

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 12, 1994

AGENDA

I. Review and approval of minutes

II. Visitors

- King School Kindergarten Project
- Linda Sinclair

III. Resignation of Bill Plymat; nominations for vacant position

VI. Treasurer's Report

V. Committee Reports

- Beautification
- Communications
- Historic
- Housing
- Membership

VI. Organization Reports

- Drake University
- Revitalization - Stockard/Engler
- Des Moines Neighbors

VII. Old Business

- Neighborhood Concert Series
- Forest Avenue Revitalization

VIII. New Business

- Answering machine
- Kiss a Pig

IX. Newsletter Assignments

X. Adjournment

Up coming events of possible interest

- Symposium on Violence II - Tuesday, May 23
- Neighborhood Drug Symposium - Saturday April 22
- National Night Out - Tuesday, August 1

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 1994

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 - Neighborhood Concert Series
 - Jazz in July
- VIII. New Business
 - Freeway expansion plans
- IX. Newsletter Assignments
- X. Adjournment

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting
May 11, 1994 7:00PM
DNA/NHS Offices

Virginia P
Dave Elliott

Attending: Bill Cappuccio, Arthur Dexter, Cathy & Jim Dietz-Kilen,
Randy Downs, Marian Hemstrom, Carl McPherson, Diane Munns,
Virginia Peterson, Bill Plymat, Margaret Pond, Carolyn
Raddatz, Bill Reinke, Tony Schmitt, Dave Sollenbarger

Guests: Michelle Parker, TVS reporter
GIS Class 192 - Dennis O'Brien, Dept Head
Kevin Kane, Professor
Students Charlie Grice, Dan Jablonda,
Michelle Krause, Josh Rilying

Geography Information System 192 Update - The Phase II portion of the
class project was presented with updated maps on the Drake
Park area. Areas explored included the following:

- Property class
- Land values
- Total values
- Property taxable status

After discussion, the board suggested contacting the City
Planning Office to have a summer interim student work with
them. Diane will send a letter to the Drake President in
appreciation of the efforts of this class.

Approval of minutes - as amended.

Treasurer's report - Status quo.

Nominating Committee - Virginia Peterson, Tony Schmitt, and Jim Dietz-Kilen
comprised this committee. Jim reported the recommendation of
Nancy Geiger and Peg Hogan as new board members.

Beautification Committee - Randy Downs, chair, reported that the monthly
meeting was held. Signs have been printed for the Kingman
flower beds which recognize DNA as caretakers of the beds.
There was considerable new tree damage at the park, some by
mowers coming too close to the base of the trees. Beaverdale
Association is having their perennial planting at Wittmer Park
on May 21.

House Tour - Cathy Dietz-Kilen reported that everything appears organized
and ready for the event on May 22.

Membership Committee - Margaret Pond reported that her group has completed
processing the new paid memberships.

Communications Committee - The newsletter is out for the House Tour.

Des Moines Neighbors - Bill Plymat reported on the most recent meeting
of his group. They are studying the 1/4 mile limit for group
homes in residential neighborhoods.

Drake University - The relays are over once again and preparations are
ready for graduation on May 15.

Drake Neighborhood Associations Board Meeting cont.

Historic Committee - No report.

Housing - Carl McPherson reported that the house at 1640 30th Street had a fire and is being considered for demolition. After inspecting, he did not see potential for rehabilitation.

Neighborhood Housing Services - Bill Reinke reported that 14 houses are being rehab'ed through Community Development Block Grant monies. He is presently submitting a grant for Carpenter Neighbors, the focus being on delapidated/abandoned houses. Diane will write a letter of support for this project.

Drake Park Neighbors - Bill Cappuccio reported that there will be a Clean-up Day on May 15 starting early in the AM. Tires and batteries will be collected on May 21. The group is also working on an International Cookbook.

Carpenter Neighbors - Dave Sollenbarger reported for this group. He thanked DNA for the contribution of \$75 received for their anti-graffiti cleanup.

Old Business -

Post Office Relocation - Diane has tried to contact Gary Lozano but has had no response.

Revitalization Designation has been approved for Capitol Park, Drake Park, and Highland Park. There will be a meeting on May 31 for all boards of these groups.


Cottage Grove Neighbors - Arthur Dexter reported that a new group is forming in the area west of 31st to 36th Streets and University Avenue to Kingman Boulevard. They are getting more formalized for issues about rental property & traffic, and to build community.

North Drake Neighbors - Bill Flymat stated this group is working on installing speed signs.

Rally - There will be a rally/march on May 15 beginning at 2PM at the Polk County Social Services building and going north on Martin Luther King Parkway. This is a Community/Police March Against Violence.

Adjournment - Diane Munns adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Carolyn Raddatz
Secretary

AGENDA
Drake Neighborhood Association
June 8, 1994
7 p.m.

- Call to order
- Approval of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- House Tour Committee
- Historic Committee
- Communication Committee
- Beautification Committee
- Membership Committee
- Housing Committee
- Des Moines Neighbors
- Drake University

clear abt a \$1,000

Jim D-K

Old business

- Post office
- Neighborhood Revitalization

New business

Meeting with Des Moines Register

If you are not able to attend please contact Diane at 281-4769 (work) or 279-7361 (home).

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

June 8, 1994 7:00PM

Attending: Bill Cappuccio, Jim & Cathy Dietz-Kilen, Randy Downs, David Elliott, Nancy Geider, Peg Hogan, Diane Munns, Virginia Peterson, Bill Plymat, Carolyn Raddatz, Tony Schmitt, Dave Sollenbarger

Welcome - Nancy Geider and Peg Hogan were welcomed as new members of the board. Nancy is the new treasurer replacing Bobbi Welch who is retiring due to health reasons. A thank you note will be sent to Bobbi for her years of service.

Approval of minutes - As distributed.

Committee reports -

House tour - Virginia Peterson reported that \$1264.00 has been deposited to date with another \$125.00 turned in. We will clear approximately \$1000.00 after expenses. The committee is suggesting the money be used for the construction of the new neighborhood sign.

Historic - Cathy reported for Jim Dietz-Kilen. A historic tour is planned of the Woodland Cemetery on Saturday, July 23 starting at 10AM. Heritage Tours is conducting the tour and reservations can be made thru Jim/Cathy at \$3.00 per person.

Communications - Dave Elliott reported that we are working toward a new membership brochure. A publication schedule should be available next meeting. This will facilitate getting information into the newsletter by deadline. There was discussion regarding a complete neighborhood mailing of the newsletter. It was moved/approved to do this once annually. This year it will be done with the next newsletter and in the future will be sent out prior to the house tour. There was discussion regarding computer space as we consider different office space options. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. Bill Plymat will investigate price lists, then he and Diane will make a decision.

Beautification - Randy Downs reported they are working on the new sign. The committee will make the final decision on the style, etc.

Membership - No report.

Housing - Bill Plymat reported that Ann Carothers is going to be doing a series on crime/violence. A forum is going to meet on June 23 to discuss the municipal approach.

Drake University - No report.

Old Business

Post office - Diane talked to Gary Lozano. He indicated that presently there are two options that are being considered for the new postoffice:

Ia Realty is putting together a package on 24th east to 23rd Street on Forest Avenue. This parcel would require vacating an alley, eliminating 12 houses and 3 businesses.

The city is packaging a parcel at 21st & University to 22nd Street. This would require closing part of 22nd Street, eliminating 9 houses and 1 business. The church on 22nd Street would not be affected.

A motion was made/approved to communicate by letter to the City that the DNA supports the construction of a new postoffice at the University & 21st Street site. Also we will ask for more information on the parcel on Martin Luther King Parkway and Forest that had been considered previously.

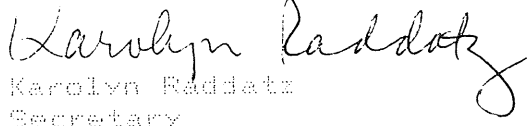
Neighborhood Revitalization - The project has received county approval and a steering committee is being developed to work on ideas. A core group from each designated area is needed. The areas are Drake Park, Highland Park, and Capital Park. Tony Schmitt was designated as the representative to the steering committee from the board. The planning process is about 1 year and the total program is 3 years.

Des Moines Register Town Meeting - A meeting for neighborhood groups will be held on June 22 from 7-9PM at the United Way Building.

NAB Board Position - Nan Stillman stopped in to announce that an opening is coming up on the NAB board due to her moving to the Housing Board. This opening will be appointed by Tom Vlaccis. We will discuss this on next month's agenda.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by President Diane at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Karolyn Raddatz
Secretary

AGENDA
Drake Neighborhood Association
July 13, 1994
7 p.m.

Call to order
Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Historic Committee
Communication Committee
Beautification Committee
Membership Committee
Housing Committee
Revitalization committee
Des Moines Neighbors
Drake University

Old business

Post office

New business

Green Team
National Night Out
Neighborhood Advisory Board presentation on M.L. King Parkway plans

If you are not able to attend please contact Diane at 281-4769 (work) or 279-7361 (home).

Nancy Seiper, I need to make an appt w/ you soon 7/28/94

Neighborhood News



Summer, 1994 -- *A service to the members of the Drake Neighborhood Association*

NEWS RELEASE

The Drake Neighborhood Association and Neighborhood Housing Services announce the availability of the **GREEN CLEAN TEAM** for beautification of parking lawns and vacant lots in DNA, Sherman Hill, and other areas served by NHS.

Teams consist of three to four youth who mow and maintain areas to improve neighborhood streetscapes, improve morale of residents, and to increase opportunities for residential and commercial economic development.

The team is paid with a combination of public and private funds and continues from late July through October 15, 1994.

Cooperating sponsors are the Community Betterment Program of Neighborhood Housing Services, Drake Neighborhood Association, DSM Parks & Recreation, DSM Public Works, Drake Grounds Department, Neighborhood Housing Council, Homes of Oakridge, and National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Related Dependencies.

The roster for team members remains open to fill the demand for service. Young people must be at least 16, demonstrate aptitudes and desire for out-door work, be free of addictions, including tobacco, and agree to terms of employment. Workers compensation and FICA provided.

Neighborhood groups or area businesses wishing to join in sponsoring the team, write or call for more information:

Green Clean Team, D N A Office
1153 24th Street, DSM, IA 50311
or call: Nan Stillians at 244-0286

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
July 13, 1994
Board Meeting

Attending: See attached

Board members: Al Cabbage, Cathy & Jim Dietz-Kilen, Dave Elliott, Nancy Geiger, Peg Hogan, Carl McPherson, Diane Munns, Virginia Peterson, Bill Plymat, Margaret Pond, Karolyn Raddatz

Membership Committee - Margaret Pond reported that a computer/printer will be purchased thru Drake University. The necessary software will be arranged by Tony Schmidt. The equipment will be stored here at the NHS office. A motion to allocate \$2500.00 for the purchase of the above was approved by the board. There was a request to purchase Pagemaker for use by the Communications Committee.

Communications - Dave Elliott reported that the newsletter went out today. This edition is being distributed to all residents of the neighborhood.

Post Office Update - Gary Lozano gave a report on the progress of the neighborhood postoffice. It would be a consolidation of the Drake station/Grand Avenue Station. Two sites are presently being considered by post office officials. The City has offered to prepare site of interest for them. Jim Domint, Facilities Officer, will be determining location soon. The University is not promoting one site over another. They are interested in maintaining a local station for the benefit of students. After much discussion regarding environmental issues and other concerns, the following motion was approved by a 9 yes, 4 no votes:

The Drake Neighborhood Association recommends that the 24th & Forest Avenue site be eliminated from consideration as a site for a new post office and therefore recommends that Planning & Zoning Commission deny the request to vacate the alley at that location.

This recommendation will be taken to Planning & Zoning's meeting on July 21. It will also go to City Council on August 1 if the subject is addressed there. Diane Munns will represent the board.

Housing Committee - This group has identified 9 items of focus for the coming year. More to be shared later.


Martin Luther King Parkway development - The priority for freeway development is Fleur to downtown. The north side will be developed later.

Green Team - Nan Stillian gave an update on this project. Six to eight youth over 16 years of age will be available/selected to participate. DNA, Sherman Hill, and Union Park are included in this project. Dale Lucas of Drake will be assisting.

Drake Park Neighbors - Bill Cappuccio reported that Marty Schmidt has been elected the new president of the group. August 2nd is National Nite Out and will be celebrated at the park with a pork BBQ.

Adjournment at approximately 9PM.

Respectfully submitted


Karolyn Raddatz

Secretary

Sign In —

Name

Address

Ray Morgan	1434-24 th ST.
Hannah Cole	1717-24 th St
James Lewis	1614-24 th ST.
Chick Zwick	1638 24 th DE 503
Alan Stillhaus	1604 24 th Place 50310
Tony Schmitt	2406 Kingman
Virginia Peterson	1312 39 th
Catherine Dietz-Kiker	2904 Cottage Grove
Al Cabbage	Draco
Bill Plymat	2723 Moyer Ave.
Jim Dietz-Kiker	2909 Cottage Grove
Blaine Mumms	3939 Cottage Grove
Bruce Capps	1084 24 th
Bryce Jester	3821 Cottage Grove
	(Gary Razanno-city Planning)
Peggy Hogan	1310 23rd St., D.M., 50311
Nancy Seiger	2704 Moyer DM 50310
Ceryl Cramer	2421 FRANKLIN AVE. 50
John Gyle	2425 Franklin Avenue 50310
Carl M. Matherson	1537-21 ST. 50311-3211
	4041 Cottage Grove 50311
Margaret McDonald Pond	4119 Kingman Blvd. 50311

7/12/94

DNA Housing Committee

1. Monitor City's Housing Inspection System
 - HAB (Housing Appeals Board)
 - Dan Bolt, Brenda Lablanc, Larry James
 - is it working? (Danny says it is)
 - Habitual Violator Ordinance
 - does it target those intended? not intended?
 - CCI is watchdog, network it
 - move afoot to unify all City inspections
2. Monitor City's Housing Demolition System
 - respond to Tom Lovelace letters (Carl)
 - encourages Planning Dept to continue asking
 - may discover a good rehab candidate for NHS/other
 - expand monitoring by asking for actual demo list
3. Network NHS
 - Bill Reinke has resigned
 - anyone from DNA on Board?
 - what rehab candidates do they have? status of rehab?
 - what is current loan offering?
 - update knowledge for phone response/newsletter
4. Network CCI on CRA Lending
 - which banks are best? geographies, qualifications?
 - should have 3 banks we can refer callers to
5. Network Iowa Landlords Association
 - try to always be on same side of issue, reconcile
 - joint venture to push criminal prosecution of tenant
 - encourage landlord investment in neighborhood
6. Network NAB/NFC Revitalization Process
 - already in place via Tony, Dave, Bill C.
 - housing function not necessarily in this committee
7. Prepare for Next House Move
 - anticipate Drake U's intention, timetable
 - prepare to ask Council for public purpose designation
 - identify NHS or other non-profit counselor
 - nail down vacant lots, revisit County lot list
8. Revisit Possibility of DNF - 501(C)3 Foundation
 - originally contemplated as housing rescue venture
 - may not be necessary with NHS, PHA rehab underway
9. Monitor Public Housing Issues
 - tenant conduct, neighborhood backed lawsuit
 - anticipate "Shelter Plus" siting
 - understand, nominate for PHA 20-19 project
 - danger of PHA/City inspection merger

AGENDA
Drake Neighborhood Association
September 14, 1994
7 p.m.

Jason Brown with Neighbors for Good Government has asked for 15-20 minutes to talk about the Charter Commission's proposal. His group is advocating the charter. He will speak at 7 p.m. and the meeting will be called to order at the conclusion.

Call to order
Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Historic Committee
Communication Committee
Beautification Committee
Membership Committee
Housing Committee
Revitalization committee
Des Moines Neighbors
Drake University

Old business

Post office- decision on a site

New business

Zoning- Homeless shelter

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September 14, 1994

CY CARNEY, CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
CITY HALL
400 EAST FIRST STREET
DES MOINES, IA 50309-1891

*This is a political deal
(no kidding...)*

Subject: Des Moines, IA - University Place Station

Dear Mr. Carney:

On September 8, 1994, the Postal Service held a site selection committee meeting in order to determine the most appropriate site for the proposed new University Place Station.

As a result of our thorough investigation, which considered customer needs and environmental and financial issues, Site 2 is considered to be the only viable means to replace the present facility in the immediate service area.

The three sites considered were:

- Site 1 - University Avenue and 22nd Street
- Site 2 - Forest Avenue and 23rd Street
- Site 3 - Forest Avenue and Martin Luther King Blvd.

The committee voted unanimously for Site 2 for the following reasons:

1. Time

The City's proposal for sites 1 and 3 will required approximately one year to assemble the properties involved. Site 2 has been assembled through options at this time, allowing the Postal Service to proceed immediately with the next phase of the acquisition process.

2. Prolonged Liability for Contaminated Material

Petroleum contamination is present on sites 1 and 2. The purchase of Site 1, which includes a source of contamination, could make the Postal Service responsible for removing the contamination from the site as well as from the surrounding properties. The Postal Service could also be responsible for long-term monitoring of the ground water. Site 2, however, does not include a source of contamination. The Postal Service could be responsible only for removing the on-site contamination and would not necessarily be responsible for removing contamination from surrounding properties or for long-term monitoring of ground water.

3. Location

Site #3 was determined to be outside the Preferred Area and was considered non-viable. Sites 1 and 2 were both considered viable sites.


4. Cost

U.S. Postal Service estimates for assemblage, environmental clean-up, ground water monitoring, relocation, demolition, legal costs and engineering fee were considered. Site 1 had an estimated cost of approximately \$1,300,000 and Site 2 of \$1,000,000. Site 3 cost estimates were not developed.

Sites 1 and 3 were eliminated from further consideration by the Postal Service. Site 2 is considered to be the only viable means to replace the present facility in the immediate service area.

Your assistance in local matters (i.e., zoning, alley vacation and community relations) will be very much appreciated. If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please call me at (913) 831-1855 Ext. 455.

Sincerely,



James E. Doumit (Donut)
Real Estate Specialist

cc: Mac Danielson, Iowa Realty
Gary Lazano, Assistant Planning Director, City of Des Moines
Diane Munns, President, Drake Neighborhood Association
Richard Watkins, Communications Program Specialist, USPS
Thomas Johnson, Hawkeye District Manager, USPS
Thomas O'Donnell, Manager Administrative Services Office, USPS
Norm Griese, Postmaster, Des Moines, IA
Larry Stone, Manager, Facilities Service Officer, USPS

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting
September 14, 1994 7:00PM
DNA/NHS Offices

Attending: Al Cabbage, Cathy & Jim Dietz-Kilen, Nancy Geiger, Peg Hogan, Carl McPherson, Diane Munns, Margaret Pond, Karolyn Raddatz, Tony Schmidt
Non-board members - Bruce Heilman, Nan Stillian, Roger Munns, Mary Wilson

Polk County Commonwealth Charter - Deb Copeland and Dick Templer gave a presentation regarding the proposed structural change of city/county governments. This involves 16 cities in Polk county, however, some may elect not to join. The benefits include reduced duplication of services and better planning. Some offices would be combined such as assessor, etc. The fall election ballot will have 2 choices:
- Should CWC replace supervisors?
- Should Des Moines be a member for cooperative service?

July Minutes - Approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - Approved as distributed, see attachment.

Historic Committee - Jim Dietz-Kilen and Tony Schmidt will be participating in the Sherman Hill Walking Tour this weekend. They will be giving presentations about the history of our area. The committee is exploring the possibility of an Antiquing Trip to Maquoketa.

Communication Committee - No report.

Beautification Committee - Randy reported \$500.00 worth of bulbs have been purchased and will be planted.

Membership Committee - Margaret indicated the computer is arriving at the end of the week. Approximately 70 new memberships came in through the direct mailing of the newsletter.

Housing Committee - No report.

Revitalization Program - The group is looking at the needs for human services and housing conditions. They are also identifying strengths/weaknesses of the neighborhood.

Drake University update - The students are back and there is an increase in enrollment.

Nominating Committee - Carl McPherson, chairman, Tony Schmidt, and Margaret Pond were appointed to prepare the 1995 slate of officers/board members.

Old business -

Post Office Building - A motion was approved to revisit the alley vacation proposal at 23rd & Forest. Discussion included political issues, contamination factors, and potential for loss of the post office. Motion was made to rescind previous motion of July 13, 1994 relating to alley closure at 24th & Forest and not take a stand at this time at the Planning & Zoning meeting. Instead we request the City to package other property parcels and assist with contamination cleanup efforts to make these other sites more desirable before October 6. Amendment - If these efforts are not successful, then ask for continuance of Iowa Realty's request for vacation.

New business -

Homeless Shelter - (Churches United) A request to the City in conjunction with River Bend and Sherman Hill was approved to develop a task force to study group home/shelter needs and location.

Green Space - Ed Nahas would like to donate a vacant lot at 2838 Rutland to the DNA. We will visit with neighbors to discuss maintenance.

Housing issues - Bill Flymat would like names of more potential plaintiffs in the case against HUD. There are efforts to get HUD to pass regulations making them require more responsible landlords.

Voter Registration - Carl McPherson has voter registration cards for anyone needing one.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karolyn Raddatz
Secretary

Drake Neighborhood Association

Treasurer's Report

September 14, 1994

Beginning Balance		
July 8, 1994		\$9,919.90
Deposits	DNA memberships	\$847.00
Payments		\$3,681.80
Ending Balance		
September 14, 1994		\$ 7,085.10

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

October 5, 1994 8:00PM

Special Board Meeting

Home of Diane Munns

Attending: Al Cabbage, Cathy & Jim Dietz-Kilen, Dave Elliott, Diane Munns, Virginia Peterson, Bill Plymat, Karolyn Raddatz, Tony Schmidt

Vacation of alley request - 24th & Forest for Post Office Building
Diane reported that Tom Harkin's office and Neal Smith's office have been informed of the neighborhood position on location of a future post office facility. City officials have also been contacted. Since we were informed by postal officials that time was a factor in selecting this site, the City has indicated they would prioritize packaging the other two sites (21st & MLK Parkway and 21st & University). The environmental issue is still unclear due to the fact that the study information has not been released to anyone. The City has requested it and to date has not received anything.

The Drake Area Business Association sent a letter dated 9/26/94 expressing enthusiastic support for the alley vacation. They feel this would provide stimulus for growth & development on Forest Avenue.

Gary Lozano has indicated that City Staff recommendation will be to postpone the vacation in favor of direction from City Council to staff to work for a more favorable site.

Motion was made by Jim Dietz-Kilen to reconsider our July decision and take a position against vacating this alley. Seconded by Tony Schmidt. Discussion followed. Al Cabbage said the University is in support of the alley vacation and prefers the site closest to the University property. Other points were discussed and the vote was called by President Diane. Seven favored the motion and two opposed the motion plus 2 absentee votes for the motion making a total of nine for and 2 against - motion carried. Diane will attend the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting tomorrow night and state our position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted.



Karolyn Raddatz
Secretary

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting
October 12, 1994
Drake Diner

ATTENDING: Al Cabbage, Cathy and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Nancy Geiger, Bill Plymat, Carl McPherson, Diane Munns, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, David Elliott, Virginia Peterson, Randy Downs and Dave Sollenbarger.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES-Approved as distributed.

TREASURERS REPORT- Approved.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE- Chair Carl McPherson reported the slate of officers and members of the Board for 1995:
President-Cathy Dietz-Kilen
Vice-President-Tony Schmitt
Secretary-Margaret Pond
Treasurer-Nancy Geiger

Carl reported the committee was having difficulty in finding three new board members. Cathy Dietz-Kilen moved the board approve all current and future nominees so that the slate could be run in the newsletter.

POST OFFICE- Diane Munns reported on the status of the new Post Office. At the October 6 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, a vote of eight to four opposed the vacation of the alley necessary for the possession of the 23rd and Forest location. P&Z also voted to contact congressmen to ask the P.O. to look for another location and to keep the money allotted for the new post office for the new location. At this time, it is uncertain whether a new post office will be built. The Board thanked Diane Munns for her work on this issue.

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE- Tony Schmitt reported there will be the first public meeting Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church to discuss progress of the committee.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Randy Downs reported that \$500 was spent on 700 bulbs for the Witmer Daffodil garden. The next tree planting will be October 22. A motion was made by Cathy Dietz-Kilen and seconded by Jim Dietz-Kilen to approve the re-use of tree stakes from the 1993 planting for the October 22 plantings.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that the computer and software have arrived. The committee has also gone through the DNA office and cleaned out unnecessary accumulations. The committee asked Al Cabbage to ask Drake University if it would be possible for DNA historical archives to be kept at Cowles Library.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- Dave Elliott voiced concern for getting the slate of 1995 officers into the newsletter in a timely fashion. The Nominating Committee promised to submit the slate as soon as they completed it.

HOUSING- Bill Plymat reported on Community Development Block Grant Funds. A study of underground contamination at 24th and Forest Ave. is currently underway. When it is completed, \$40,000 out of \$130,000 will have been spent. Benzene has been located on 13th and Forest. Some of the \$90,000 surplus may be used to correct the contamination. Forest and 28th has no contamination to date but some seepage could be coming that way. He also reported on the possibility of microbes developed by Pioneer to be used to "eat" the contamination. 21*

NEW BUSINESS-

* Diane Munns asked if DNA might consider a goodwill contribution to Churches United's new shelter to be located at 15th and Mulberry. Cathy Dietz-Kilen moved and Virginia Peterson seconded to send a check for \$100 along with a letter.

* Cathy and Jim Dietz-Kilen reported on the fight they are engaged in with the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the lot behind them. The lot is zoned for single family but a 5-plex is currently under construction. They reported that they will be going to District Court to have the construction stopped and that they are scheduled to meet with City Planner, Jim Grant. They asked the DNA Board to consider possible future financial and moral support in fighting the construction, depending upon the outcome of their meeting the Jim Grant and their District Court case. The Board moved to support the Dietz-Kilens in this case.

ADJOURNMENT-Cathy Dietz-Kilen moved and Al Cabbage seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Substitute Secretary