

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 1996

AGENDA

~~I.~~ Review and approval of minutes

Oct
Nov
Dec

~~II.~~ Treasurer's Report

III. Hopes, dreams and goals for the DNA in 1996 and beyond

→ feelings connected
→ friendship

~~IV.~~ VI. Committee Reports

Chair
Chuck M

- ~~X~~ Beautification
- ~~-~~ Communications → Newsletter
- ~~-~~ Historic
- ~~X~~ House Tour
- Housing → landlords → brochure/Drive
- Membership
- Special Events → meetings

↳ dealing w/ City Hall
↳ Social Events
House Tour
↳ Committees & active

Royars
Mudins / Stephanie

~~V.~~ IV. Organization Reports

- Drake University
- Des Moines Neighbors

Jazz in July
Kingman Island
Cruise

↳ landlords - -
- problems
- good ones

~~VI.~~ V. Old Business

- The Playhouse and the tower
- Other old business
- ↳ 2005 Vision

impression of
Eric Anderson

Feb 3
Football field
Sandy Marshall

↳ quarterly meetings
- pot lucks
- when do we do this
again

~~VII.~~ VI. New Business

- Report on money donated for housing in area of new post office
- Neighborhood scrub → yes, do - west side
- Other new Business

80,000 donated
{ Knudsen
{ Knapp

VIII Newsletter Assignments and deadlines

2 blocks worth of Forest
24th to MLK

IX Adjournment

• F.Y.I.
• post of a calendar of upcoming events
- mty's DNA
- events I Tour

Urban Revisions
Feb 11
Sun Aff
The amazing understanding preview

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

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ATTENDING: Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Al Cabbage, Dave Sollenbarger, Doug Cooper, Diane Munns, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Nancy Geiger and Mac McAfee.

EXCUSED: Ron Hampton

GUEST: Bill Plymat

Minutes from the October and November meetings were reviewed and accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT- Current balance of \$2018.48.

HOPES, DREAM AND GOALS FOR DNA IN 1996

President Catherine Dietz-Kilen prompted discussion among the Board on the above topic. The following issues were discussed:

- * The importance and impact of the Home Tour.
- * Problem landlords and how it should be addressed by the Board (NOTE: Dave Sollenbarger volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to address this issue).
- * More social activities. Quarterly? Where?
- * Design and printing of a new membership brochure
- * How to encourage a feeling of "connectedness" among neighbors
- * Review of the DNA Statement of Purpose (as follows:)
 - ** To gain awareness and instill pride in our neighborhood
 - ** To make neighbors feel secure in their persons and belongings
 - ** To preserve and beautify our neighborhood
 - ** To promote a healthy business climate for area businesses
 - ** To encourage a self-help attitude in our neighborhood

It was decided, as part of the discussion, that a Dessert Potluck would be held on a Friday evening in February at the Thoreau Center. Mac McAfee will coordinate with Harold Wells.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Chuck Mertes will chair this committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that three bids have been received on a new membership directory. The lowest bid of \$490 for 500 directories by Christian Printing was approved by the Board. Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Al Cabbage, and Tony Schmitt volunteered to help Margaret with the design of a new brochure and letterhead.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- Still no chairman of this committee. It was agreed that a newsletter should be produced by the middle of the month, every other month.

HISTORIC- No report.

report from this committee.

HOUSING— No report.

SPECIAL EVENTS— A Dessert Potluck for the entire membership is being scheduled for February at the Thoreau Center. Mac McAfee will coordinate. An icebreaker for discussion will be to ask for suggestions on a community project.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE— Al Cabbage reported that the February 3 basketball game at the Knapp Center will be the next Drake Neighbors Day.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS— Diane Munns reported that the last meeting of this group was in November when the new Des Moines City Manager, Eric Anderson, spoke. There were good impressions of him by the group.

OLD BUSINESS

U.S. CELLULAR TOWER— The City Council has voted against locating the tower on the Des Moines Playhouse property.

VISION 2005— Al Cabbage reported that the steering committee recently met with the City Council and recommended a local 1% option tax to be voted upon by voters in the next five months. The tax would be divided among schools, cultural attractions and property taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

POST OFFICE SETTLEMENT— David Kruidenier and Bill Knapp have donated \$80,000 to be used by the neighborhood as they see fit to improve the area impacted by the new Post Office. Use of the funds will likely be monitored by the Neighborhood Advisory Board and administered by Neighborhood Finance Corp. Bill Plymat spoke at some length regarding previous meetings and decisions regarding the Post Office. President Dietz-Kilen ruled that these remarks were not germane to the issue at hand and returned the discussion to the items on the agenda. Mr. Plymat then left the room.

MISCELLANEOUS— Neighborhood Scrub Day will be sponsored by the City on the date we choose between April 13-Oct. 19. A date will probably be chosen immediately before the May Home Tour.

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES— It was decided by the Board that any guest may speak just once per topic at Board meetings unless otherwise called upon by a Board member. The Chair has the prerogative to limit the length of discussion.

CUBBAGE ROLE— Al Cabbage asked if his Drake University representation on the Board had an overwhelming influence and if he should step down. The Board agreed unanimously that Al was an invaluable Board member and gave him our full support.

URBAN REVISIONS EXHIBITION-- The exhibition at the Des Moines Art Center will be hosting a discussion on Sunday evening, Feb. 11 on the topic, "The Amazing Unexpanding Freeway." All DNA members are invited.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS-- Deadline for turning in stories is January 17: Lead paint story; Habitat for Humanity (Schmitt); Home Tour info. (Almlie); Art Center discussion (J. Dietz-Kilen); Dessert potluck (McAfee)

ADJOURNMENT-- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

1/11/96

To: Tony Schmitt

From: Bill Plymat

At last night's meeting you stated that Bill Knapp originally agreed to help others move houses, not to move any himself. I replied that Mr. Knapp's people had on four occasions stated that they, not others, would move houses. Two of these communications were letters and two were appearances before the City Council. Implying that you did not believe me, you said you wanted to see those communications.

Having examined my files, I find the following evidence. The most recent communique alone should be sufficient to settle the question of Mr. Knapp's intent. In a letter dated 12/1/95, Jerry Nugent wrote to the City Manager:

"As you recall, Bill Knapp publicly made a commitment to move the viable houses from the block where the new Forest Avenue Post Office is to be constructed."

A copy of this letter was provided to you at the meeting with Jim Grant on Tuesday of this week.

Going back to the City Council meeting of 3/27/95, the transcript of the videotape reveals the following statement by Jerry Nugent:

"One of the issues that has come forward during this rezoning process is the housing. And I want to make it clear and of record, so that there is no misunderstanding, that Iowa Realty and Bill Knapp will make the houses available to anyone that wants to relocate the houses that are being displaced by this proposal should it be approved, that we will assist in locating lots and assist in arranging for reasonable financing. To the extent that those houses are not moved, Bill and some associates of Bill have agreed to raise sufficient funds and will risk the money to relocate the houses that are viable to be moved, which we estimate are six to eight, to be relocated in the vicinity. We've already identified six lots in the immediate neighborhood to relocate houses, and we will do that with the idea of reselling them for private ownership, single family ownership."

With regard to the issue of assisting others in the relocation of houses, Cal Sale says that he phoned Mr. Knapp's people for precisely that purpose on several occasions, but that his calls were not returned.

Additionally, in a letter dated 9/1/95, Mr. Knapp wrote as follows to George Flagg:

"Clearly, I committed to you and to the city that I would work to move the houses which were viable for relocation."

A few paragraphs later Mr. Knapp states:

"Although it is not always easy dealing with a federal agency, the viable houses will remain in the neighborhood after the post office is built. This was and is our primary desire."

In a story published 9/7/95, the Des Moines Register reported:

"Knapp's assurance that he would move houses that the post office displaces was a last-minute factor in Flagg's decision to vote for a controversial postal distribution center at 24th Street and Forest Avenue."

The fourth communication to which I referred was the appearance before the Council on 11/6/95, at which time Mr. Nugent reiterated all of the previous commitments. At this time, I do not have a written transcript of those statements, but I feel the forgoing quotations should satisfy you.

By requesting these proofs, the impression you gave to other board members was that I had misstated Knapp's promises. I believe it is therefore incumbent upon you to copy and distribute this material to the other board members so that they can see that I was telling the truth. Please notify me in writing when you have done this.

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December 1, 1995

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

Mr. Eric Anderson
City Manager
City of Des Moines
400 E. 1st Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: Drake Area Post Office - House Moving


Dear Mr. Anderson:

As you recall, Bill Knapp publicly made a commitment to move the viable houses from the block where the new Forest Avenue Post Office is to be constructed. All arrangements are in place to move such houses. However, since the date of the original commitments, several things have occurred to make moving the houses perhaps not the best investment for housing in the area. First, the Post Office has required complete abatement of asbestos which has virtually gutted many of the houses on the block. Asbestos containing materials included plaster in some of the houses. Secondly, while the houses have stood empty a great deal of vandalism has occurred further decimating the houses.

Based on our original calculations it was determined that we would lose up to \$10,000.00 per house. With the destruction of the houses from the asbestos removal and vandalism, we have assumed an additional \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 of cost per house. Since it was determined that we would be moving four houses we anticipate a loss of \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00.

We have now made a proposal that Bill Knapp and David Kruidenier donate a total of \$80,000.00 in cash without any restrictions to be used in the immediate neighborhoods for residential rehabilitation in the forms of loans, grants, purchases and the like. Our proposal is to give the money to the Neighborhood Finance Corporation to be administered in accordance with the programs. The programs will be developed by the Community Development Department in consultation with the designated neighborhood leadership and approved by the NAB after consulting with the designated neighborhood leadership. Further, we recommend that Bill Plymat and the other activists be involved in the administration of this fund.

We presented this proposal to Nadine Hogate, the chair of the NAB, Curt Heidt, President of the Neighborhood Finance Corporation, Fran Koontz, President of Des Moines Neighbors and Jim Grant. Fran Koontz then presented this proposal to Nan Stillians and Bill Plymat, two neighborhood activists who were actively involved in the housing issues resulting from the location of the Post Office on Forest Avenue. It was unanimous that the payment of \$80,000.00 is a better investment in the neighborhood than moving these houses which, are generally regarded as not being of high quality in light of other houses in the neighborhood.



KNAPP
PROPERTIES
INC.

September 1, 1995

Mr. George Flagg
2716 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

Re: Forest Avenue Post Office

Dear George:

I have received a copy of Bill Plymat's August 29, 1995 correspondence and feel a response is required. The memorandum does misstate several facts which do not merit discussion at this time.

Clearly, I committed to you and to the city that I would work to move the houses which were viable for relocation. At that time, it was felt there may have been six or seven possibilities. Since that time, I have had contractors and realtors look at the houses and make recommendations to me.

Based on our review, five houses merit relocation. Those houses being as follows:

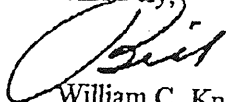
1415 - 24th
1416 - 23rd
2320 Clark
2310 Clark
2311 Forest.

Mr. Stegall, one of the sellers has arranged to move 1415 - 24th. Mr. Akpan, also one of the sellers, has offered to move 1416 - 23rd and 2320 Clark. These are being moved to three lots on the east side of 23rd Street across from the post office.

I have submitted an Offer to purchase and move the last two houses and am waiting response from the United States Postal Service. A lot across Clark and one across 24th Street are being acquired for the relocation.

George, I truly believe that I have lived up to my word. Although, it is not always easy dealing with a federal agency, the viable houses will remain in the neighborhood after the post office is built. This was and is our primary desire.

Sincerely,



William C. Knapp

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Post office plan salvages 5 homes

6 more in the way will be razed

By ANNE CAROTHERS-KAY

REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Only five of 11 houses in the way of a new Drake-area post office will be moved and saved, according to a letter from Des Moines businessman William C. Knapp.

A Sept. 1 letter from Knapp to City Councilman George Flagg states that although he had hoped six or seven of the houses could be saved, only five are viable enough to be moved.

Knapp was responding to a letter from neighborhood activist Bill Plymat in which Plymat accused him of renegeing on his promise to save as many of the houses as possible.

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In an Aug. 29 letter, Plymat suggested that Knapp had failed to live up to that promise. He also noted that the post office had sought people to buy and move the houses but

had not received any bids, from Iowa Realty or anyone else, by the Aug. 18 deadline.

The exception was one house at 1415 24th St., which was eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and was being moved by its owner, Steven Stegall, wrote Plymat.

Howard Townsend, a contracts officer for the Kansas City service office of the U.S. Postal Service, said Tuesday that Plymat's letter is not entirely correct. Townsend said the post office is awarding a contract to build the post office.

Townsend said no one had bid on the houses before the Aug. 18 deadline, but on Tuesday, he received a Sept. 1 bid for two of the houses from Knapp Properties Inc. and a bid for two more of the houses from Augustine Akpan, who is listed as living at 1327 14th St.

However, Townsend said he believed that because the offers are late, the buyers now must deal with the contractor to move the houses.

Townsend said that while the post office won't pay to move the houses, it won't stand "in the way of these houses being moved."

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KINGSWAY CATHEDRAL YOUTH- The Youth Group of the Kingsway Cathedral have approached the DNA about the possibility of getting involved in some neighborhood service projects. Jim Dietz-Kilen will contact them about the July 27 Scrub Day.

METRO WOMEN'S NETWORK-The Board was reminded of the Metro Women's Network's dinner on February 15 honoring Sister Stella Neill at the West End Diner.

MAYA LIN- The Board was reminded of the February 29 benefit screening of the documentary Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision at the Des Moines Art Center.

UNIVERSITY AVE. APARTMENT NOTICE- Dave Sollenbarger informed the Board of a memo he received about plans to construct a 22-unit apartment building in the 4000 block of University Ave., where 2 single family homes are presently located. State Federal Bank owns the property and will build and manage the building. A variance hearing before the Board of Adjustment will take place Feb. 28. Sollenbarger will set up a meeting between bank representatives and

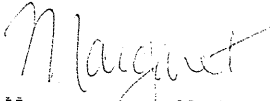
interested neighbors to hear details.

FOREST AVE. TRAFFIC STUDY— Al Cabbage circulated a memo from the City of Des Moines' Traffic and Transportation Dept. regarding the Forest Ave. Traffic Study. The department recommends a traffic signal be installed at 25th and Forest Ave. to encourage the use of 25th St. as a through street and to cut down on traffic on 24th St., among other reasons. The signal is scheduled to be installed in the summer of 1997 at a cost of \$20,000.

NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCES MEETING— A meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Dietz-Kilen residence addressing how to deal with neighborhood nuisances.

ADJOURNMENT— The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 1996

1153 - 24th Street
(Neighborhood Housing Services)
7:00 p.m.

P.O. BOX
up + running
by Nov 96

AGENDA

I. Review and approval of minutes

II. Treasurer's Report

sign => { Randy
Virginia

III. Committee Reports

June 9 - Beautification
- Communications
- Historic
- House Tour -> 60 invites are out; targeting W of freeway, E of 42nd, S of Kingman, W of 36th
- Housing
- Membership @ new directory out; but have pick up day; @ brochure raise prices
- Special Events
- Theran Chr potluck
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IV. Organization Reports

- Drake University
- March 30, 1996 - Senior Class Gift Jen Carlet
- BB courts
- Des Moines Neighbors -> wkshp on activism

V. Old Business

Report on money donated for housing in the area of the new post office 3/20/96
- Report on Meeting - Neighborhood Nuisances

VI. New Business

- > NHS volunteer recognition
- Other new Business

"sparse" turnout

VII. Newsletter Assignments and deadlines

VIII. Adjournment

Extorior work
\$80,000.00

elderly \$ 15 ÷ 2 = 7 1/2
disabled \$ 15 ÷ 2 = 7 1/2
homeowner 15 ÷ 2 = 7 1/2
rental 30 ÷ 2 = matching fund
20 left to be distributed

Neighborhood
Fin Service

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March 13, 1996

ATTENDING: Jim Dietz-Kilen, Rachel Almlie, Dave Sollenbarger, Doug Cooper, Diane Munns, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Nancy Geiger, Ron Hampton, and Mac McAfee.

EXCUSED; Catherine Dietz-Kilen, *Al Cabbage*

GUEST: Drake students Jennifer Carlat, Mike Wendt, and Deb Behles.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and accepted with the amendment that Rachel Almlie was present for the meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT- Current balance of \$1051.72.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that the directory is finished. Due to the cost of mailing out 300 directories, it was decided members could pick up their copies at the next Dessert Potluck or at designated days at Rachel's and Margaret's homes. The Neighborhood Canvas will be Sat. April 20 from 9-12, beginning at the Des Moines Playhouse. All Board members will be expected to participate.

Copy for the new membership brochure is being worked on by a sub-committee. Copy will be given to Al Cabbage to begin working on design as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- Chairman Rachel Almlie reported that she is concerned about a lack of response from 60 letters that were mailed out to prospective homeowners about hosting a stop on the tour. Only two have confirmed their willingness. The area being targeted is north of the freeway, south of Kingman, west of 36th St. and east of 42nd. There will be a meeting of the committee on Mon. March 18 to discuss the tour. June 9 is the current date.

HOUSING- No official report. Related subject to be discussed in Old Business.

SPECIAL EVENTS- A Dessert Potluck for the entire membership will take place in April at the Thoreau Center. Mac McAfee will confirm a date with Harold Wells.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- Jennifer Carlat, co-chair of Senior Service Day at Drake,

addressed the Board on the project. The Schools of Education, Pharmacy, Business, and Journalism and Mass Communications all have community activities planned for March 30.

Mike Wendt and Deb Behles of the Student Life committee of the Drake Student Senate informed the Board of their proposal to convert the old outdoor tennis courts on campus to a basketball and rollerhockey court. They have already received the support of the North Drake Neighbors. The Board gave them their support. For more details, call Mike at 279-9198.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Diane Munns attended an Effective Activism seminar March 10 which she felt was very helpful.

OLD BUSINESS-

POST OFFICE MONEY- Dave Sollenbarger reported on more specific plans for the \$80,000 to be used for exterior improvements on homes in the area around the new Post Office. \$15,000 will be available for elderly and disabled neighbors, \$30,000 for rental properties (with the owners required to match funds), \$15,000 for owner-occupied properties, and the \$20,000 leftover to be used for any additional needs. Habitat for Humanity will be getting involved in the labor needed for the improvements.

NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCES MEETING- A meeting was held Feb. 25 at the Dietz-Kilen residence addressing how to deal with neighborhood nuisances. The first step was to begin contacting entities (such as the city planning department).

UNIVERSITY AVE. APARTMENT NOTICE- Dave Sollenbarger informed the Board that State Federal Bank goes before the Board of Adjustment for their zoning variance on March 27. Their current plan is to construct a 24-unit, three-story building marketed to the elderly. There are no plans currently for a resident manager. It has been estimated by real estate professionals that adjoining property owners will lose \$20,000 in market value on their properties if the building is built. Neighbors have asked for a written agreement from the bank on such issues as an eight foot privacy fence and security lights. Sollenbarger feels construction of the building is a "done deal."

NEW BUSINESS

NHS GRANTS- The Neighborhood Housing Services is offering grant money for volunteer recognition as well as money for neighborhood improvements. The Board is particularly interested in a \$3,000 grant that could be used for re-seeding the boulevard areas along Kingman Blvd. Margaret Pond will talk to Beautification Chairman Chuck Mertes about applying for the grant by May 8.

JAZZ IN JULY- The Board decided that the \$400 to host a Metro Arts Jazz in July concert was too much for their budget this year.

I-235 UPDATE- The Iowa DOT has begun circulating a publication entitled "I-235 Exchange" with updates on the project, copies of

which were circulated.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS- The following stories will be written and submitted by March 20 to Rachel Almlie: membership directory pick-up dates (Pond); House Tour (Almlie); boulevard flower info. (Mertes); membership drive canvassing (Pond); Drake student activities (to become President's Message); scrub date.

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KINGSWAY CATHEDRAL YOUTH- The Youth Group of the Kingsway Cathedral have approached the DNA about the possibility of getting involved in some neighborhood service projects. Jim Dietz-Kilen will contact them about the July 27 Scrub Day.

METRO WOMEN'S NETWORK-The Board was reminded of the Metro Women's Network's dinner on February 15 honoring Sister Stella Neill at the West End Diner.

MAYA LIN- The Board was reminded of the February 29 benefit screening of the documentary Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision at the Des Moines Art Center.

UNIVERSITY AVE. APARTMENT NOTICE- Dave Sollenbarger informed the Board of a memo he received about plans to construct a 22-unit apartment building in the 4000 block of University Ave., where 2 single family homes are presently located. State Federal Bank owns the property and will build and manage the building. A variance hearing before the Board of Adjustment will take place Feb. 28. Sollenbarger will set up a meeting between bank representatives and


interested neighbors to hear details.

FOREST AVE. TRAFFIC STUDY- Al Cabbage circulated a memo from the City of Des Moines' Traffic and Transportation Dept. regarding the Forest Ave. Traffic Study. The department recommends a traffic signal be installed at 25th and Forest Ave. to encourage the use of 25th St. as a through street and to cut down on traffic on 24th St., among other reasons. The signal is scheduled to be installed in the summer of 1997 at a cost of \$20,000.

NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCES MEETING- A meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Dietz-Kilen residence addressing how to deal with neighborhood nuisances.

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

Drake Neighborhood Association

Treasurer's Report

February 14, 1996

Beginning Balance		
January 10, 1996		\$1059.29
Deposits	\$754.00	
Payments	\$720.00	
Ending Balance		
February 14, 1996		\$1093.29

GROUP Drake Neighborhood Association
AREA 42nd-W to 19th-E / Hickman-N to I-235-S

CONTACT PERSON Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Pres.
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Des Moines, Iowa 50311

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GROUP Drake Neighborhood Association
AREA

CONTACT PERSON Tony Schmitt, V.P.
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GROUP Drake Neighborhood Association
AREA

CONTACT PERSON Margaret Pond, Sec.
ADDRESS 4119 Kingman Blvd.
Des Moines, Iowa 50311

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GROUP Drake Neighborhood Association
AREA

CONTACT PERSON Nancy Geiger, Treasurer
ADDRESS 2704 Moyer
Des Moines, Iowa 50310

PHONE H-277-6350

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 10, 1996

1153 - 24th Street
(Neighborhood Housing Services)
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Review and approval of minutes

II Kathy

II. Treasurer's Report

III. Committee Reports

- Beautification
- Communications
- Historic
- House Tour
- Housing
- Membership
- Special Events

IV. Organization Reports

- Drake University
- Des Moines Neighbors

V. Old Business

- Report on money donated for housing in the area of the new post office

VI. New Business

- *50/31 street*
- Potluck
- Other new Business
- *Mer.*

- Community Policy Sew

VII. Newsletter Assignments and deadlines

VIII. Adjournment

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
April 10, 1996

ATTENDING: Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Rachel Almlie, Dave Sollenbarger, Doug Cooper, Diane Munns, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Stephanie Jackman, Al Cabbage, and Mac McAfee.

EXCUSED; Nancy Geiger.

GUESTS: Chuck Mertes and Kathy Moritz

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and accepted with the amendment that the absences of Stephanie Jackman and Al Cabbage were excused.

TREASURERS REPORT- No report.

Kathy Moritz of Neighborhood Housing Services invited Board members to attend the May 2 Annual Meeting at the Botanical Center. NHS Board members will be elected at this meeting (8 resident members, 7 business partners, and one city/liaison representative). Applications for Board nominations are due by April 19. NHS is expanding its services into the Capitol Park and Capitol Park East neighborhoods. The Board questioned Moritz about the voting procedures. Mac McAfee agreed to be the DNA's nominee to the NHS Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Chairman Chuck Mertes will bring sketches of a neighborhood sign design. We will need only 20 flats of flowers @ \$8.50 each for the boulevard plantings (Chuck is providing some flowers and 15 flats are being provided by the Botanical Center. It was agreed that Chuck would apply for a NHS grant (deadline May 8) to re-seed the boulevard green areas. The Carpenter Neighbors will submit a proposal for a Japanese garden on a vacant lot.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reminded Board members of the April 20 Neighborhood Canvas. The brochure rough draft is almost ready to be submitted to Al Cabbage.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- Chairman Rachel Almlie reported that her committee will meet again April 15 and will see more possible houses for the June 9 tour.

HOUSING- No report.

SPECIAL EVENTS- A Dessert Potluck for the entire membership will take place April 25 at the Thoreau Center.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE— The Drake Relays will be April 26-27. Graduation will be May 11-12. Memorial Hall Salvage Day for Drake neighbors will be April 14. Focus groups are being held regarding the local option sales tax.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS— Bill Cappuccio reported on a presentation by the Federal Home Loan Bank. Community Policing surveys will be circulated to neighborhood groups prior to a Sept. 27 town meeting.

OLD BUSINESS—

POST OFFICE MONEY—The Neighborhood Advisory Board liked the proposal for the grant spending. Carpenter to Forest between 22nd and 24th streets have been canvased and resident response was extremely positive. Habitat for Humanity will be contacting owners and work will begin by the end of April.

NEW BUSINESS

MERCHANTILE BANK— Disappointment was expressed by many Board members over the recent statements by bank representatives that they are closing their Drake branch because of the neighborhood. A meeting is being arranged between bank representatives, CCI, Councilman Chris Hensley and DNA representatives.

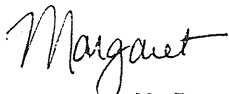
30TH AND 31TH STREETS CORRIDOR— The Traffic and Planning Commission is coming up with two proposals and will have a public hearing (no date known). The commission has not been keeping the university or the affected neighbors informed. A letter will be sent from the DNA to City Manager Eric Anderson regarding this issue.

NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCES—Jim Dietz-Kilen will approach the neighbors at the April Dessert Potluck about a possible Saturday seminar with city officials on this topic and will gauge interest.

DONATION— A \$25 donation was approved to the police band, Legal Limit, and will invite them to perform at Drake Park this summer.

ADJOURNMENT— The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

May 8, 1996

ATTENDING: Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Rachel Almlie, Doug Cooper, Nancy Geiger, Diane Munns, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Stephanie Jackman, Al Cabbage, and Mac McAfee. *Dave Sollenbarger*

GUESTS: Bob Schulte, Wayne Ford, Willie Martin, Pat Petersen

Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT- Nancy Geiger reported a balance of \$258.21

Willie Martin, executive director, and Pat Petersen, board member, of OSACS, told the Board of their problems with young men loitering at their 21st and Carpenter location. They are planning a Peace Rally on June 29 and asked for the Board's support. The Board expressed their concern not only for OSACS but for the ongoing problem of young men in that neighborhood. OSACS will provide information on their rally for next newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- The Kingman Blvd. plant pick-up is Sat. May 11. Margaret Pond reported for committee chairman Chuck Mertes that due to the qualifications of the NHS grant, he would not be making application for re-seeding of the boulevard. Mertes hopes to do this in the fall with volunteer help without the grant money. Norwest's Paint-a-Thon is August 27. Applications will be available in June.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that \$425 in memberships had been received in the last month. There will be a pick-up of canvassing materials at the Dietz-Kilen residence May 23.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- Chairman Rachel Almlie reported that tickets had been printed for the tour. A coordination meeting will be held Saturday, June 1 at 10 a.m. at the Thoreau Center for hosts and volunteers working the tour. The KCCI-TV noon news program will feature the tour, which includes nine houses, one porch and the Des Moines Playhouse.

HOUSING- No report.

SPECIAL EVENTS- A Dessert Potluck will be held June 20 at the Drake Park shelter with a rain location of Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church. The Board will provide desserts and drinks.

NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCES- Jim Dietz-Kilen reported that there was interest in a seminar on the topic in the fall, to include three or four city department representatives.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- Al Cabbage reported that graduation was upcoming. While a report was not available on this year's Senior Service Day, the association will do all it can to encourage next year's project.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Diane Munns reported that the Neighborhood Advisory Board will sponsor Neighborhood Night, an open forum, on May 22 from 6-8 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES-Mac McAfee was elected to the Board at the NHS Annual Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-

POST OFFICE MONEY-WOI-TV covered the grant money work in progress on their April 28 newscast. Two dozen volunteers signed up at the April dessert potluck to participate in the program. A news release will be sent out soon.

MERCHANTILE BANK- The Citizens for Community Improvement have expressed interest in taking over the building. At the present time, Drake still plans to use the building for office space. Some Board members expressed their strong feelings that the community and the Drake students need a bank at that location.

30TH AND 31TH STREETS CORRIDOR- No official report. A public meeting will be held sometime this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

FOREST AVE. COMERCIAL REVITALIZATION- Tom Vlassis, Eric Anderson, Don Pinquate, Dave Sollenbarger, Bill Plymat, Al Cabbage, and Jim Dietz-Kilen met recently to share ideas on ways to improve this area.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE- Jim Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond and Nancy Geiger have agreed to serve on the committee to compile a slate of nominees for the 1997 Board and to put together a "job description" for Board members to better prepared potential members for service.

OTHER- The Drake Park Clean-Up Day is May 11 from 6-11 a.m.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS- Home Tour (President's Message); Board Member listing; Answering machine clarification (Pond); Tool Lending Library and Dessert Potluck (McAfee); Peace Rally (OSACS).

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

1087
25th

Potential Student Org
MCOrg
Muslim Community

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

1153 - 24th Street
(Neighborhood Housing Services)
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Review and approval of minutes

II. Announcements

III. Treasurer's Report

IV. Interest Area Reports

- ✓ Beautification *new flowers!*
- House Tour
- Membership Drive
 - Continuing success
 - new brochures
- Special Events
 - Potluck — June 20
- Neighborhood Nuisances
 - future plans
- ✓ Nomination Committee

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20/20
Vision group
garden project
for 97

roughly 225 tickets
w/ more coming in
Free memberships DD
as a prize to the tour hosts
Log good media
coverage

V. Organization Reports

- Drake University
- Des Moines Neighbors — *D Mumms*
- ✓ Neighborhood Finance Corp. *Housing Services*

VI. Old Business

- Residential "Fix-up" Grants
- Mercantile Bank
- Other old business

as of July 1 -
Back to full services

VII. New Business

- Flood infill houses
- Kingman Island cruise
- Other new business

VIII. Newsletter Assignments and deadlines

June 96

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**EXPECTATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS
DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Term of service: two years

Meetings are held monthly

- Maintain a current membership in the Association
- Attend board meetings; call when unable to attend
- Attend/participate in Association events
- Take a lead role in planning, organizing or implementing at least one Association event, activity or effort each year
- Participate in Association organizational efforts (i.e., membership canvassing)
- Contribute at least one newsletter item per year

We also propose adding the following to the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee:

1. Maintaining a list of prospective board members.
2. Interviewing prospective candidates.
3. Apprising prospective and renewing board members of these expectations
4. Addressing any questions/concerns that may arise regarding the desire or ability--under current circumstances--of a board member to meet these expectations and to continue serving as a member of the board.

These responsibilities should be carried out in collaboration with the board president.

Rehab Committee Report

6/11/96

Property Status

Existing Projects

*736 20th	100% complete	not sold
*712 19th	100% complete	sold
*664 25th	100% complete	sold
*681 28th	100% complete	sold
*674 27th	100% complete	sold
*2902 Bowdoin	100% complete	sold
— *2222 Clark	100% complete	not sold
*830 25th	100% complete	not sold
*744 Arthur	100% complete	sold
— *1076 24th	100% complete	sold
— *1355 22nd	100% complete	sold
*918 24th	100% complete	sold

Current Projects

*1929 10th	being trimmed	project approximately 90% done
*1522 11th	ready for trim	project approximately 85% done
*1344 Hutton	ready for drywall	project approximately 80% done

Next Round

*3308 6th	application turned into the city
— *2207 Carpenter	application turned into the city
*3 Handicap Accessible	waiting for bids from Mike Barns and Midland Homes

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

June 12, 1996

ATTENDING: Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Rachel Almlie, Nancy Geiger, Diane Munns, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Stephanie Jackman, Mac McAfee, Drake Student Body President Paul Doucette.

EXCUSED: Al Cabbage, Dave Sollenbarger, Doug Cooper.

GUESTS: Joe Cacciatore, Mohammed Khan.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT- Nancy Geiger reported a balance of \$669.39.

Attorney Joe Cacciatore addressed the Board on behalf of Bruce Lambert, owner of the Blind Munchies building. Lambert will be going before the Board of Adjustment at the July 24 meeting for a zoning variance on the property, which is currently zoned R-3 (residential). Cacciatore plans to return for the DNA July Board meeting with specific plans for the space. Lambert is currently looking for a leasee.

Mohammed Khan addressed the Board on behalf of the Muslim Community Organization, which plans to purchase a house at 1087 25th St. for use as the Muslim Student Center. There will be two residents in the building after a renovation. The Board had a favorable reaction to the plans for the house and its use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- The beds in Drake Park have been planted by the Schmitts and Chuck Mertes. Stephanie Jackman will look into her question of whether a company has been contracted to spray the boulevard for weeds. Chairman Chuck Mertes will be staying in Des Moines with his job.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that approximately \$600 in memberships have been received in the last month. To date, approximately one-fifth of the neighborhood has been canvassed.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- Chairman Rachel Almlie reported that over 200 people attended the tour, with official numbers still to come. It was agreed that a one-year membership would be given to the host families. The tour was well-received and deemed a success.

HOUSING- No report.

SPECIAL EVENTS- A Dessert Potluck will be held June 20 at the Drake Park shelter with a rain location of Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church. The Board will provide desserts and drinks.

NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCES- No report.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE- Chairman Jim Dietz-Kilen reported that the committee wanted to nominate Starr Josten for a vacancy on the Board. Starr was ^{electe} accepted by the Board. Additionally, the committee has compiled a draft of a "job description" of a Board member. Members were given copies to peruser and make changes to by the next meeting.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- No report.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Diane Munns reported that Des Moines Neighbors wrote a letter to Merchantile Bank complaining about their vacating the Drake area. (More details to follow).

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES- Mac McAfee reported that he is serving on the Rehabilitation Committee and handed out a status report on their current projects. Board members are encouraged to submit ideas for more houses for possible rehab. Contact Mac with any suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS

POST OFFICE MONEY- There will be an orientation meeting on June 18 and on the third Tuesday of each month for leadership roles in the renovation of the houses slated for repair with grant money. The first work day is June 22 at the home on the northeast corner of 22nd and Carpenter.

MERCHANTILE BANK- It was reported that Merchantile Bank plans to restore full service sometime this summer. CCI has been credited with playing a critical role in the negotiations with the bank.

NEW BUSINESS

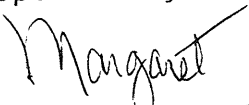
FLOOD INFILL HOUSES- Leftover flood grant monies will be used to build houses on two lots donated by the DNA. Diane Munns will be on the committee overseeing this project.

KINGMAN ISLAND CRUISE- A date of July 27 has been set for this event. The Schmitts and Rachel Almie will be on the planning committee.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS- Home Tour Follow-up (Starr Josten); NHS Rehab committee (Mac McAfee); President's Message (Merchantile Bank) (Catherine Dietz-Kilen); Kingman Island Cruise info. (Tony).

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

Please take a look at the following properties before the next meeting, if you can.

- 1010 - 27th - The City recommends that it be removed as unfit for human habitation, but the rules have changed.

- 2740 Cottage Grove - The City recommends that funding be provided to rehabilitate this property at a density level greater than zoned. Some very interesting rule changes on this one. The proposed owner is the current owner of 2704 Cottage Grove so you may want to look at that property also.

**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 14, 1996

**1153 - 24th Street
(Neighborhood Housing Services)
7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

- I. Review and approval of minutes
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Nomination Committee report
- IV. Interest Area Reports
 - Beautification
 - Historic
 - House Tour
 - Housing
 - Membership Drive
 - Special Events
 - Annual meeting (November)
 - 2005 informational meeting
- V. Organization Reports
 - Drake University
 - Des Moines Neighbors
 - Neighborhood Housing Services
- VI. Old Business
 - Residential "Fix-up" Grants
 - Other old business
- VII. New Business
 - 1010 - 27th Street
 - 2740 Cottage Grove
 - Neighborhood boundaries
- VIII. Newsletter Assignments and deadlines

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
July 10, 1996

ATTENDING: Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Rachel Almlie, Nancy Geiger, Doug Cooper, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Stephanie Jackman, Mac McAfee, Starr Josten.

EXCUSED: Al Cabbage, Dave Sollenbarger.

GUESTS: Joe Cacciatore

Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT- Nancy Geiger reported a balance of \$683.54.

Attorney Joe Cacciatore addressed the Board on behalf of Bruce Lambert, owner of the Blind Munchies building. Lambert reported that a possible tenant is currently negotiating to use the building as a breakfast and lunch cafe. Cacciatore will go before the Board of Adjustment July 23 for a zoning variance. Drake is willing to lease part of their property just east of the Blind Munchies building for use as parking lot. Tony Schmitt agreed to meet with neighbors, the Saxes, regarding their reluctance about the zoning variance. Depending upon their feelings, the DNA Board will either sign or not sign a letter of support to the Board of Adjustment for Lambert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- No official report. The flower beds look great!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- The membership canvassing continues. More canvassing assignments were made to be completed before the July 27 Kingman Island Cruise.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- Chairman Rachel Almlie reported a profit of \$1,079 from the tour, with an estimated attendance of 240. The committee will make a recommendation on the use of the profits.

HOUSING- No report.

SPECIAL EVENTS- The Kingman Island Cruise is Sat. July 27 from 4-8 p.m. Rod Lumbard will play from 5-7 p.m. Fliers were given to members to circulate while canvassing for members.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE- Board members approved the draft of the Board Member Job Description with the addition of further opportunities for involvement.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- No report.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- No official report. Catherine Dietz-Kilen called Fran Koontz to thank the organization for their involvement in the Mercantile Bank case.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES- No report.

OLD BUSINESS-

POST OFFICE MONEY- A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Habitat for Humanity's inability to complete the renovation of the houses. Board members were encouraged to contact Catherine with any ideas they had, including names of people who might be able to take over the coordination of the project.

MERCHANTILE BANK- The bank is full service again!

OTHER The Vision 2005 committee contacted the DNA regarding our interest in sponsoring a Question and Answer session on the optional sales tax (election Dec. 10). Interest was expressed and the issue will be discussed later.

NEW BUSINESS

FLOOD INFILL HOUSES- No report.

OTHER-A meeting will take place July 12 regarding the locating of shelters in neighborhoods.

IDOT-A meeting will take place July 17 regarding the Iowa in Motion long-range planning program. Tony Schmitt handed out a summary of plans with a reply sheet to mail back into the IDOT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
August 14, 1996

ATTENDING: Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Stephanie Jackman, Mac McAfee, Starr Josten, Dottie Sessa, Bernie Burke.

EXCUSED: Al Cabbage, Rachel Almlie, Nancy Geiger. *Cooper/Sollenbarger*

GUESTS: Chuck Mertes

Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Committee chair Chuck Mertes reported that he will have a design for the neighborhood sign by the September Board Meeting. Chuck will plant approximately \$50 worth of daffodil bulbs in the fall in Witmer Park.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- No official report. A discussion about interest areas and contacting members regarding their particular interests was held. It was agreed that this subject would be included on the September meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- A final tour meeting will be held soon.

HOUSING- No report.

SPECIAL EVENTS- The association's Annual Meeting will take place Wednesday, November 13 (Margaret Pond will find a location and plan the event). A Halloween Party will be held at First Christian Church for neighborhood children, with games and food provided by the church. The association will sponsor an informational forum on the Vision 2005 proposal on November 22 at the Thoreau Center. The Kingman Island Cruise had fair attendance but reportedly great fun. It was decided a brunch potluck would take place Sat. September 21, possibly at St. Luke's Episcopal.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE- Dottie Sessa and Bernie Burke were elected to the Board. Margaret Pond reported that all Board members with terms expiring at the end of 1996 had been contacted about an additional term with the following results: Jim Dietz-Kilen, no; Nancy Geiger, yes; Diane Munns, no; Starr Josten, yes; Dave Sollenbarger, maybe.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- No report.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- No report.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES- Mac McAfee reported that the new NHS Board of Directors is a "very aggressive" body. They have a fall retreat planned and a strategic plan will be in place by December 31, 1996.

OLD BUSINESS

POST OFFICE MONEY- Catherine Dietz-Kilen reported that Neighborhood Finance Corp., DNA and CCI will divide the fix-up applicant list and contact them about how to get reimbursed for work done by contractors.

OTHER Bruce Lambert, owner of the old Blind Munchies building, secured approval from the Board of Adjustment for zoning of the building with one off-street parking space.

NEW BUSINESS

1010 27th St.- A letter from the city was received saying the DNA can object to the demolition of this structure and a moratorium will be granted if we provide security and safety of the property and secure a purchaser, or renovate it ourselves. The Board voted not to object to the city's plans.

2740 COTTAGE GROVE- This house is currently a duplex but the lot isn't big enough. The potential owner has applied for a no-interest loan from the city. The Board expressed concern over whether taxpayer money should be used to continue illegal non-conforming use at this residence. Diane Munns agreed to address the city's process on this issue to the NAB. Catherine Dietz-Kilen will write a return letter to the city stating our objections to the city's process.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES- A letter was received from Kathy Kahun of the city planning office stating that the Forestdale area belongs to the Beaverdale Neighborhood Assn., not the Drake Neighborhood Assn. Catherine Dietz-Kilen will send a return letter.

BEAVERDALE FALL FESTIVAL- The festival will be Saturday, Sept. 14 and the DNA will participate in the parade.

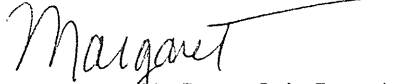
LIQUOR STORE ORDINANCE- A hand-out was distributed about this ordinance. Board members should read it and be ready to discuss at the September Board meeting.

FLOOD INFILL HOUSES Architectural design is underway for these houses, two of which will be built within the DNA boundaries.

OTHER-The city will be increasing their patrolling for parking violations. The police department will be contacted as possible

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS- DEADLINE: AUG. 28 Adopt-a-Flower Bed (Mertes); Brunch potluck (McAfee); Nominations Comm. (Pond); Halloween Party, Annual Meeting, Vision 2005 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 1996
COTTAGE GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen. Tony Schmitt, Margaret Pond, Rachel Almlie, Dottie Sessa, Nancy Geiger, Bernie Burke, Doug Cooper and Mac McAfee.

GUESTS; Mike Ring and Gary Fox from the City of Des Moines Traffic and Transportation Department.

The main purpose of the meeting was to hear more about and discuss the plans for redesigning the intersection of 31st and University. Usual board meeting business was postponed. There were 31 neighbors in attendance.

Before hearing from the City of Des Moines, members were informed that there would be a hearing December 18 regarding the placement of a cellular tower in Goode Park. Proposals to install towers in Witmer and Tower parks have been withdrawn.

The City of Des Moines Police Department Blue Book was circulated which includes suggestions on community problem solving. Any comments or suggestions on the book should be made to the Police Department by February 1, 1997

Catherine Dietz-Kilen then introduced Mike Ring and Gary Fox from the City of Des Moines Traffic and Transportation Department. North/south traffic at the intersection of 31st St. and University Ave. has been a concern, mainly of safety, for over 70 years. The possible changes on I-235 at the 31st St. exit would greatly increase traffic at this intersection. Complete descriptions and maps were circulated, outlining the four proposed alternatives for the intersection.

DNA members expressed doubts that any of the four proposals were necessary. Concerns about increased traffic making east/west traffic crossing of 31st St. even more dangerous were expressed. The suggestion was made to make improvements without removing buildings. All four plans call for a two-lane facility with added left-turn lanes. Ring and Fox reported that their department is leaning towards Alternate 2, which Drake University has also said it prefers. This plan is also the least expensive.

Alternate 2 calls for shifting 31st St. to the east beginning at University, connecting to 30th St. at Carpenter Ave. 30th St. would be widened at Forest to provide turn lanes. Parking insets for the Drake University housing complex would be constructed on the east side of 30th St. between University and Forest Avenues. A short section of 30th St. north of University would be

eliminated. South of Carpenter, existing 31st St. would become a cul-de-sac. A total of 18 residences and one commercial building would be displaced. Estimated cost of this plan: \$1.9 million. Construction is projected to begin in 1998.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Tony Schmitt and seconded by Rachel Almlie to approve Alternate 2 with the provision for traffic controls between I-235 and University for safe east/west traffic before or at the same time as construction of Alternate 2. The DNA Board passed this motion 8-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



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