Lowell Darner	4129 4 th
Peg Boyd	1202 28 th St.
Carlos Jayne	3404 Rutland
Gregg Scholte	8070 NW Drive
Larry D. Ruzzi	1546 N.W. 90 th (Drake)
Larry Grote	1215 30 th
Todd Klein	1218 34 th
Jay Cookman	1101 35 th WDM
Tony Cobb	1147 27 th #3

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- ~~Chris~~ Farley 3103 University
- Martin Osga 1120 35th
- Patrice K. Beam 2940 Cottage Grove
- Barb Breining 4001 Cottage Grove
- June Rouse 3711 Cottage Grove
- Lou Ann Burkle 3424 Cottage Grove
- Joe Fagan 3424 Cottage Grove
- Kay Simpson 918 39th St.
200 oed main (Drake)
- Frank de Fazio 1118 NW 4th Ankeny (Drake)
- Tom Olive Drake
- Sheryljan Bennett 4011 University
- Donna Bast
- Larry Campbell 1133 25th
- Charlie Webber 1110 29th #6
- Jerry Lint 1052 36th
- Alan ~~Bowman~~ Bowman 3000 30th
- Connie Cook 1234 9th St. (City Council
at Large)
- Pat Dorrian City Council 2nd Ward
- Scott Hayes Jr. Realty - Beaver Office

May 8, 1985

Item 1. Review of April minutes. Amended to include final statements, corrected spelling. Approved.

Item 2. Financial report. Accepted with the condition of asking Harriet, who wasn't present, about the \$22 that do not match. To be reviewed at the June meeting. *6/13/85 The money was a refund from IPCC.*

*note: The Blount Foundation sent \$1000 for the Elmwood School feasibility study. This foundation originally wanted to match Pioneer in funds. However Pioneer turned us down. So the foundation sent the money.

Item 3. Committee Reports

a) Communication - Next potluck is May 22, 6:30 at Ramsey Home. Desserts only.

b) Beautification - *6/13/85* ~~Daffodil bulbs are ordered.~~ The parks department will replace the trees destroyed at Drake Park. The city is going to replace the trees on University with larger trees. Any living ones will be transferred to Kingman.

c) Chris and Dianne Arns have volunteered to chair Fallfest.

d) Special Events - \$40 was made from the box social.

e) Historic - Next meeting is May 14. John suggested we apply for local Historic District designation.

f) Salvage - April 27, 25-30 people salvaged. We signed waivers of liability since we couldn't get insurance. Virginia suggested asking for donations during further salvage operations.

g) Membership - need to determine how to tell people their memberships are expired.

h) University Relations - Virginia wanted to know where they were with Drake. John answered that Paul Johnson had put everything on hold until the new president was named.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Bob Shriver and Scott Parks, Creative Roundtable, Ltd., described private prep school ideas for Memorial Hall (Elmwood School is an Alternative). They included plans.

*See attached proposal to be presented to the city, Drake, University Place Commerce Commission.

Item 2. Jim Grant, from City Planning, suggested to John that DNA ask for a formal liaison from planning and zoning commission. This person would come to Board meetings, receive newsletters, and minutes. Motion passes.

Item 3. Discussed pros and cons of local Historic District designation. Moved to have P&Z member explain program at next meeting. Mary Niederbach is the person. Motion passed.

Item 4. John has written a letter to DDM on a joint study of Elmwood.

Item 5. ICCI has a meeting at 7 pm Thursday May 9. This is a followup on their meeting on absentee landlords. Virginia asked for a board member to attend. No one was available. Peggy Jester will try to send Joe Jester.

Item 6. Bylaws committee. The board decided to have to membership make comments and return to the board after 2 months.

September - The committee will meet around the middle of September at the office and make up a listing of new members as well as getting new membership cards ready.

October - The committee will repeat the same schedule.

It was agreed that a receipt book will be purchased and each time someone pays for membership, a receipt will be written. In that way it will provide another record of money received.

Blaine Yarnay will check out the cost of membership cards. A bright yellow color was suggested (like the brochure). On it should be the Drake Neighborhood Association, the name of the person joining, the dates September 1985-September 1986.

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The next meeting was set for Tuesday, Aug. 6, 7:30 PM at the Hanbacks.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Peterson

The meeting was called to order by Virginia Peterson, acting chairperson. Present were: Yanney, Wridler, Hanbeck, Kephart, Radcliff, Stilwell and Peterson. Farley and Heilman called and said they would not be able to attend.

Harriet Danielson and Faye Vilimek had gone through the Rollex file at the Drake Neighborhood Association office and found about 50 names of former members who they suggested be contacted about renewing. The names were given out to committee members for making a phone contact, and if there is interest still in the Association, each would receive a new brochure.

The membership renewal process will this year be:

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TO: Nominees for the Board of Directors, Drake Neighborhood Association, 1985-86;

PRESIDENT: Virginia Peterson* **VICE PRESIDENT:** (no nominee)
SECRETARY: Dee Hanback **TREASURER:** Vickie Malin

AT LARGE:

Gladys Burkhead*	Leo Green	
Faye Vilimek*	Becky Pregler	Ron Carr
Bruce Heilman*	Connie Hagerman	Herman Lewis
Wayne Shoemaker*	Cindy Snell	Ron Andersen
John Neubauer*	Tony Cobb	Roger Hewitt
Harriet Danielson*	Roger Schoonover	Christi Mesicek
	Jim Ryan*	Chuck Irvine

(*Incumbent Board Members)

FROM: Nominating Committee: Peggy Jester, Mike Hanback, Roger Munns

SUBJECT: Annual Meeting date, election procedures

The 1985 Drake Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting will be October 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church, 35th & Cottage Grove. A desert potluck and election of members to the Board of Directors are planned as the meeting's main events.

The election process will begin with each nominee being introduced and given a few minutes for a biographical statement. The nominating committee has listed 3 desirable qualities for board members; dedication, ability to work with others, and a good attendance record. Considering these, please include in your statement your goals and priorities as a D.N.A. board member.

After everyone is introduced, members will vote their choice by ballot. Those nominees receiving the most votes will be elected. The results will be announced that evening. The old board will work with the new to insure a smooth transition the remainder of the year.

All board members are expected to serve on a committee in order to become familiar with Association procedure and attend monthly meetings. As stated in the by-laws, members will be replaced if more than four consecutive meetings in a year are missed.

If you have any questions, wish to withdraw your name, or nominate additional candidates please call us before October 21. We feel especially pleased to offer this slate of fine nominees. As this process dictates, not everyone nominated will be elected, and it is here that we hope none of you will become discouraged. Board and committee meetings are open to all members and participation is always welcome.

Thank you for being involved. We have enjoyed talking to you and getting to know you, our neighbors, a little better.

Please fill out this biographical outline or, better yet, write your own and mail or deliver to Roger Munns, 2924 Rutland, Des Moines, Iowa 50311 before October 1. It will be printed in the next newsletter.

Name _____

Address _____

Employment _____

Other community service or affiliations _____

Outline your ideas and priorities for DNA Board _____

BOARD MINUTES JUNE 12, 1985 Community betterment competition. She

Item 1. Review of minutes for May. a) delete reference to daffodil bulb orders. b) \$22 that didn't match in financial report referred to refund from UPCC. Minutes accepted with amendments.

Item 2. Membership Committee - Report is attached to the minutes. The

Item 2. Financial Report. Jim Ryan questioned the \$50 for Drake Relays welcome sign. Would like to see a bill for costs from the University Relations Committee before paying. John will call Dee Hanbeck for an explanation. \$1000 CD was questioned. Is it non budgeted? Answer - no but it is money not scheduled for use in the next 90 days so it went into a CD. --Need to send treasurer's report and minutes to people not at meeting.

Item 3. Local Historic District

John met with Drake on Historic District and Elmwood Feasibility Study. The meeting was May 14 with Ken Austin and 4-5 University officials. Austin indicated that the University could see no reason not to cooperate. Drake asked the following:

1. What happens to a building that takes advantage of tax credits and is purchased 10-12 years later with plans to destroy.
2. They are interested in a coop feasibility study and are waiting for approval from Drake and DDM. Austin is Quite sure it will be forthcoming.

Mary Neiderbach from Planning and Zoning talked about Historic Districts.

1. The Historic District Commission Committee has 3 representatives from each neighborhood. They review any changes to historic buildings. (See attached sheets for detailed explanation)
2. A Local Historic District could start with a small area.
3. A Landmark Ordinance would create the district.

There was much discussion on local and national Historic District status. This wasn't recorded, rather, look at the information from Planning and Zoning.

We are waiting for Drake to agree on the Historic District boundaries or to disagree totally with the whole principle.

Item 4. Salvage - Moved to not open the Drake house on 23rd street because of the dilapidated condition. As a result of a request for storage space for salvage, John will check with Joe Jester for storage places and Virginia will check on a garage near the Methodist church.

Item 5. Bylaws - The next newsletter will ask for suggestions for changes in the bylaws. The suggestions should be directed to the board.

Item 6. Gladys asked to enter the Community Betterment competition. She wants to enter the daffodil planting at Witmer Park and the tree planting on Kingman. It was decided to wait a year in order to take photos of the projects as they happen. Photos are a requirement of the competition.

discussed. There is no record of any decisions.

Item 7. Membership Committee - Report is attached to the minutes. The committee asked for \$300 in non-budgeted money for expenses. They were asked to explore ways to make money first.

--Drake University is cooperating with parents week at the same time.

Meeting adjourned.

--Sound Equipment is from G&S Sound Equipment. Entertainers are Dan Hunter, Scott, etc.

--the Presbyterian Church will donate chairs and tables

--a flyer is being designed

--Chuck Devine (Boulevard Sports) is sponsoring a bicycle race

--refreshments and cake sales

--exhibitors--the Animal Rescue League, Scouts, Art and Science Centers, 2 horse and buggies coming from Woodward, fire engine, food concessions, Banker's Trust popcorn

--need volunteers - committees being formed.

Fall Fest Committee asked for a \$200 loan - approved.

Item 3. Ric Jorgensen requested a representative of the DVA at the July 30 meeting of the Housing Receivers Life Act seminar at the Botanical Center, 1-3pm. John appointed Virginia Peterson.

Item 4. Alley Lighting Program. Approved joint program with Iowa Power. Ed Vilmek will accompany John to visit the IPALCO.

Item 5. Board attendance not satisfactory. Direction is needed from the Board to publish attendance records of officers and directors to date.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD MEETING JULY 1985

Item 1. Budget Budget amended for MAY and corrected

June budget - CD is maturing - renewed for 90 days. Congratulations to the salvage committee for the additions to the assets. Historical books discussed. There is no record of any decisions.

Item 2. Fallfest - Chris and Diane Arns gave the following information:

- sports equipment is reserved at Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Drake University is cooperating with parents week at the same time, Dennis Raeder is making a I-235 welcome sign.
- Sound Equipment is from C&S Sound Equipment. Entertainers are Dan Hunter, Scott, etc.
- the Presbyterian Church will donate chairs and tables
- a flyer is being designed
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Item 5. Board attendance not satisfactory. Direction is needed. Moved to publish attendance records of officers and directors to date.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD MINUTES AUGUST, 1985

Item 1. Minutes for June and July approved.

Item 2. Financial report. Discussion on new way membership committee will keep track of current members and dues collected. The basis of the discussion was a receipt book. Harriet will buy the book.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 3. Daffodils ordered. Cost was \$250, no bill has been received yet. The order is for 1600 bulbs. Gladys will need people to help plant when the bulbs come in.

Item 4. The next membership meeting is a picnic at Witmer Park. Linda Nicholson and ^{CURT PARDOCK} Kirk Patik will give a presentation on the ~~Darke~~ revitalization. e

Item 5. Historic Committee turned ⁱⁿ money from the Christmas 1984 bake sale.

Item 6. Salvage Committee delivered \$12 from sale of some salvage, plus receipt of things on consignment with Jo Von Steen. The last Drake houses were salvaged. The list of people to call was delivered to a committee member since both Diane and Linda were out of town. Unfortunately, it was delivered to the wrong address, so people who had expressed an interest were not notified. An attempt to recover the list was unsuccessful. All that was salvageable from the two houses was some woodwork, one staircase, and some interior windows. Everything else was either claimed by Drake, or impossible to remove. The wood in those houses was so dry that it splintered.

New Business

Item 7. Ratify appointment of the nominating committee. They are Peggy Jester, chair, Roger Munns, and Mike Hanbeck.

Item 8. Iowa Power Alley lighting. John has an agreement paper with Iowa Power. John wants to leaflet the whole neighborhood along with the membership brochures.

Item 9. Membership wants to leaflet the SW quadrant of the neighborhood. Teen challenge has agreed to leaflet for \$50. Wants to see if there is any response to that leafletting before doing the rest of the neighborhood. August 24 is the selected day.

A. Drake has agreed to set up a press conference on the alley lighting program. Drake will host the conference and do the details of organizing the press. Moved to accept agreement with Iowa Power .

B. \$250 to print brochures

\$200-300 to distribute

\$500 total necessary for brochures and leaflets.

Suggested using money designated towards Drake Park for the membership drive. The Drake Park playground has passed dates necessary to do anything this year.

Moved to move money from ^{Drake playground} park to membership with purpose of printing and distributing brochures.

Item 10. Peggy Jester A.) would like to put a notice in the newsletter about asbestos in homes. B) Would like to call board members for ideas on who to fill board slots. C) draws neighborhood houses and would like to have an exhibit at a meeting.

Gladys will try to get a place with good lighting so exhibit can be done.

Item 11. next meeting September 11.