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January 5, 1999
Eldon McAfee's House

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**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, January 13, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Fellowship Hall, First Floor, 25TH & University Ave.

AGENDA

- I. New Business
 - A. Polk County Senior Center, MLK & Forest
Presentation by Polk County Supervisor Tom Baker
 - B. Renovation of buildings at MLK and north side of Forest by Citizens for Community Improvement, letter of support from DNA
Presentation by Mary Welsh, Citizens for Community Improvement
- II. Review and approval of minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Civic Affairs
 - B. Community Service
 - C. Beautification
 - 1. 31st & Kingman, cooperation with property owners in replacing trees
 - 2. Inventory of Trees on Private Property in DNA
 - 3. Witmer Park Cleanup
 - 4. Flower beds on Kingman Blvd.
 - D. History
 - E. House Tour
 - F. Building Bridges
 - G. Special Events -- Quarterly membership meeting before Drake basketball game
 - H. Member Services
- V. Organization Reports
 - A. Drake University
 - B. Des Moines Neighbors
 - C. Neighborhood Housing Services
 - D. Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization
 - E. Legislative Issues
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Update on Lost Souls Cafe
- VII. New Business (cont.)
Overview of Board planning session on 1/16/99
- VIII. Newsletter

Questions? Contact Eldon "Mac" McAfee at 274-1910

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 1999

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The meeting began with a presentation by Polk County supervisor Tom Baker concerning the Polk county Senior Center to be built at the southwest corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Forest Avenue. Supervisor Baker gave his background and a current description of the major Polk County projects. He promoted the concept of this center being a positive announcement for investment in this area.

Mr. Baker had limited formal visual aids to present to the group for this project but assured us he would secure them for us. There was discussion of the City of Des Moines's role in this area and the relocation of the existing businesses including Miller Hardware. Mr. Baker answered some questions concerning parking, housing, and ML King Parkway expansion issues from his perspective. There were concerns expressed about planned landscaping, inclusion of commercial projects in the area and the incorporation of previous plans into this new project

Mary Welch, Director of Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) distributed their latest Annual Report. She announced an upcoming capital campaign for over a half million dollars. This will allow the organization condense its two offices in Des Moines into one and move into an expanded location at the northwest corner of MLKing and Forest Ave. Ms Welch indicated she will also talk with the other neighborhood groups (Kirkwood Glen, Carpenter Neighbors, and Ingelside Neighborhood) of their upcoming intentions. With a motion and second, the approval for a letter of support was given.

No previous minutes, treasurer's report or several other committee reports were given. It was announced that the House Tour Committee has begun meeting.

January 21st will be a meeting concerning the proposed targeted housing designation for 21st street. With a motion and second, the approval for a letter of support was given.

The meeting adjourned with a reminder of the upcoming planning meeting to be held at the Neighborhood Housing Services office.

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD PLANNING SESSION
 Saturday, January 16, 1999
 Agenda

I. Membership

- ▶ Efforts to increase new members
 - ▶ door to door, phone bank, mailing, web site
- ▶ Efforts to communicate with current members
 - ▶ Newsletter
 - ▶ Computer Operated Phone System (COPS)
 - ▶ Website
- ▶ Dues structure
- ▶ Brochures
- ▶ Directory
- ▶ Renewals

II. Financial

- ▶ Fundraising
- ▶ Budget \Rightarrow policy in place for donating \$
- ▶ Reimbursement for expenses \Rightarrow need a policy

III. Board meetings

- ▶ Time
- ▶ Place
- ▶ Structure

IV. Web site

- ▶ Develop
- ▶ Who?
- ▶ Cost?
- ▶ Update

Communications
 - Newsletter
 - Web site \Rightarrow Tom Butler 1089 25th St
 - Rachael
 - Kevin ~~Butler~~ Duis Loweb
 - friend of Mark Bequaith
 - Environmental www.drakeneighborhood.org \Rightarrow links to realtors

V. Committees

Civic Affairs, Community Service, Beautification, History, House Tour, Building Bridges, Special Events, Member Services

- ▶ Subject areas
- ▶ Activities
- ▶ Chairs of committees
- ▶ Responding to members regarding their choice of interest
- ▶ Hold an annual committee day

\Rightarrow feed artwork into site
 \Rightarrow downloadable request for membership

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- VI. 1999 events -- schedule
 - ▶ Kingman Islands Cruise *Aug. 28th*
 - ▶ Annual meeting *Jan, April, July, Oct. (Annual meeting)*
 - ▶ Membership meetings *22 21 21*
 - ▶ House tour *Early June*

- VII. Membership meetings
 - ▶ Quarterly *Women's Basketball Feb 12th*
 - ▶ Guest speakers *- Neighborhood Assoc. game*
 - ▶ Business
 - ▶ Potluck *April 22nd*

- VIII. Newsletter
 - ▶ Number/year *At least quarterly (two weeks in advance)*
 - ▶ Chairperson
 - ▶ Mailing *- press releases*
 - ▶ Format *- mass mailings*
 - ▶ Calendar of events *→ Around Town Ann Coonhart Kay*
 - ▶ Opinions from members
 - ▶ List of new members

- IX. Cooperation/Interaction
 - ▶ Business -- Drake Area Business Association *→ Bervie: ^{Drake} Larry / Prof. Jim Pomeroy*
 - ▶ Schools *→ King / Callanan School / Edmonds / Perkins / Hubbel / Roosevelt*
 - ▶ Drake University *Nancy*
 - ▶ Des Moines Police Department
 - ▶ Neighborhood organizations within DNA *Drake Park; Carpenter; Kirkwood Glen, North Drake*
 - ▶ Other neighborhood organizations *7:00 Feb. 21st → 21st street project*

- X. Executive committee
 - ▶ Help board conduct business *JRW*
 - ▶ Current bylaws: consists of officers and two-at-large members appointed by Pres.

- XI. Articles of incorporation & bylaws
 - ▶ Reincorporate
 - ▶ Amend bylaws
 - ▶ Form charitable foundation
 - ▶ Income tax
 - ▶ Recognition of tax exempt status
 - ▶ Annual income tax returns

- XII. Assets
 - ▶ computer
 - ▶ cooler and food related items
 - ▶ other items
 - ▶ storage

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- neighborhood-based community service delivery*

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*Tom Butler
1019 25th st
Website*

- Past Presidents' Mtg.

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Communications

Housing

Bennet

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No. Drake - no mtgs.

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Tommy Marks

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Absent: Cathy Dietz-Klien, Jennifer Hoover, Forrest Meyer, Ron Langston
Guests Eric Anderson, Guy Williams, Bobbi Wojewoda, Jennifer Irsfeld

Introductions were made to begin the session at approx. 9:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned at approx. 11:00 a.m.

NBSD

Eric Anderson, Des Moines City Manager, outlined the proposed Neighborhood Based Services Delivery System (NBSD). This initiative has grown out of the NAB and partly due to the Stoddard/Engler Plan not having worked to its expectations. An official interdepartmental steering committee has created within the Des Moines City a three-year pilot proposal that will be taken to City Council for approval. There would be a working team from the city that would partner with residents in the designated area to use existing resources in a coordinated way. Additional proposed resources include an additional police and inspector in each of the four designated areas. Mr. Anderson's interest with the DNA was to inform us of the proposal. He outlined a process in which needs and priorities would be requested from the residents. This discovery process would be for the neighbors to create and deliver.

The four designated areas are River Bend, Capital East, Capital Park and the eastern portion of DNA/Drake Park/Carpenter Neighbors. Mr Anderson indicated he had more stakeholders to meet with, the proposal needs to go to the City Council and would begin as early as February if all goes well.

Mr. Anderson answered some general clarifying questions from the board.

Committees

Member Services – Tony and Nancy gave a general description of the present process used to record membership renewals. There was a discussion of ways to increase general membership. Ideas included: a door to door leafleting, phone bank night, and canvassing new homeowners. Nancy will chair the committee of Tony Schmitt, Patty Daniels and Denise McAfee.

The current brochure is in low supply. There was a short discussion and the issue was delayed until June for further action.

Communications – offering an Assn. web site was discussed. This would be a way to advertise events and the Assn. itself. An updated list of members needs to go to the COPS calling system. Perhaps the increased use of the Des Moines Register Around Town section was mentioned. Rachel and Larry will co-chair this committee which includes Jennifer Irsfeld, Tom Butler and Mark Bequeaith.

A related matter to both committees is the desire to have an updated Member Directory. The last one was produced in 1996. This is a major expense and yet a desired resource for the organization.

History Committee – This group will work on a new edition of the Keokuk Book and the Historical District designation.

Other Committees or Interest Areas discussed were: Environmental (formerly Beautification), Building Bridges, Special Events, Housing, House Tour, Community Service and Civic Affairs

Administrative Concerns

Financial Matters – Nancy will prepare a review of past expenditures as an agenda item in the near future. There was interest in establishing a general policy about how we spend the Assn's money related to groups who may request a donation.

Location of Board meetings – Monthly board meetings tend to extend longer than the closing of the Community Center at the First Christian Church. The site of the next monthly meeting was not set.

Executive Committee – This group is outlined in the by-laws of the Assn. and Eldon would like to try this group meeting as a way to better utilize the full Board's meeting time and energy. Tony and Mark have agreed to serve with Patty, Nancy and Eldon.

Events scheduled for 1999:

Quarterly Meetings – location to be announced
March 6th – April 22nd (which will be a potluck) – July 21st

Annual Meeting – October 21st

Kingman Island Cruise – August 28th

House Tour and Jazz in July are as of yet unknown

↳ what do we want?

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

*******SPECIAL BOARD MEETING*******

Wednesday, February 3, 1999, 6:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Room 401, Fourth Floor
25TH & University

Agenda

Discussion of plans for proposed Polk County senior center at MLK Jr. Parkway and Forest.

Note: Note the time and location. This is the sole agenda item. I am hoping we will have additional information from Polk county to review and discuss at this meeting.

We will hold our regular board meeting on Wednesday Feb. 10. You will receive an agenda several days in advance.

If you have questions, please contact Eldon "Mac" McAfee at 274-1910 (home) or 237-1188 (office).

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Absent: Bernie Burke, Ron Langston
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Mark moved and Jennifer seconded a motion:
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This motion was withdrawn.

Patty moved and Mark seconded a motion:
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Jennifer moved and Tony seconded an amendment:
To strike "*can not support*" and
replace with "*can not support at this time*"

The amendment passed with seven yes and six no votes.

The motion passed ten yes and one no (James Monroe).

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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- Patty Daniels

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Jan Insfeld

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25TH & University

Rachel A
Bernie B
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Nancy G
Tony S
Nathan B
Cathy D-K
Jennifer H
Larry James
James Mance
Forrest Meyer

Agenda

- ~~I.~~ Review and approval of minutes *Approved w/ correction*
- II. Treasurer's Report *not distribute*
- III. Committee Reports
 - ~~A.~~ Civic Affairs
 - B. Community Service
 - C. Beautification
 - D. History
 - E. House Tour
 - F. Building Bridges
 - G. Special Events
 - H. Member Services

- IV. Organization Reports
 - A. Drake University
 - 1. Telephone directory listing.
 - B. Des Moines Neighbors
 - C. Neighborhood Housing Services
 - D. Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization
 - E. Legislative Issues

8pm

- V. Old Business
 - ~~A.~~ Lost Souls Cafe. Discussion with patrons.
 - B. Polk county senior center.

- VI. New Business
 - ~~A.~~ Web site for DNA. Larry James.
 - B. Self Supported Municipal Improvement District. Larry James
 - ~~C.~~ Request for letter of support to receive HOME-funded Rental Rehabilitation assistance from City of Des Moines, Neighborhood Conservation Services. 1415 23rd St. Presentation by Larry West on behalf of property owner Hung Nguyen. See enclosed information.
 - ~~D.~~ Sherman Hill Arts & Business Resource Center. See enclosed information.
 - ~~E.~~ Drake Neighborhood Farmer's Market. Carl Bobenhouse.

- Spoke @ Task Force



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Absent: Patty Daniels, Ron Langston
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Minutes of the February 3rd meeting were approved with a correction that Bernie Burke was not in attendance. The Treasurers Report was not given.

Civic Affairs:

- April 17th will be the I235 Cleanup. Volunteer youth groups will be contacted at assist.
- Application for April 17th has been made with the City of Des Moines for the Scrub Day. There are other neighborhood groups getting dates also.
- The Neighborhood Services Delivery System (NSDS) will be presented at a meeting on March 6th. The designated area is I235 to Franklin or Clark or Jefferson and ML King to 34th Street. The issue comes before the City Council on Feb 15th and Feb 20th will be a neighborhood leadership planning meeting.

Beautification:

- The Parks & Recreation Dept will be having a meeting concerning flowerbeds.

History:

- Jennifer Irsfeld and Gretchen Brooks are looking for ideas and interested people. Jim Dietz-Klien was suggested. Also, a good Sherman Hill history person was requested.

House Tour:

Rachel indicated that eight houses in a general area of Kingman Blvd/ University Ave/ 35th to 42nd have been identified. The committee continues to meet and may secure more homes for the tour.

Special Events:

- Feb 18th at Grace Methodist Church will be a meeting on the upcoming Sales Tax Vote. This event will be submitted to the COPS phone notification service.

Member Services:

- There was a general discussion of the type of events the DNA Board would submit to the COPS phone service. Those

present did not support the submittal of political or for-profit events.

Drake University:

- Feb 12th will be a Women's basketball game. There was some discussion of meeting before the game as an association.
- Two candidates for the presidency will be on campus soon.
- With motion and second, approval was given to paying for directory assistance and listing charges.

Des Moines Neighbors:

- The \$15.00 annual dues are due and approval was given to pay. Bob Michel will continue as president and other officers were recently elected. There was a report of the general financial status of the DM Neighbors. They may promote individual memberships.

Neighborhood Housing Services:

- Materials were distributed concerning the various rehab houses currently on-the-market. With motion and second, approval was given for a letter of support for additional infill housing within the Drake Park with their knowledge.
- At 806 26th Street, the City is allowing for the rehab to continue with siding.

Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization:

- There was a general discussion of the 21st Street project. Part of the designation will allow for 4% loans for exterior housework and free Tool Library memberships. Cathy Dietz-Kilen will write the DNA letter of support.

Legislative Issues:

- A summary of the Land Use Bill was distributed.

New Business:

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Board Meeting Minutes
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Attending: Rachel Ahlmie, Mark Bequeaith, Nathan Brooks,
Bernie Burke, Cathy Dietz-Klien, Nancy Geiger, Jennifer
Hoover, Larry James Jr, Eldon McAfee, Carl McPherson, Forrest
Meyer, James Monroe, Tony Schmitt
Absent: Patty Daniels, Ron Langston
Guests: Bill Cappuccio, Jennifer Irsfeld, Guy Williams

Minutes of the February 3rd meeting were approved with a correction that Bernie Burke was not in attendance. The Treasurers Report was not given.

Civic Affairs:

- April 17th will be the I235 Cleanup. Volunteer youth groups will be contacted at assist.
- Application for April 17th has been made with the City of Des Moines for the Scrub Day. There are other neighborhood groups getting dates also.
- The Neighborhood Services Delivery System (NSDS) will be presented at a meeting on March 6th. The designated area is I235 to Franklin or Clark or Jefferson and ML King to 34th Street. The issue comes before the City Council on Feb 15th and Feb 20th will be a neighborhood leadership planning meeting.

Beautification:

- The Parks & Recreation Dept will be having a meeting concerning flowerbeds.

History:

- Jennifer Irsfeld and Gretchen Brooks are looking for ideas and interested people. Jim Dietz-Klien was suggested. Also, a good Sherman Hill history person was requested.

House Tour:

Rachel indicated that eight houses in a general area of Kingman Blvd/ University Ave/ 35th to 42nd have been identified. The committee continues to meet and may secure more homes for the tour.

Special Events:

- Feb 18th at Grace Methodist Church will be a meeting on the upcoming Sales Tax Vote. This event will be submitted to the COPS phone notification service.

Member Services:

- There was a general discussion of the type of events the DNA Board would submit to the COPS phone service. Those

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Drake University:

- Feb 12th will be a Women's basketball game. There was some discussion of meeting before the game as an association.
- Two candidates for the presidency will be on campus soon.
- With motion and second, approval was given to paying for directory assistance and listing charges.

Des Moines Neighbors:

- The \$15.00 annual dues are due and approval was given to pay. Bob Michel will continue as president and other officers were recently elected. There was a report of the general financial status of the DM Neighbors. They may promote individual memberships.

Neighborhood Housing Services:

- Materials were distributed concerning the various rehab houses currently on-the-market. With motion and second, approval was given for a letter of support for additional infill housing within the Drake Park with their knowledge.
- At 806 26th Street, the City is allowing for the rehab to continue with siding.

Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization:

- There was a general discussion of the 21st Street project. Part of the designation will allow for 4% loans for exterior housework and free Tool Library memberships. Cathy Dietz-Kilen will write the DNA letter of support.

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