

MINUTES OF THE DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING -
JANUARY 10, 1990

The meeting was opened by Preston Daniels, chair. Present were: Hanback, Kehoe, Carr, Cappuccio, Patty & Preston Daniels, Lauer, Plymat, Lansing, Munns, Stillians, Brubaker, Peebler and Peterson. Absent were: Welch, Vilimek, Raddatz, Dietz-Kilen, & Burkhead.

New board members were introduced and welcomed.

Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report was presented by Bobbie Welch for the months of November and December. It was approved.

Guests attending from the city were Jim Grant, Dick Wright and Larry Cramer. Grant and Wright presented the City Manager's recommendations for implementation of the Stockard-Engler report. The Polk County Board of Supervisors have already endorsed it and now it will go to the City Council. Grant noted a holistic approach is needed not just housing. Also, (1) the city needs to get its act together, (2) there has been too much focus on block-grant activities, (3) the approach needs to be city wide and (4) there needs to be a new funding mechanism. To administer the program there would be a new Neighborhood Advisory Board.

Discussion followed about why the Priority Boards were being eliminated, why the neighborhoods which would receive help the first year had already been picked, who would be on the Neighborhood Advisory Board to represent neighborhoods. Preston agreed to write a letter to the City Council and/or City Manager expressing ideas and concerns our Board and residents of our neighborhood have regarding the implementation of the program.

Larry Cramer from the Police Department talked about some of the problems facing the city -- drugs and prostitution being two of the more important. They invite the public to become involved in stopping crime and to call him at 283-4883. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. He praised the work of the different community organizations.

Committee reports:

Membership: 80% of our members from 1989 have renewed this year. We are 119% over last year in money. The new directories cost \$236.00, and motion carried this be allocated.

Historic: Lauer reported the committee would be picking a project at its next meeting.

Public Relations: Diane will check with Diane Yanney to see if this committee is meeting and how they are coming along with the brochure they were getting ready.

Housing: Nan passed out copies of the Housing Committee's philosophy. This will be made available to city officials, members, real estate companies, etc.

The Board asked Membership to have a list of members who are interested in serving on a committee ready for the next meeting. Also, any committee chairs who have not turned in their budgets need to have that done by the February 14 meeting.

A request for funds came from a small group who are part of the Neighbors Group for printing up a brochure (\$50-\$100) which would be distributed to residents in the area of Carpenter and 23rd St. Suggestions were made that a representative from these new groups be seated on the Board and also that they might be allowed to draw from an emergency fund. It was decided to simply invite any of those persons interested to attend Board meetings and that the city might print up materials to be distributed.

Preston noted that we have had two Housing Forums and that the time is right for Housing Forum #3. To date the city has not responded to ideas and suggestions coming out of the forums.

A spring House Tour was discussed. Members felt it would be an excellent idea if the person power can be found to pull it off. Anyone who is interested in helping is invited to a meeting on Saturday, January 20 at Roger & Diane Munn's home.

Other dates to remember: January 30, 6:30 PM - potluck at
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 February 5 - City Council to vote on
 City Manager's recommendation for
 implementation of Stockard-Engler
 report. Need members to be present!
 February 5, 7:00 PM - NHS public
 meeting to develop plans for the
 Drake area.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Peterson, Secretary

Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting -February 14, 1990

AGENDA

Approval of minutes	Daniels
Treasurer's report	Welch
Committee reports:	
Beautification	Patty Daniels
Communication/Newsletter	Munns
Historic	Lauer
Housing	Plymat/Stillians
Membership	Hanback/Kehoe
Special Events	Schmitt
Old Business:	
Update of Quik Trip appeal	Munns
" on 501 C-3 status	"
Discussion on Stockard-Engler	Daniels
New Business:	
What can we do about the office?	Peterson
Update on House Tour	Committee
Drake liaison/Meeting place	Daniels
Other:	

Adjournment time will be 8:30 PM so those who wish to celebrate Valentine's Day may do so.

MINUTES OF THE DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING -
MARCH 14, 1990

The meeting was opened by Preston Daniels, president. Present were: Jim Dietz-Kilen, Nan Stillians, Preston & Patty Daniels, Bill Plymat, Faye Vilimek, Barbara Lansing, Diane Munns, Gladys Burkhead, Bill Cappuccio, Ron Carr and Virginia Peterson. Guests were Randy Lauer, Joe Schaeffer and Marty Schmitt. Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Bobbie Welch presented the budget for 1990. The amount approved was \$8,660. Suggestion was made that we purchase a phone for the office as it is less expensive in the long run. Motion was made, seconded and carried. Diane Munns agreed to check on the purchase.

In regard to DNA obtaining a 501C3 status, it has been learned that someone in the Development Office at Drake can assist us. Preston agreed to call President Ferrari for the name and Virginia will make a contact.

General announcements: Diane Munns asked for someone else to do the Newsletter in March because they will be gone. Marty volunteered.

Nan Stillians said that the North Drake group had some 40 people to a Neighborhood Watch meeting, and that neighbors are cooperating in buying shrubbery. Motion that this group have a formal invitation to the next potluck carried. These names plus names of the Carpenter Neighbors will be added to the DNA Newsletter list.

New Business: Bill Plymat suggested that DNA consider renting a chipper and cleaning up some of the tree limbs felled in the recent ice storm. The city is planning to burn the wood because it does not have enough chippers to do the job. Bill had checked and learned that the cost per hour would be \$60, and if members and homeowners would contribute to the cost we could at least defray our expenses and people could have the chips to use. After discussion, the motion was made that we commit to at least 1/2 day on Saturday, April 24 going from 24th to 42nd on Kingman Boulevard (or as far as possible). Motion carried. Bill will do the publicity and a group will make phone calls to members asking for donations and help with the project. The Board felt it would be a really good project.

Carpenter Neighbors - Joe Schaeffer, representing that group of some 20 families, talked about their working to stop crime and their plans for a Spring cleanup. Bill put together a card so people can send it in to the Action Center, financed by an NHS grant to the Landlord-Tenant Association. Joe indicated their members have been encouraged to join DNA.

Membership Report - Pat Kehoe had compiled the following in

regard to membership. There are 51 new members and 243 renewals for a total of 294. Total of money is \$4556.50. This included 86 Basic, 126 Supporting, 56 Advocate and 26 Booster memberships. Brochures will be mailed out later this Spring.

Historic Committee: Randy talked about plans for a bus trip on June 16 to Walnut, Iowa. Twenty reservations are needed, and those interested are to contact Ruth Trumbo. The committee will mail information to other associations also.

House Tour: Jim Dietz-Kilen noted the theme will be "100 years of Suburban Living". The committee has been meeting regularly and is coming along well on planning. Mercy Hospital will print the tickets for us, thanks to one of our members who works there. We are looking for someone to sponsor a horse and carriage (\$275) and Bob Wright has volunteered to find a sponsor to pay for a small band to entertain. There will be a food tent in Drake Park and also a dedication of the new playground equipment. Period clothing is needed to enhance the mood of the tour.

Special events: Marty gave us the schedule which sounds great.

April 14 - 2:00 PM - Easter egg hunt in Drake Park. This will not be advertised, but you can tell your neighbors.

July 21, 28 or Aug. 4 - Jazz in July at Witmer Park in cooperation with the Iowa Arts Council. It was noted that we need to bill Drake and UPCC for their share of last year's cost.

Beautification: Patty and Gladys reminded us of Daffodil Day on April 8. Also, the flower beds on Kingman will be planted the last of April or the first part of May.

Dates to remember:

March 28	-	Potluck at Grace United Methodist
April 26	-	" " Cottage Grove Pres.
May 31	-	" " St. Luke's Episcopal
April 1	-	Fill out your census form
April 1	-	Children's Drama Workshop
April 7	-	Nat'l. Council on Alcoholism Forum

Housing: Nan asked us to read over the Housing Philosophy statement so that it can be approved next month.

Meeting adjourned.

Virginia Peterson, secretary

MINUTES OF THE DNA BOARD MEETING - APRIL 11, 1990

The meeting was opened by Preston Daniels, president. Minutes were approved as printed. Members present: Preston & Patty Daniels, Burkhead, Welch, Munns, Stillians, Plymat, Vilimek, Raddatz, Cappuccio, Carr and Peterson plus committee chairs Randy Lauer, Marty Schmitt and Jim Dietz-Kilen.

Treasurer's report: Bobbie noted that \$350.00 needs to be added to the budget for printing costs. Motion carried that the total be changed to \$9,010.00. To date \$1,298.50 had come in to pay for Operation Chip In plus Drake gave us \$1,000. It was decided not to contact those persons who pledged to give money because some of them might have paid in cash at the site. It was suggested that we apologize in the Newsletter for running out of chips. Preston and Bill went to the City Council to ask for \$500 of the \$5,000 allocated for neighborhoods. Bill figured DNA cleared 2.8 miles of city streets, recycled 1% of the total for the city and produced \$16,000 worth of chips.

DNA is using the copier in the NHS a good deal and Virginia made a motion to reimburse NHS \$20.00 toward the costs and then keep track of what is used. Seconded and carried.

A letter had been received from Larry Cramer regarding the hiring of off duty policemen for the Vice/Narcotics Control Unit. Bill Cappuccio spoke for the Drake Park Neighbors for Action who favor the proposal. Motion was made and carried that DNA write a letter supporting ~~that action~~ *the application for a state grant.*

In regard to federal confiscation of property which is being illegally used, a set of criteria is being put together for landlords about paying attention to their properties, screening tenants carefully, etc. Bill said it has to be proven tenants are dealing drugs and police can't search without notice. If you wish to notify a landlord about illegal use of property it should be done by phone or certified letter. Landlords do relieve liability by calling police. Motion was approved that several write letters to the Editor and State Senators from the neighborhood perspective.

The nuisance law means that someone must be directly affected by a particular property and must show damage. Diane researched it and will pull it out for our use.

Rezoning at E. 14th and Guthrie. Preston reported that Jack Porter knows neighbors are unhappy with the vote to rezone property on that intersection from C-1 to C-2 making room for a used car lot. The City Council overrode the recommendation from both Planning & Zoning and Traffic and Transportation as well as objections from residents of that area. People on the South side of Des Moines got even a worse deal with rezoning in their area. Something drastic needs to be done to convince the council members that the Neighborhoods mean business. It was voted that

a strong letter go to both Porter and Vlassis asking them to change their vote when it comes before the Council next week. Also, it was suggested that as many DNA members as possible attend the meeting to give support to the Parks neighbors.

CCI and others have been working of cleaning up the situation at T&T Lounge on Forest as well as "Secrets". Owners have agreed finally to cooperate. "No loitering" signs will be posted and off duty police with radios will be in the vicinity. Question was asked as to why Walt Williams has a bar license when he has a police record. Rotary phones need to be installed again because touch tone phones will access pagers which increases drug traffic. It was suggested that we invite the Police Department to do a program for DNA and give out their new booklets.

OLD BUSINESS - Don Briggs will help us with obtaining our 501 C-3 status. He was recommended by Pet Kehoe.

HOUSE TOUR - Jim Dietz -Kilen reported on progress. News releases are completed and the cover of the Skywalker plus a story about the tour will be good publicity. Posters are being put up in shopping centers, Drake staff will get flyers, etc. A grant of \$500 was given by Principal Financial and Mercy Hospital has done much of the printing for us. Businesses in the area are being asked for donations. Denise McAfee has tickets and we will be needing all Board members to work that day as ticket markers, van drivers & guides, etc.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - The committee will be meeting April 16 to finanlize plans for the Kingman Blvd. planting. ²⁶ Also, Gladys is making plans to plant the corners from 31st to ~~38th~~ street on Cottage Grove. \$27.25 came in on Daffodil Day for more bulbs which will be planted this fall at Witmer Park.

HISTORIC COMMITTEE - Randy reported that 10 reservations have come in for the trip to Walnut, Iowa. People will board the bus at the ~~Law Clinic Parking Lot~~, Saturday, June 16. Twenty people are needed for the bus. ^{26th} & university.

HOUSING - Report is that Drake University is selling off property north and east of Drake. Paul Johnson told Virginia that there are no specific plans. It was suggested that several people at Drake need to receive a copy of the DNA Housing Philosophy which the Board approved. It is a sound statement and should be kept in front of our membership, the City Council and other appropriate bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Peterson, Secretary

10 April 1990

Dear Neighborhood Association Members:

The Des Moines Vice/Narcotics Control Unit is applying for a grant. The grant will be called "The Street Level Narcotics Enforcement Task Force". The purpose of the Drug Task Force is to increase man-power so that off duty Police Officers (on their first day off) can assist narcotic Officers in putting pressure on drug dealers and making street arrests.

We believe that "street rips" will interrupt the current drug-trafficking patterns and slow down the amount of drugs being sold on our streets.

To help insure that we get the grant, we need letters of commitment and support from neighborhood associations that are behind our efforts in bringing our Police/Community Partnership concept to the forefront.

1. We need neighborhood groups to identify themselves.
2. State what you have been doing in conjunction with the Police Department, and more importantly (commitment) what you shall continue to do.
3. Reflect some kind of action that you are taking or will take, (why you are doing what you are doing).

ADDRESS YOUR LETTERS TO:

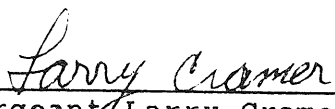
Mike Forrest
Drug Enforcement and Abuse Prevention Coordinator
Lucas State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Do not send your letters to Mike Forrest, rather send them to me, as we need to send the letters to him in a packet. You may call me at 283-4883 and I will pick them up or send them to:

Sergeant Larry Cramer
Neighborhood Area Resource Coordinator
Des Moines Police Department
25 East First Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

We need these letters by Friday 13 April 1990.

Thank you for your support.



Sergeant Larry Cramer

MINUTES OF THE DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING - May 9, 1990

The meeting was opened by Preston Daniels, president. Present were: Vilimek, Stillians, Plymat, Dietz-Kilen, Carr, Welch, Burkhead, Cappuccio, Preston & Patty Daniels, and Peterson from the Board. Others included Lauer, Shaffer, Brubaker and Roger Munns.

Minutes of the April meeting were amended to read (4th paragraph) "Motion was made and carried that DNA write a letter supporting the application for a state grant." Approved.

Mary Brubaker thanked those present for the calls, concern, prayers etc. during her husband's illness. He is now doing quite well. Mary announced that Gladys Burkhead has been chosen as one of the four YWCA Women of Achievement for 1990. Anyone who would like to attend the luncheon can let Mary know. Members congratulated Gladys on this honor.

Treasurer's report: Bobbie reported a balance of \$4700 in the account at the end of April. The association cleared \$488.57 on Operation Chip In.

Membership report: Information from Pat Kehoe indicated that we now have 61 new members, 243 renewals for a total of 304 in April plus 7 new memberships to date in May.

New business: Matthew Cole reported on the House Tour with an "extremely tentative" report. 220 tickets accounted for to date. There were more in-kind donations this year -- \$950 in cash support. Drake will put the slide program on video. The PR was great. The committee will have a wrap-up meeting on Friday.

Carpenter Neighbors: Neighbors were upset by the mention in President Ferrari's letter suggesting to people at Relays Time they not go east of 24th street. Residents in the area felt it was a slap in the face and was extremely insensitive. After much discussion it was decided we need a regular line of communication with Drake. It was agreed to:

Appoint a committee to meet with Drake officials to define how we might work more closely on common goals. Bill Plymat, Preston, Bill C., Joe Shaffer and Virginia P. will serve.

Suggestion was made that we ask to make a short presentation to Drake's governing body which might include the tour video.

Drake Park: Bill Cappuccio brought us up to date with the happenings there. Neighbors have 200 signatures on petitions for a dawn to dusk closing, no alcoholic beverages (as well as drugs) in the park and to enclose the shelter with doors to discourage people from congregating there. Sixty people had gone to the

Park Board. At the Park Board meeting, de Lorenzo said the Police Chief felt the problems in parks were not alcohol related. The Board recommended the curfew and ban so it goes back to the City Council on the 21st for action. Bill C. feels that Moulder is under a lot of pressure.

Housing: Nan noted that many houses on the rim of downtown are slated for demolition. If anyone is interested in preserving specific ones, identify and write Robert Houser, Jeff Eaton or Jim Grant. An auction of county owned lots is scheduled for June 18. These lots can be purchased by a non-profit organization without building restrictions. Could we ask Drake to help?

Nan also reported that the Neighbors Group received their first grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Pioneer. How can the Neighbors and DNA share the same office?

Neighborhood Housing Services has expanded the area for the Guaranteed Loan Fund for purchase and rehab. The western boundary is now 31st Street.

Historic: Randy reminded members of the tour to Walnut on June 16. Tickets are \$15.00 and there are still seats on the bus.

Meeting adjourned.

Virginia Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING -
JUNE 13, 1990

The meeting was opened by Preston Daniels, President. Present were: Lansing, Welch, Plymat, Patty & Preston Daniels, Dietz-Kilen, Peterson, Burkhead, Stillians, Raddatz, Cappuccio, Schaefer (ex-officio) and guest, Scott Parks.

Bobbie Welch, treasurer reported that she had contacted with several banks and had not found one that paid interest on a checking account. However, we have no charges at our present bank.

50103 status - Pat Kehoe and Bobbie will talk to Pat's contact. There may be a fee involved. Wayne Haines will check it out.

Mary Brubaker wanted to thank everyone for participating in the women of Achievement banquet. The four women who were honored can pick a women's organization to receive \$1,000 from Valley National Bank. Gladys picked Church Women United.

A meeting with President Ferrari and his staff is set for Friday, July 27, 7:30 a.m. A plan for increased cooperation between the University and DNA will be discussed.

The Carpenter Neighbors will be holding a meeting at the NHS Office on Tuesday, June 26. Don Penquite will have someone at the meeting to discuss commercial buildings in the northeast area of the neighborhood. Question was asked if the Reed building could be salvaged. Reply indicated it was pretty well burned up inside and that the ownership is complex which complicates trying to do anything with the property.

A list of the county owned lots which are to be auctioned on June 28 (new date) will appear in the June 17 real estate section of the Register. Lots apparently do not go up for auction unless there has been a request from someone. Rules for building on the lots have been relaxed somewhat, but further checking would be advisable before bidding.

Drake Park was apparently "the shot heard round the world" because it stirred others to ask that their parks also be considered alcohol free parks. The Park Board and the City Council have agreed to name the smaller neighborhood parks as "alcohol free". This will give the neighbors and the police a better chance to control activities. Drake Park is quiet now and the southeast Asians have returned to enjoy it along with other area residents.

Des Moines Neighbors have moved a file cabinet into the DNA office and have agreed to solicit memberships. Cost is \$5 for an individual membership (which will include receiving mailings) and \$10 for a group membership (which will bring the Newsletter and agendas). On proper motion it was voted that the DNA join by

paying \$10.

The next potluck will be a picnic in Drake Park set for June 25. There will also be a white elephant sale with proceeds going to the Food Pantry.

Joe Schaefer asked about trimming the trees on Kingman so that there will be better visibility. Peggy Jester has already trimmed some of the walnut trees and a committee does need to get together to trim the trees all along Kingman. The city apparently does not have the person power to keep it done.

The 7-11 store will be joining the Carpenter Neighbors to help get rid of drugs in that area. The worst problem at present seems to be on 22nd Street between University and Forest. The store has a security person and will be installing more lights.

Virginia read a communication from Ron & Sally Hampton commending the Tour Committee for its work.

Nan reported meeting with Jack Porter. The city is to get one million dollars for housing and neighborhood groups need to get ready to apply. (ask Nan for more details).

Scott Parks talked with the board about the loop bypass and the Harding Road corridor. Scott is a member of the Chamber Transportation Task Force. It is estimated that the bypass will cost the city of Des Moines 70 million and 2.8 million for acquiring lots. One plan is to re-designate some streets and roads as state highways to cut down on the cost. What would we like the Harding corridor to be like?

Scott proposed that an ad hoc committee work with Sherman Hill, River Bend, etc. We need to learn how the structure works. DOT seems more open to ideas than Jim Thompson, Dir. of Traffic and Transportation for Des Moines. The 31st and University intersection may be altered to connect with 30th St.

Motion by Nan Stillians, seconded and carried that neighborhood groups meet with city officials before action is taken on the Harding Road corridor. Also that DNA call together a task force of interested Drake neighborhood members to concern itself in general with transportation issues. Scott Parks has agreed to chair this committee. Carried.

Nan noted that Jenny Zewandas at Drake is offering students to work on clearly defined projects on Saturday. If the board is interested in help with a project she should be contacted.

Scrub will be held this next weekend with dumpsters at 24th and Kingman and at Cottage Grove Presbyterian. The Beautification Committee will meet June 27 at the home of Patty Daniels, 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned.
Virginia Peterson, Sec.

Drake Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting July 11

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 . In attendance were: Virginia Peterson, Faye Vilimek, Gladys Burkhead, Bill Cappuccio, Jim Dietz-Kilen, Ron Carr, Patty Daniels

Old business discussed: 501-C-3 status progress, meeting with Drake's Dr. Ferrari, tour committee update

Jack King presented an idea for an event involving go-kart races to be held in the Carpenter Square area of Kingman Blvd., which he proposes would take place in late summer next year. He said such an event would draw a lot of spectators, and give neighborhood organizationd an opportunity to raise money through sales of concessions. He proposes blocking off streets from 24th to 28th south of Kingman. Automobile parking would be in Drake Park. Spectators would stand on the Kingman islands, on sidewalks, and lawns. Some of the Kingman islands trees would have to be removed or relocated. The Board could not make a formal recommendation, as a quorum was not present.

Julie Anderson of CCI announced the Community Forum to be held July 28th at Cottage Grove Presbyterian from 10 til 2. She distributed copies of their questionnaire for board members to fill out.

Bill Cappuccio and Ron Carr announced plans to demonstrate at the home of Verda and Eugene Hiskey to protest their method of handling their rental properties. They presented a letter form the Drake Park Neighbors for Action stating the DPNFA's intnet to convince the Hiskeys to change their policies.

Committee Reports: Activities Committee reported progress in plans for Jazz in July and the Kingman Islands Cruise in August. Beautification committee reported. House tour committee will be sending members a questionnaire. There was a short discussion of the go-kart race proposal.

Ron Carr announced plans for National Night out and encouraged the Association to participate on August 7.

Diane Arp presented her concern about the City's use of malathion to spray for mosquitoes, as she feels the chemical is a health hazaerd. there was some discussion. Diane said she would do further reasearch into possible alternative methods or chemicals.

Jim Dietz-Kilen presented treasurer's report in the absence of Bobbie Welch. Virginia suggested more careful monitoring of Board meeting attendnace.

Jim reported that Drake University will be hosting the IDOT forum on proposed changes to the freeway, July 17, 7 p.m. at Olmstead Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Daniels

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MINUTES OF THE DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING -
AUGUST 8, 1990

The meeting was opened by Preston Daniels, president. Members present: Preston & Patty Daniels, Lansing, Plymat, Raddatz, Carr, Shaefer, Vilimek, Burkhead, Munns, Peterson, Dietz-Kilen, Cappuccio and Schmitt.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed.

Bobbie Welch was absent, ^{but copies of the Treasurer's report} ~~and there was no Treasurer's report.~~
_{were passed out.}

Jack King, a resident of the neighborhood, talked to the Board about the possibility of our sponsoring a go-cart race using Kingman Boulevard in the Drake Park area. Jack would do the work getting necessary permits and sponsors, insurance, street work, etc. Jack stated that the races were a lot of fun and he felt it would create a positive image for our neighborhood. After discussing the pros and cons, the board voted to decline the invitation to be a sponsor or participant.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Marty Schmitt reported that the Kingman Island Cruise plans were coming along and that it looked as though there would be one or two bands participating in the event. Scott Parks had designed posters and T-shirts will be available for sale. It was voted to buy 75 shirts and make a \$235 deposit to assure delivery.

Marty said that Jazz in July lost \$125.00 but that there were some cones and ice cream which could be sold during the cruise.

CARPENTER NEIGHBORS' BLOCK PARTY: About 50 people attended including Councilman Vlassis and four police. Joe noted that it was interesting watching to see what the drug dealers would do with the street shut off, and that some cars were observed circling the block. Participants felt it was a success. The cost was \$58.04.

DRAKE PARK NEIGHBORS: Bill briefed the board about the picketing of Hiskey's home. About 20 people conducted themselves peaceably. The police, neighbors and a processor came by to see what was going on. It seems we now have Hiskey's attention. In a meeting with Ron Carr, Helen Martin and Dave Salenbarger he vented his feelings. He wants to sell 1065 22nd and 1121 21st. Ron commented that there needs to be an on-going system to deal with Hiskey and other irresponsible landlords. Discussion followed about a proposal that back taxes follow the owner and not stay with the property.

HOUSING COMMITTEE: Bill Plymat reported on his frustration with trying to get HUD to adopt some new rules regarding the behavior of tenants, specifically the eviction of those who are dealing drugs or committing other felonious acts. People in the Des Moines Public Housing Authority agency have also been less than

helpful. Apparently, PHAs do not have the power to terminate assistance without a landlord's eviction notice. "HUD" apparently wishes to prevent Public Housing Authorities from terminating existing tenancies, regardless of circumstances. HUD places full responsibility for eviction on the shoulders of landlords, many of whom are induced to act irresponsibly by the exorbitant rents they receive under HUD rent schedules." Bill has written Mayor Dorrian, City Council members, Iowa Congressional delegates and Jack Kemp hoping for support to resolve the issue with HUD.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FERRARI AND STAFF: The group has agreed to meet regularly and put together a planning document about projects on which Drake and DNA can work together. Drake has agreed to testify at the Quik Trip trial. Next meeting scheduled for September.

NAB: What is happening? The group is (1) Trying to get a better understanding of participant's role and (2) Trying to resolve a problem with the chairperson. It has the potential to be a very influential group.

Nan noted that there is a bill from Creative Printing that needs to be paid.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Patty explained that the committee has received a \$700 grant from the Lillian Swartzell fund for perennial plantings to mark the entrance from the freeway to the Drake Neighborhood. Also, Drake University has agreed to pay \$500 toward a welcome sign. The committee is working with the Parks Department on design, planting, etc. The Board voted to give the committee power to proceed and carry out the plan.

Meeting adjourned.

Virginia Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING -
SEPTEMBER 12, 1990

The meeting was opened by Preston Daniels, president. Present were Preston & Patty Daniels, Dietz-Kilen, Schmitt, Stillians, Welch, Vilimek, Peterson, Schaefer, Munns, Cabbage, Jester, Kallemyn & Kurt.

Minutes of the previous meeting were amended to read, "Copies of the treasurer's report were passed out to board members." Also, Nan Stillians was in attendance. Minutes approved as amended.

Jim Dietz-Kilen handed out information about a Performing Arts Festival. Patty moved and the motion was seconded and carried that the Drake Neighborhood Association work with Friends of Drake Art to sponsor a Performing Arts Festival. Jim, Nan and Peggy were appointed to serve on the committee.

Regarding housing problems, the Polk County outreach coordinator for Neighborhood Mediation will come to talk to groups and give advice about working with problem neighbors. Marty will try to schedule him for the potluck on September 24 at St. Johns Catholic Church.

Bobbie Welch reported a balance of \$3,262.56 at the end of August. Joe Schaffer presented a bill from the Carpenter Neighbors in the amount of \$58.04 to cover expenses for their block party. After discussion regarding what the Board had previously voted to cover by way of Carpenter Neighbor expenses, a motion that DNA pay for letters and postage only for this event carried.

Report on the DNA 1990 Historic Tour indicated a profit of \$1,590.86 plus last year's balance brought the total in the tour account to \$2,224.20. The committee suggests \$500 for a nest egg for next year's tour and \$500 toward the cost of obtaining our 501 C-3 status.

The Nominating Committee of Scott Parks, Pat Kehoe and Jim Dietz-Kilen will be coming up with names to be presented to the general membership in September. Board members whose terms are up are: Preston and Patty, Diane Munns, Nan Stillians, Bobbie Welch and Ron Carr. However, the by-laws do not state these persons cannot be nominated for another term.

Sue Rasmussen brought the Board information about 501(c)(3) requirements. It would be easier for DNA to qualify for a 501(c)(4) except we would not be allowed to accept charitable contributions as tax exempt. Either status allows the ownership of land. Our organization could maintain an advocacy position in politics, but could "not engage in any political activities, including lobbying, campaigning for any person or distributing political propaganda." Preston noted that he would hate to see the organization's clout diminished by tying our political hands.

Nan talked about non-profit project working like a business. Could we do it under 501(c)(4). (Promote social welfare)

Bill moved that the Board proceed with 501(c)(4) status now and then explore 501(c)(3) for a second entity. Nan seconded. Motion carried. The cost would probably be under \$500, \$300 for IRS and \$50 per hour for Sue. Board members might be able to help with background information.

Kurt introduced John Kallemyn, newly appointed Director of Neighborhood Housing Services. John has had 15 years lending experience with American Federal, and is familiar with NHS's work. John talked about future plans for NHS. They are hoping for more resident participation, may expand to the North Drake or Model Cities area, and will soon be having a One Million Dollar Party to celebrate that lending total. Current charge is 9 1/4 % on a regular loan or 8 1/2 below median income. The Board expressed appreciation for the role of NHS in the area and wished John good fortune in his new leadership role.

Al Cabbage, our new liaison with Drake University, explained Drake's exciting new building program. No construction can begin on the Science or Law Center until 50% is in hand, and 80% needs to be in hand or pledged before the recreational facility is built. Drake is starting a new non-alcoholic nightclub for students in the Western Plumbing building, which will be open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Also, the university is cooperating with the business association in developing an all university events calendar.

Bill Plymat, co-chair of Housing, said that he is extremely disappointed with Iowa Realty Rental Office's response to nuisance complaints. It was decided to draft a letter from the Board to Bill Knapp. Preston, Diane and Patty were designated to write the letter over Preston's signature. There is a concern that Section 8 presence is being increased on 26th Street and other areas. The new development on Sixth Avenue is moving people from there into the east and northeast area of DNA. Nan stated she feels we need to insist that owners and tenants have ordinances to follow.

Peggy Jester asked permission to pass out a survey for a Community Focus Group about what people like, prices, etc. The Board moved to give Peggy permission.

Meeting adjourned.

Virginia Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE DNA BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 10, 1990

The meeting was opened by Virginia Peterson, secretary. Members present: Dietz-Kilen, Cabbage, Welch, Lansing, Patty Daniels, Plymat, Stillians, Raddatz, Capuccio, Vilimek, Burkhead, Carr, Peterson and Preston Daniels.

Minutes were approved as printed.

Bobbie Welch gave a treasurer's report. Current balance is \$3,417.11 with no October bills paid. Bobbie asked what was supposed to be happening to the new memberships that are coming in. Virginia agreed to call the committee chairs. Suggestion that names of new members be printed each month in the Newsletter.

Preston arrived and introduced Steve Booth and Marilyn Cedarstrom from First Realty. The company is offering the following to encourage sales in our area: 10% cash rebate on the commission on the action side of the transaction. Discount on origination fee of 10%, \$50,000 and above. Would DNA distribute information about the program with the understanding that it is not an endorsement. Motion carried that the information be included in the November issue of the Newsletter and not as a separate piece. Preston will check content before the printing.

Information had come to Preston that Clarke Peterson & Biermans Electric have asked for a change in zoning from C1 to C2. Purpose would be to improve their property and parking lot. Preston asked Diane Munns to contact City Planning. Nan will ask about their necessity for zoning change as opposed to a variance. Motion carried that we refer to the Housing Committee and that Diane talk with owners about plans and research.

BEAUTIFICATION - Gladys said that 10-12 persons attended the daffodil planting in Witmer Park. The flowers did well this past year with the rain. Efforts need to continue to get the city not to mow over them. Gladys asked about the "Good Neighbor" sign which is now in her basement. Jim Dietz-Kilen plans to nominate his neighbor for an award and he and Al will put it up in the yard. Virginia will draft a letter.

Gladys reminded us that the Annual Meeting will be a dessert potluck on October 31 at Grace United Methodist Church.

FORUM FOR CANDIDATES - The Board discussed inviting candidates to appear in a forum before election day. The Des Moines Neighbors might help also. Roger Munns was suggested for moderator. Preston, Nan and Virginia agreed to work out details. Motion carried that DNA sponsor a forum for political candidates who would best represent our area on or about November 3.

Preston announced to the Board that he is going to run for Des Moines City Council in the next election. He will run for an at-

large seat. Preston went on to say that after much thought he made the decision to withdraw his name as a candidate for President of DNA and would recommend Bill Plymat for this position. Motion carried that Bill Plymat's name be put in nomination as president. Congratulations, Bill!

Nan suggested when we talk about forums, that we consider having a youth forum (like the housing forums) and invite youth from all over the city to participate. CCI has had two meetings with youth from 4 schools to work out an agenda.

HOUSE TOUR COMMITTEE - The House Selection Committee is already beginning to line up homes for the tour. It is anticipated that the northwest part of DNA's territory will be featured this year.

NHS RECEPTION - NHS will hold an open house in celebration of having reached one million dollars in loans. The Board is invited to attend between 3-5 PM, October 24.

HOUSING COMMITTEE - This committee has functioned more as an ad hoc committee which meets in emergencies. Fifty two DNA members had indicated an interest in this area. The committee really needs to have six people to do the basic chores of (1) Promotion, (2) be available for tasks and (3) concentrate on specific areas.

Strategy for east boundaries: meet with people, code enforcement, deal with landlord issues (get "to" not "at", leaflet houses and get a group together.

MEETING WITH DRAKE STAFF - The meeting will be at 7:30 AM, October 18. People have been asked to serve on committees for various areas of concern which are: Security, Transportation, Housing Investment Corp., Student participation, Trees & Environment. ⁴ DNA needs to have a good representation at this meeting so that Drake will know we are vitally interested in working together on these projects.

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Also, there will be a Drug Task Force meeting on October 25 at Mercy Medical Center for all interested persons.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Peterson, secretary

MINUTES OF THE DNA BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 14, 1990

The meeting was called to order by Diane Munns, vice president. Present were: Raddatz, Cappuccio, Welch, Dietz-Kilen, Vilimek, Stillians, Cabbage, P. Daniels, Plymat, Peterson, Schmitt, Parks, and Schaefer.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report - Bobbie reported an October 31 balance of \$5,488.68 in the account with approximately \$400 more in expenses due. Bobbie also reminded the board that committee budgets need to be turned in before the December meeting. She also asked the procedure for getting the house tour money from tour treasurer, Matthew Cole. \$500 will be left in the account as seed money for the 1991 tour. A check will be written to the Des Moines Housing Council for use of the office copy machine. On proper motion the Treasurer's report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOUSING - Bill Plymat reported that Drake probably will be interested in some kind of housing renovation project. Bill and John Kallemyn attended a meeting on Friday in which they learned there will be fourteen houses on 26th street north of Forest. Drake will make available for relocation. Present occupants have received notice to vacate by February 28. It is not known exactly when construction on the new Sports Arena will begin because only 3 million of the 12 million cost is in. Suggestion that Habitat for Humanity might salvage whatever houses cannot be moved. The Carpenter Neighbors and DNA also might be interested.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that someone on the Board be appointed to work with the Drake staff on this project. Bill Plymat and Nan Stillians agreed to serve in this capacity.

BEAUTIFICATION - Daffodil bulbs did get planted in Witmer Park. The Kingman Blvd. tree project is on hold until the city hires a new Director for Parks and Recreation. The Committee would like to hold over the tree replacement money which was not spent in 1990.

HISTORIC - Ralph Christian is interested in gathering information about duplexes which were built in the 20s and 30s. Des Moines was one of the first cities to build duplexes. Call him if you have information.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Marty reported that the Christmas cookie exchange will be at 2 PM, Sunday, December 16 at the Thoreau Center. Everyone bring 3 dozen cookies to share and an empty container to fill and take home.

The cost per band for this summer's Jazz in July will be \$250. We could ask the Beaverdale Association to co-sponsor one at

Witmer Park. Then perhaps Woodland Heights Association would like to do one with us in Drake Park. The board moved to empower Marty to negotiate for two bands. First preference would be for the wrap up performance. The final cost to the association in 1990 was about \$100.

HOUSE TOUR COMMITTEE - Jim reported to the board that the House Selection Committee had canvassed the northwest area of our boundary to meet people and recruit for members and tour hosts. The response has been good, and it is hoped all houses will be lined up by January. Proceeds from last year's tour (other than the \$500 seed money) will be used to obtain 501 C 3 status. The board voted that a percentage of the profit from the 1991 tour go equally to improvements in Witmer Park and the renovation of Old Main (includes programming).

CARPENTER NEIGHBORS - Joe noted that there were 26 people at their last meeting. Also, the group is working with police on problems caused by drug dealings in the Monarch Apartments.

OLD BUSINESS - When Bill agreed to become president of DNA that left a vacancy for vice president. Diane Munns was nominated and agreed to serve. On proper motion she was elected by the Board.

Tax effort - Bobbie is working on the form and will then meet with the CPA. Cost has already amounted to \$292.30 and the CPA originally thought it would not go over \$500 plus fixed costs. On proper motion it was voted that Bobbie try to negotiate a lid of \$500 for the 501 C 4 status. Question was raised about obtaining the 501 C 3 status. Need to have copies of articles of incorporation and by-laws. Would be easier to set up a foundation. Faye volunteered to give \$200 to the project.

NEW BUSINESS - John Nelson from Wilkie House was introduced and told the board about the programs the center offers. Memberships are \$5 for youth, \$10 for adults and \$100 for groups. It was suggested that we hold a potluck there so that people could see the facility and learn more about its mission in the community.

IOWA COMMUNITY BETTERMENT AWARD - DNA received \$500 for its entry of the two projects -- helping kids stay off drugs and the tree chipping project. Patty suggested that everyone on the board go to next year's program to see what Iowa communities are doing and also to have a booth. Since the Drake Park Neighbors for Action had sponsored the drug program, the board voted that \$250 of the award money go to that group.

QUIK TRIP TRIAL - Diane has been working with the City Attorney. The trial is scheduled for Judge Novak's court and is expected to take at least a day. Preston will testify on behalf of DNA.

Al Cabbage talked about assaults involving Drake students and the memo warning students not to walk alone east of the campus. The university has a concern for legal responsibility, but the memo would have been worded differently if Ferrari and Al had been in

town. Patty asked Al if a written public relations policy could be set, and the reply was that it had been done.

Al Cabbage reported that the Harding-Forest and Transportation committees met with Jim Grant about changes being considered for the neighborhood. It is unlikely that the city will come up with any time or effort for DNA on the project because they are too busy. Sherman Hills worked with a private consultant and city at the cost of \$21,000 for a study in that area. Jack Porter recommended the idea. Bruce Heilman spoke vehemently about the needs of the Harding-Forest area. Is DNA prepared to embark on a planning effort with Drake University? Nan noted what Iowa State students had done for the North Drake Association. Perhaps a data base could be obtained by students for the Harding-Forest project. It will be difficult to help this area until some of the transportation issues have been resolved. Nan suggested getting the people from St. John's Church involved.

Motion carried that we set up a meeting with Jack Porter, Jim Grant, DNA, Drake University, and St. Johns to meet and figure out the common dream. Drake and DNA representatives should meet to pick a time and lay out plans. (Need a map showing ownership of property)

Motion from Bobbie and seconded that in the future minutes be mailed out after meetings and also the agenda for the next meeting. Carried.

Jim D-K and Al want to put up the Good Neighbor sign but the poles are missing. Virginia will contact Peggy Jester. Jim & Julie Rupnow, 2905 Cottage Grove will be the "good neighbors".

The next potluck will be November 27.

The Drake Park Neighbors will be hosting a Christmas party on December 15, 2-4 PM at Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Peterson, secretary