DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting

January 8, 1997

ATTENDING: Catherine Dietz-Kilen. Doug Cooper. Margaret Pond. Tonv Schmitt, Dottie Sessa, Barb Boose, Patty Daniels, Bernie Burke, Rachel Almlie, Nancy Geiger. Mac McAfee. Pat Peterson and Elizabeth . -Irvine.

GUESTS; Jules Westergaard (Lost Souls Cafe).

TREASURERS REPORT- Nancy Geiger reported a balance of \$814.51 20 1008

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE No report.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- The Board gave approval to Margaret Pond's progra suggestion of switching to a postcard when sending confirmation of membership renewals, thereby saving money on postage and envelopes. A spring membership canvas is planned, beginning with the Forestdale area, where the 1997 Home Tour will be held.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- The next newsletter will be out January 15.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- A meeting to begin planning the 1997 tour will take place next week. Additional committee members are always welcomed. An early June tour, to include gardens, will take place in the MATS Forestdale area and north of University on 39th St. ារ ប្រកាស ខេត្តការជា ខ្ស

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ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- Classes start Jan. 13.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen will be the DNA representatives for 1997 to this group.

charter with Neighbor Works has been renewed.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW COMMITTEE FORMATION? Discussion took place regarding the possibility of forming a new committee within the DNA to stav on top of city business. The topic will be discussed again at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

LOST SOULS CAFE— Jules Westergaard, co-owner with Dan Inzeo, of the Lost Souls Cafe at 3510 Cottage Grove, spoke to the Board about their business. The book store and coffee house hopes to be open by a late January for early morning business as well as late afternoon into late evening. Zoning of R-1A prohibits a restaurant on the site. Their phone nu}ber is 277-7748.

BLUE BOOK REVISION COMMENTS— It was suggested that the book's comment on being patient on being informed on your complaint be more specific. Get any further comments to Tony Schmitt by Jan. 25.

PARKS AND REC. QUESTIONNAIRE— Four questionnaires regarding services offered by this department were circulated for DNA Board members to fill out.

HOUSE SIGNS— DNA member Lori Hilgeman works for a sign company with that will make custom-made wooden signs designating a home as a real A Drake Neighborhood home, with the owner's name and other customized information. Sample signs will be at future DNA functions.

LONG RANGE PLANNING— Lengthy discussion took place on re-arranging of the interest areas, keeping track of members' renewal forms. etc. It was decided a meeting of the Board to prioritize their efforts would be held in late February/early March. with a membership potluck to follow in April to discuss these issues.

STATE LEGISLATION— Mac MsAfee suggested that there are many issues of presented on a state level that warrant out attention. He will keep us abreas as best he can.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS— President's message (Schmitt): DNA day at basketball games (Boose); NHS and potlusks (McAfee): arts and crafts? style seminar (D. McAfee); house signs (Schmitt): membership renewal? reminder (Pond); Lost Souls Cafe (Westergaard): House Tour (Almlie) and a souls Cafe (Westergaard):

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Board Meeting February 8, 1997

ATTENDING: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Bernie Burke, Mac McAfee, Joe Schaefer.

EXCUSED: Pat Peterson, Patty Daniels, Rachel Almlie, Dottie Sessa.

GUESTS; Bobbi Wojewoda (Des Moines Police Dept.), Todd Larson and Paul Doucette (Drake Student Body), and Barb Boose (Drake).

TREASURERS REPORT- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIVIC AFFAIRS— Tony Schmitt reported that an urban renewal plan for the Forest/MLK area has been drawn. The plan goes before the Neighborhood Advisory Board on March 5. There is opposition to the plan among some area business owners. The March 5 meeting takes place at the Armory Building and Board members are encouraged to attend.

The Citizens Service Task Force will hold a meeting Feb. 13.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE— No official report. Mohammad Khan of the ISU Extension Service has offered to speak to DNA members in a series of three workshops.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE— Margaret Pond reported that the new postcards are now being used for membership renewal confirmation. She will also check into supplying DNA area churches with membership brochures.

COMMUNITY SERVICE-No report.

HISTORY No report.

<u>HOUSE TOUR-</u> The tour will be June 1 in the 39th St. area north of University.

BUILDING BRIDGES- No report.

SPECIAL EVENTS— St. George's Greek Orthodox Church at 35th and Cottage Grove will be designated a Historic Building on March 16.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

<u>DRAKE</u>— Barb Boose reported that Drake is concerned about the recent increase in crime in the area. They have been meeting with city officials looking for solutions. Drake will announce a partnership with a local bank offering a program to provide affordable financing to Drake staff and faculty for the purchase of homes within the DNA boundaries. The Drake Relays will be held April 25-26.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Catherine Dietz-Kilen reported that Fran

Koontz was elected president of the group. Sub-committees are in place and are open to anyone. An article about this will be in the next newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES— Mac McAfee reported that the Annual Meeting will take place April 8 at the Embassy Suites. Two resident positions are currently open.

<u>LEGISLATIVE ISSUES</u>— State representative Ed Fallon has voiced concern on urban sprawl, an issue of concern to the DNA as well. It was suggested that representative Ed Fallon, state senator Elaine Szymoniak and county supervisor Tom Baker be invited to our next potluck.

OLD BUSINESS-

TRANSPORTATION— Traffic studies have been completed along 31st St. and results show a light at 31st and Kingman Ave. is warranted (over 900 vehicles travelled the street between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. alone). The department will propose Alternate 2 to the City Council on February 17 for approval of funding. The intersection of I-235, Cottage Grove and MLK has been redesigned. The new plan calls for four houses to be taken but takes into account all previous concerns voiced by neighbors—all in all a more encouraging plan.

HOUSE SIGNS— The wooden neighborhood signs will sell for between \$45-50 for the basic models. The possibility of having one made for each house on the home tour was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

FRIENDS OF DRAKE ARTS— This group wants to let all the neighbors know about concerts, services and shows sponsored by Drake. Additionally, they have approached us about participating in the Relays parade.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH— This church wants to increase their visibility in the city. They are contemplating sponsoring a Farmers Market in their parking lot during summer months.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY/CITY OF DES MOINES NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE—Officials from both entities to discuss recent crime. Code enforcement and neighborhood involvement are crucial. April 12 will be the Carpenters Neighbors Scrub Day as well as Drake Senior Class Project Day.

<u>FLOOD INFILL HOUSING</u>— The second phase includes three lots within the DNA boundaries that are owned by the county. The lots are zoned single family rental. The Board gave their OK to the lots without a quorum.

LONG RANGE PLANNING— Martha Gelhaus has agreed to facilitate our planning meeting on Sunday, March 23 from 1-4 p.m. at First Christian Church.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond Secretary

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Drake Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 1997 8:00 pm 1153 24th Street Neighborhood Housing Services

Agenda

Due to the informational meeting regarding the proposed Urban Renewal Plan for the Forest Ave./M.L. King area the meeting will not start until 8 pm. DNA board members are encouraged to attend the informational meeting to get get answers to questions or hear concerns regarding the plan. The meeting will be at 7pm at King Elementary School, 19th & Forest.

- I. Approval of minutes
- II. Urban Renewal Plan for Forest Ave./M.L. King area
- III. Use of HOME funds for rehab of existing non-conforming use. (The property is the structure at 917, etc. 28th Street, the first property north if I-235 on the east side of the street. Please drive by so you have an idea of the current status of the property.
 - IV. I-235/M.L. King/Cottage Grove interchange
 - V. Potluck?
 - VI. Newsletter assignments
 - VII. Adjournment

Board Meeting April 9, 1997

ATTENDING: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Mac McAfee, Rachel Almlie, Jack Ohle, Patty Daniels, Paul Doucette.

EXCUSED: Bernie Burke, Dottie Sessa, Pat Peterson, Nancy Geiger.

GUESTS; Todd Larson, Drake University Student Body.

Minutes from the February called meeting, March Board meeting, and March planning retreat were accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>CIVIC AFFAIRS</u>— Tony Schmitt reported that the Neighborhood Health and Zoning Department has assigned an inspector, Steve Drane, to our area. His phone number is 283-4797. Copies of the monthly zoning inspection reports will be made available at membership meetings.

<u>BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE</u>- No official report. Kingman Blvd. plant pick-up is Sat., May 10 at the east parking lot of Grace United Methodist Church. All plants are being provided by the Botanical Center, free of charge.

<u>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</u>— It was agreed that making contact with new residents of the neighborhood is a good idea but giving them a free membership to the association was unnecessary.

COMMUNITY SERVICE— The Carpenter Neighborhood Clean—Up Day is Sat., April 12. Dumpsters will be located at 21st and Forest and 26th and University. Drake Park Neighborhood Clean—up Day is June 12.

HISTORY No report.

<u>HOUSE TOUR</u>— Brochures for the June 1 tour are ready and will be available at various locations.

<u>BUILDING BRIDGES</u>— Meetings continue between the association, the Police Department, Department of Housing, City Manager's office and Drake University regarding recent crime. The feeling reported was that things were getting better.

<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>— The next membership potluck is Friday, April 11 at Grace United Methodist Church.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

<u>DRAKE</u>— Jack Ohle reported that the Relays are April 25–26, graduation is May 10 at Veterans' Auditorium and that the Labor Day picnic will be Monday, September 1, with neighbors invited.

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<u>DES MOINES NEIGHBORS</u>— Catherine Dietz-Kilen reported that many neighbors are involved in the design plan for MLK Pkwy. After discussion, it was decided the general election in November is soon enough for an election to replace Arthur Davis.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES— Mac McAfee reported that the Annual Meeting took place April 8. The rehab committee is moving a house to 1008 E. 9th from 1306 Pennsylvania Ave. (to make room for a Lutheran Hospital parking lot). There are also funds available to build two handicapped accessible houses. One will be built at 22nd and Carpenter but another lot is needed. McAfee will contact Bill Cappuccio regarding possible lots within the Drake neighborhood.

<u>LEGISLATIVE ISSUES</u>— Mac McAfee reported that representative Ed Fallon's bill on urban sprawl didn't make it out of the Senate.

OLD BUSINESS-

<u>FOREST AVE. URBAN RENEWAL PLAN</u>— The plan was approved by the Neighborhood Advisory Board. It goes before the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 17.

<u>HOUSE SIGNS</u>— The wooden neighborhood signs cost \$60 and the DNA will sell them for \$75. Due to lack of quorum, a decision could not be made on how the proceeds from the sale should be used.

<u>CARPENTER NEIGHBORS</u>— Catherine Dietz-Kilen has been attending these meetings and reported that Mohammad Khan may be holding a series of informational sessions on landscaping for the neighborhood.

<u>BUSINESS DIRECTORY-</u> Bernie Burke is working on a shop locally business program but there was no official report.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>FARMERS MARKET</u>— The Board of Adjustment charges a \$200 fee to appeal a decision on the zoning variance for the Drake Neighborhood Farmers Market. It was agreed to give First Christian Church the money, which will be repaid from market proceeds this summer.

<u>THANK YOUS</u>— A thank-you letter has been sent to planning retreat facilitator, Kevin Pokorny, and a thank you card was passed for signing to send to Arthur Davis.

<u>BY-LAWS-</u> Catherine Dietz-Kilen wants the association by-laws to be reviewed and updated. The Board is encouraged to review them and give their input to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret McDonald Pond Secretary

Board Meeting May 14, 1997

<u>ATTENDING</u>: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Mac McAfee, Rachel Almlie, Dotty Sessa, Patty Daniels, Bernie Burke, Nancy Geiger.

EXCUSED: Pat Peterson, Joe Schaeffer, Jack Ohle.

ABSENT: Elizabeth Irvine

GUESTS; Eric Lundy of the city's Community Development department; Jim Jacobsen, historic preservation consultant; Pam Tedesco, store manager of the 7-11 at 21st and University; and Bill Cappuccio.

Minutes from the April meeting were accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT- Nancy Geiger reported a balance of \$2,516.80.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>CIVIC AFFAIRS</u>— Tony Schmitt reported that this is Law Enforcement Recognition Week. Tuesday, Aug. 5 will be the National Night Out.

<u>BEAUTIFICATION</u>— No official report. Kingman Blvd. plant pick-up was Sat., May 10. There will be a tree planting in honor of Arthur Davis on May 18.

MEMBER SERVICES- No official report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE— T'ai Chi will be held in the Drake Park every third Saturday at noon, beginning May 17. The DNA will donate \$50 towards bagels and juice for the first day.

The Farmers' Market at First Christian Church begins June 4 from 5-7:30 p.m.

HISTORY No report.

<u>HOUSE TOUR</u>— Ollie the Trolley will be running for the tour, which has nine, possibly ten stops. Volunteers are needed to donate food for refreshments.

<u>BUILDING BRIDGES</u>— There were reported complaints of drug activity at 2521 Kingman Blvd. The Board agreed to support the neighbors to remedy this situation.

<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>— Jazz in July will be July 12 at 4 p.m. on the east side of the Fine Arts Building on the Drake campus.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

<u>DRAKE-</u> Interim is in session. The Relays were very successful. There are ongoing meetings between the university, city officials and neighborhood leaders to keep the neighborhood safe.

<u>DES MOINES NEIGHBORS</u>— No official report. However, it was reported that Boatmen's Bank is opening a branch at 12th and University this summer.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES- No official report.

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION— There is a concern for summer activities for neighborhood youth.

<u>LEGISLATIVE ISSUES</u>— Our state representative and senator will be invited to our next Board meeting.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRESENTATION— Jim Jacobsen presented his study on bungalows and four-squares in our neighborhood. The goal of the project is to find justificiation for neighborhood revitatization funds. Obtaining Historic Register designation will enable us to do that. Jacobsen will give a full presentation with slides and charts at the next membership meeting. We need a working committee to get this designation done.

OLD BUSINESS-

HOUSE SIGNS— circulated. It was decided the DNA will sell them for \$75 (\$60 cost). Profits will be set aside in a special account and a decision made later on how they can best be spent.

NEW BUSINESS

Home Tour posters (8 1/2x 11) will be mailed out to DNA members.

A newsletter will be out in late June with articles.

The Des Moines Action Board and Neighborhood Advisory Board are being dissolved.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY— Bernie Burke reported that the Drake Area Business Association will underwrite the cost of the directory if we market and circulate it. It is possible that PACE (Porter Ave. Center for Education) students can distribute.

RAMSEY HOME— A \$3.5 million addition is planned with a June 1 groundbreaking. Director Loretta Nelson will be invited to attend the June Board meeting.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE— There are now three slots available upon the resignation of Joe Schaeffer. Bill Cappuccio is considering filling one of the slots.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond

Secretary

Board Meeting June 11, 1997

<u>ATTENDING</u>: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Mac McAfee, Rachel Almlie, Pat Peterson, Dotty Sessa, Patty Daniels, Bernie Burke, Nancy Geiger.

ABSENT: Elizabeth Irvine Sock of

<u>GUESTS</u>; Bill Cappuccio, Jules Westergaard (Lost Souls Cafe), Peter Goche (architect/designer), and Loretta Nelson (Ramsey Home)

Minutes from the May meeting were accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT-No official report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>CIVIC AFFAIRS</u>— National Night Out is Aug. 5. A potluck at Drake Park is tentatively scheduled.

COMMUNITY SERVICE— A survey from the Central Iowa Center of Independent Living was circulated.

<u>BEAUTIFICATION</u>— No official report. The city's senior horticultural supervisor for our area, Al Moreno, will try to attend an upcoming meeting. Lost Souls Cafe will contribute their trip jar proceeds to DNA beautification projects.

HISTORY No report.

<u>HOUSE TOUR</u>— There was a great turnout for the event. Advance ticket supplies were sold out at Tait's, Capital Paint and Decorating. Final tallies were not available.

<u>BUILDING BRIDGES</u>— Eviction notices were served to the occupants of 2521 Kingman Blvd. The situation is somewhat improved.

<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>— Jazz in July will be July 12 at 4 p.m. on the east side of the Fine Arts Building on the Drake campus. The Kingman Island Cruise is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 2, pending Harold Wells approval for using the Thoreau Center as a base (Mac McAfee will check on this.)

June 21 is clean-up day in Drake Park with two dumpster locations. Westergaard volunteered to gather a crew clean the Blind Munchies lot. Catherine Dietz-Kilen will check into having a DNA banner made for the Farmers Market table, parades, and other uses.

MEMBER SERVICES- No official report.

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION— Mohammad Khan will do a series of seminars on gardening this winter.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- No report.

<u>DES MOINES NEIGHBORS</u>— The June 26 meeting will feature a presentation regarding the proposed rainforest dome. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Armory Building.

A mayoral Candidates Forum is scheduled for Sept. 25 at the Botanical Center.

Any major neighborhood housing issues can be written and sent to Des Moines Neighbors.

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES</u> A Board retreat was held recently in one of the NHS rehab houses.

The tool lending library is now open to everyone in the city. The house move close to Lutheran Hospital is back on and a search is underway for a general contractor to move the house.

<u>LEGISLATIVE ISSUES</u>—State representative Wayne Ford wants to come to a future neighborhood meeting, possibly in July.

OLD BUSINESS-

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE— Bill Cappuccio and Kay Buckingham have agreed to fill two of the three slots open on the Board. A third slot is still open.

<u>FARMERS MARKET</u>— More vendors and public are expected to turn-out for the second week. So far the market has gone well.

<u>T'AI CHI</u> A thank-you note was received from the organizer of the event.

MLK PKWY. REDESIGN—Catherine Dietz-Kilen showed the current plans for the project. A meeting will be held Wed. June 18 at 5 p.m. at the Botanical Center regarding approval of the project. The MLK Citizens Committee will make its recommendation to the city council at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

RAMSEY HOME— Home director Loretta Nelson showed the architectural drawings for the new addition to their campus. The oldest building will be torn down and a \$6.5 million building will be built, which will include a skilled nursing unit, walk-out apartments and an Alzheimers unit.

LOST SOULS— Co-owner Jules Westergaard introduced architect Peter Goche', who proposed their plan for a public art project. The two primary components of their project are an indigenous plant bed and a trench bench along the sidewalk in front of the building on Cottage Grove. The motion was made and passed to accept the proposed project. Jim Grant with the city of Des Moines will be informed of our approval. Jules is also organizing a neighborhood perennial plant exchange for the fall.

<u>PUBLIC NUISANCE</u>— Catherine Dietz-Kilen explained the concept of having five to six neighborhood properties to concentrate on each year to have declared as public nuisances. There is the possibility of using the

Drake Legal Clinic for research. Due to time constraints, the subject will be discussed at length at another meeting.

DNA TELEPHONE SERVICE- It costs the association \$600 per year for the phone service and listing in the telephone book. We will discuss possible options at another meeting.

QUARTERLY MEETING- Historic preservationist, Jim Jacobsen, will be invited to the next membership to discuss his study on neighborhood four-squares. First Christian Church will be asked if we can hold the meeting in one of their rooms immediately following a Wednesday night Farmers Market. Jacobsen's schedule will also be a factor.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS- The deadline for submitting articles to Rachel Almlie for the next newsletter is Friday, June 20. Nancy Geiger will make reminder calls.

Tool lending library-McAfee New board members-Pond Kingman Island Cruise-Dietz-Kilen MLK redesign-Dietz-Kilen National Night Out-Cappuccio

Lost Souls-Westergaard Jazz in July-Schmitt Home Tour '97-Almlie

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond

Secretary

Drake Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997 7:00 pm 1153 24th Street Neighborhood Housing Services

Agenda

- I. Review and approval of minutes(?)
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Civic Affairs
 - B. Community Service
 - C. Beautification
 - D. History
 - E. House Tour
 - F. Building Bridges
 - G. Special Events Jazz in July, National Night Out, Kingman Island Cruise
 - H. Member Services
- IV. Organization Reports
 - A. Drake University
 - B. Des Moines Neighbors
 - C. Neighborhood Housing Services
 - D. Legislative Issues
 - E. Carpenter-Drake Park Revitalization
- V. Old Business
 - A. DNA Telephone Service
- VI. New Business
 - A. Drake Athletic Dept. Fall Clean-up

VII. Adjournment

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Attending: Rachel Almlie, Kay Buckingham, Bill Cappuccio, Patty Daniels, Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Nancy Geiger, Eldon McAfee, Jack Ohle, Pat Petersen, Toni Schmitt, Dottie Sessa

Excused: Margaret Pond

Guests: Kristi Bowman, Drake Student Body President

The June minutes were not available.
The Treasurers Report was given and accepted.

Reports:

Civic Affairs - no report Beautification - no report History - no report Building Bridges - no report

Community Service

--Toni and Patty hosted 14-16 people of the Iowa Architectural Assn on a tour around the neighborhood. They were in town for a three day conference including this tour. The IAA sent \$25.00 as a Thank You.

House Tour

--Twenty more tickets were sold this year as compared to 1996! The financial status of the 1997 event is still being assessed. The 1998 tour will be co-chaired by Marty Schmitt and Jim Dietz-Kilen. That tour may utilize the new Drake Newman Center at 28th and University as it beginning point.

Special Events

--July 12th -- Jazz in July posters were distributed to all present. Assignments were made to those willing to bring baked goods or liquids to sell during the concert. The concert's location will be on the east side of the Fine Arts Center at Drake University. --July 22nd -- at 7:00 p.m. will be the quarterly Assn meeting at the First Christian Church. Jim Lynch is not confirmed as the speaker but a program will be prepared. --August 5th -- The National Night Out event will be held in Drake Park. The Drake Park Neighbors and Drake Neighborhood Assn are jointly presenting. A motion was made and passed to have \$100.00 available towards providing the food for the event. Concerns were raised and acknowledged to include a vegetarian selection. There will be staff from the Des Moines Neighbors assisting.

--August 16th -- Kingman Island Cruise will be held at 35th & Kingman from late afternoon until dusk. Assignments were made for various tasks. A motion was made and passed to allow up to \$200.00 for a entertainment to be hired.

Member Services

--Good News - the Farmers Market membership table has seen some positive action each week!

Organizations

Drake University

--The Wednesday Farmers Market is proceeding well! All involved are pleased so far. --An invitation was made by Kristi Bowman on behalf of the student planning committee for the 3rd Annual Labor Day Weekend All-University Picnic, August 31st, 4:00-7:00 p.m. on the grass area between Meredith and Olmsted. Invitations will be sent to the membership.

--The October 18th football game was chosen to be the opportunity for Assn members to attend at no charge. These events seem to be pleasantly supported. There was a general discussion of getting the Assn to sit in the same area of the stadium.

Des Moines Neighbors

--Their last meeting was a presentation of the \$245 million Rain Forest project. This was recalled as an intriguing, extensive, expensive scary project that would certainly put Des Moines on the map as a destination city.

Neighborhood Housing Services

--They continue to look for houses to rehab and we are welcome to let Eldon know of houses up-for-sale that might be prospects.

--There was a discussion of the distinction of rehab vs restoration. An update was given on the long, involved situation with a house being moved and he informed us that indeed the Director is wheelchair bound again which moves the Assn Board meeting out of the conference room.

Legislative Issues

--No current headway on scheduling various legislative persons as speakers for the Assn. Efforts will continue.

--on September 25th, the Des Moines Neighbors will hold a Candidate Forum at the Botanical Center

--A reminder was made as to the DNA Board's past election protocol. The Board take no stand on any one race or candidate yet encourages being active in the process.

--We received an update on the current effort to use a Conditional Use Permit to restrict zoning of a bar rather than have a liquor license denied. The CCI Task Force with Neighborhoods is researching how other cities have used this legal tactic.

Carpenter-Drake Park Revitalization

--An official designation of the Freeway North Study has been officially requested by the Citizens Task Force. This is the MLKing Parkway area north of I-235.

--The new 7-11 manager has met with the Carpenter Neighbors asking for community support in the current cleanup efforts at this business. New employees are still being sought. There is new fencing and better cleanliness of the property. Positive comments were made concerning the present condition and their ambitious goals.

Old Business

DNA Telephone Service has been reviewed by Toni Schmitt and U.S.West. We are in a commercial building with commercial service and currently have the cheapest service charge. There was a general discussion of the telephone usage of and purpose for the Assn. A motion was made and passed to have Toni continue to pursue streamlining the system, perhaps even outsourceing.

New Business

Drake Athletic Dept Fall Clean-up will happen on Sunday, Sept 7, 1997. Dolph Pulliam has meet with Toni and Cathy to coordinate a clean-up day involving the athletic teams (except Cross-Country and Volleyball) and The Carpenter Neighbors & Drake Park. The area to be concentrated on will be the North-East corridor of the Association emphasizing the yards of elderly residents or alleys. The Assn will provide the list of addresses and suggested tasks. Catherine Dietz-Kilen is working on this aspect of the project. Mary from CCI has some of the previous documentation on the homes and their needs from that area. Toni & Dolph will attempt to have some dumpsters on site even though it is a Sunday.

An inquiry was made concerning any remaining allocation of the Residential 'Fixup' Grant funds in that area. There were approximately 40 homes affected and there remains \$5,000 left to be given out.

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

Submitted by, Nancy Geiger

Board Meeting August 13, 1997

ATTENDING: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Mac McAfee, Rachel Almlie, Dotty Sessa, Patty Daniels, Jack Ohle, Nancy Geiger, Bill Cappuccio

ABSENT: Bernie Burke

Minutes from the June and July meetings were accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT-Nancy Geiger reported a balance of \$2,473.40.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>CIVIC AFFAIRS</u>— The North of Grand Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Mayoral Candidates Forum on Oct. 14, location TBA.

<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>— Generations, Inc. is hosting a 35th anniversary celebration Block Party on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 3-6:30 p.m. at 944 18th St. Call 288-3334 for more information. T'ai Chi in the Park will be held again this Saturday, August 16 from 9

a.m.-noon in Drake Park. The I-235 clean-up went well.

BEAUTIFICATION- No report.

<u>HISTORY</u> A flyer is being circulated within the neighborhood saying the historic district declaration will mean no repairs can be completed on a home without approval. The false information needs to be corrected. The DNA will purchase up to \$250 worth of copies of the Bungalow Study books for neighbors to check-out.

HOUSE TOUR- Money is still coming in.

<u>BUILDING BRIDGES</u>— There has been lots of good press lately. The National Night Out was a huge success.

<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>— The Kingman Island Cruise will be Saturday, Aug. 16 from 3-8 p.m. in the 3500 block of Kingman.

MEMBER SERVICES- Membership renewal notices need to be run.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- Jack Ohle reported there will be a Labor Day picnic Aug. 31 from 4-7 p.m. on campus with all neighbors invited. He also said there was the possibility of having a neighborhood pass for members of all four neighborhood associations to use for sporting and arts events at Drake. Interviews are underway for a replacement for Al Cubbage. In closing, JACK OHLE IS A HELLUVA GUY!

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Catherine Dietz-Kilen reported that a Mayoral Candidate Forum will take place Sept. 25 at the Botanical Center.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES— Mac McAfee reported that the tool lending library is now open to everyone in the city. Donations are accepted. The Rehabilitation Committee is considering the possbility of making future renovations on multi-family residences be restorations to single-family status.

<u>LEGISLATIVE ISSUES</u>—A letter has gone out to state representative Wayne Ford, inviting him to a future neighborhood meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE— Will meet to put a slate of nominees together in time to publicize 30 days prior to the October Annual Meeting. Mac McAfee, Nancy Geiger and Margaret Pond are the committee.

<u>DRAKE ATHLETIC DEPT. CLEAN-UP-</u>Three hundred student athletes and staff will participate in a neighborhood clean-up Sun. Sept. 7 at noon with a picnic to follow. They will be cleaning from ML King Parkway to 34th, from Clark to Cottage Grove. Rachel Almlie will make DNA T-shirts to wear on clean-up day for \$10.

<u>DRAKE LABOR DAY PICNIC</u>— Postcards will go out to all DNA members, asking them to make reservations.

TELEPHONE SERVICE— Jack Ohle said we could get service through the university, including voice mail and a phone book listing. HELLUVA GUY!

NEW BUSINESS

BEAVERDALE FALL FESTIVAL— The parade will be Sept. 13 beginning at 9 a.m. Bernie Burke and Dottie Sessa will organize the float.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- Local director Jim Peterson made a presentation to the committee asking for a letter of support to the Greater Des Moines Housing Trust Fund in application for a grant to build a house at 1612 20th Place. After a lengthy discussion in which board members voiced their disappointment in that organization's lack of support of our project last summer, the letter of support was agreed to.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS— (Made for next newsletter; deadline not set)
*National Night Out thanks *Labor Day Picnic *Oct. 29 Annual
Meeting (Newman Center, 7 p.m., dessert potluck)—Schmitt
*Historic Designation Clarification— Schmitt *Sherman Hill House Tour

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond

Board Meeting

September 10, 1997

ATTENDING: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Mac McAfee, Rachel Almlie, Kay Buckingham, Bernie Burke, Dotty Sessa, Patty Daniels, Jack Ohle, Nancy Geiger, Bill Cappuccio

Minutes from the August meeting as corrected. Kay Buckingham was in attendance.

TREASURERS REPORT-Nancy Geiger reported a balance of \$2,099.64

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>CIVIC AFFAIRS</u>— Candidate Forums will be held on September 25 at the Botanical Center, sponsored by Des Moines Neighbors; and October 14 at Plymouth Congregational Church, sponsored by several northwest area neighborhood associations with Mary Brubaker moderating.

<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>— The Drake Athletic Department Clean-up went fairly well with only minor problems. Tony will send a thank-you note.

BEAUTIFICATION— The "Beautify Des Moines" program is again selling trees. The eight foot trees sell for \$25 west of 31st Street, for \$10 east of 31st St. October 6 is the deadline.

<u>HISTORY</u> The book, "Historical Residential Architecture in Des Moines: 1905-1940 (A study of bungalow and four square houses)" by Jim Jacobsen is now in print. Three of the books have been purchased by the DNA for their members to check-out.

The Historic Fashion Show will take place Sept. 20 at the the Iowa Historical Building.

BUILDING BRIDGES- The Sherman Hill Home Tour is Sept. 20-21, 27-28.

<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>— First Christian Church wants to do a fall community project with us. We will approach them about hosting a neighborhood Halloween party.

MEMBER SERVICES— The Drake Pass for athletic and cultural events is in the works.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

<u>DRAKE</u>— Jack Ohle discussed the ramifications of the recent article printed in the Metropolitan newspaper by Jonathan Narcisse. Drake is pleased with the neighborhood support of their Sept. 7 clean—up day. The new staff person to take Al Cubbage's position will be announced at the October Board meeting.

<u>DES MOINES NEIGHBORS</u>— The Agricultural Enterprise Park was discussed. Neighbors on the southeast side are very upset about this issue.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES— Mac McAfee reported that the Rehabilitation committee is looking into more houses to renovate and that some of them are in the Carpenter neighborhood. The Penn Ave.

house move is pending City Council approval. The funds are there for the move.

<u>LEGISLATIVE ISSUES</u>— Guest State Representative Wayne Ford spoke to the group on several issues. He expressed concern over a growing problem at the corner of 21st and Carpenter. His advice would be for the neighbors to cooperate to reclaim the neighborhood before the problem gets any worse, much like the River Bend neighborhood worked together. Rep. Ed Fallon will be pushing the urban sprawl issue in the upcoming legislative session.

Police chases is an issue that has yet to heard on the legislative level. Concern over this growing problem was expressed. Other topics of concern addressed by the group included the state lottery, contract sale of real estate, and the distance from a school for a school zone.

<u>CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION</u>— There is a lack of NFC activity in this area.

OLD BUSINESS-

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE— There are four slots open on the Board for 1998. The slate of nominees needs to be circulated among the membership 30 days prior to the Oct. 28 meeting.

<u>BEAVERDALE FALL FESTIVAL</u>— We will have a float in the Sept. 13 parade, pulled by a Drake van. Up to \$150 was approved to spend on two eight foot banners to be used in parades, festivals, flea markets, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

FOOTBALL TAILGATE PARTY— The possibility of hosting a tailgate party for the membership prior to the Oct. 11 game was discussed, as well as the use of PACE students to circulate a promotional flyer for the event. Drake will reserve a parking lot for us upon request.

1100 26th STREET— A letter was received from the city saying the city has declared the house at this address a public nuisance. Information will be passed to Neighborhood Housing Services for their possible involvement.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS- Deadline for next newsletter: Sept. 14

- *Annual Meeting Oct. 28 at the Newman Center
- *Barb Boose's article on the Drake Pass
- *Nominations Committee report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9;15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond

Secretary

Board Meeting October 8, 1997

ATTENDING: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Mac McAfee, Kay Buckingham, Detty Sessa, Patty Daniels, Jack Ohle, Nancy Geiger, Bill Cappuccio and Kristy Bowman.

ABSENT: Bernie Burke and Rachel Almlie.

GUESTS: Tina Mowry, Metropolitan Waste Authority; Tom Casey.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT-Nancy Geiger reported a balance of \$1,880.87

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>CIVIC AFFAIRS</u>—A letter was received from Barry Vosler from the city's Health/Zoning Administration with information of a new process to enforce code violations.

A Candidates Forum will be held Oct. 14 at Plymouth Congregation Church, sponsored by ten neighborhood assocations.

<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>— The 1997 Holiday Food Project will take place Dec. 4-5 for our neighborhood.

A 5K and 10K run throught the Sherman Hill and Drake neighborhoods will take palce May 2 to benefit Eyerly-Ball Community Mental Health Services. Neighborhoods are encouraged to man the route and help organize.

<u>BEAUTIFICATION</u>— The Mayor's "Lend a Hand" program is looking for projects.

HISTORY No report.

BUILDINGBRIDGES- The Drake Activity Pass has been mailed out.

SPECIAL EVENTS- No report.

MEMBER SERVICES- No report. Renewal notices need to be run!

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

<u>DRAKE</u>— Jack Ohle reported that Forrest Meyer will be the new Assoc. VP/Director of Marketing and Communications at Drake beginning Nov. 3. Oct. 25-Nov.1 is Senior Week with a service project. Homecoming is Oct.11

<u>DES MOINES NEIGHBORS</u> A Large Economics Project Task Force is being formed.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES- No report.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES- No report.

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION— No report. OLD BUSINESS—

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE— Three out of the four vacancies on the board for 1998 have been filled.

<u>TAILGATE</u>—The pre-game party will take place Oct. 11 at the parking lot at 26th and University at noon. The Register will be sending a photographer.

ANNUAL MEETING— St. Catherine of Sienna/Newman Center will be the location of the meeting on Oct. 28. Rep. Ed Fallon will be the guest speaker. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. with dessert potluck.

NEW BUSINESS

2936 BRATTLEBORO— Tom Casey, owner of the property, asked for the board's support in his application for city funds for rental rehabilitation to re-roof this house. Because it is a multiple unit, it is currently a non-conforming use and ineligible for loan money. The board voted to support his application and Margaret Pond will send a letter to the city stating this.

METRO SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY— Tina Mowry handed out a survey that will be circulated to all Waste Authority customers regarding their opinions on how best to continuing funding curbside recycling.

7-11 STORES- Kum & Go stores have purchased the area's 7-11 stores. The same managers remain.

31ST AND CROCKER— This is a dangerous intersection for pedestrian crossing. Mac will contact the woman who wrote the letter to the Register regarding this issue to see if she'd like our cooperation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8;50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond

Secretary

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting November 12, 1997

ATTENDING: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Mac McAfee, Rachel Almlie, Forrest Meyer, Bernie Burke, Kay Buckingham, Dotty Sessa, Jack Ohle, Nancy Geiger, Todd Larson and Kristy Bowman.

ABSENT: Patty Daniels.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved with the correction that Dottie Sessa was absent.

TREASURERS REPORT-No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>CIVIC AFFAIRS</u>— The swearing—in of Preston Daniels as Des Moines Mayor will be November 17 at City Hall.

COMMUNITY SERVICE- There will be a clean-up at Drake Park.

BEAUTIFICATION- City crews will be picking up downed limbs next week.

HISTORY No report.

HOME TOUR— Approximately six houses have been selected for the 1998 tour.

<u>BUILDINGBRIDGES</u>— No report but it was good to see so many neighborhood asociations cooperating on the candidates forums.

<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>— None planned. The possibility of having Preston Daniels as the guest speaker at an upcoming membership meeting was discussed. A membership social event will take place at the Mainstay before the Jan. 17 basketball game.

<u>MEMBER SERVICES</u>— Membership renewals will be run ASAP (NOTE: they were run in late November).

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

<u>DRAKE-</u> Forrest Meyer has begun his job as Director of Marketing at Drake and reported that the Drake passes are being used fairly well. The spring semester activity schedule will be circulated in late Dec. A community service project involving 5-12 year old children will take place in late March/early April, with activities coordinated by Drake students.

<u>DES MOINES NEIGHBORS</u>— The November and December meetings will be combined into a Dec. 11 meeting that Catherine Dietz-Kilen will be unable to attend.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES- No report.

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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES- No report.

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY GARDENS—A contingent from the Drake student body, Better Homes & Gardens magazine, and other interested parties are oganizing a community garden for our neighborhood to use. Teva Dawson is coordinating a grant proposal for a pilot project involving a 1/4 block size plot, fenced off, with small garden areas within available for members. Members will have access to tools and water for their gardens. A potential site is at 26th and University.

FORREST MEYER— Forrest Meyer was voted to the Board as the Drake representative.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS- THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1:

Ed Fallon's book is missing: McAfee

Community Garden: Schmitt

1998 Board listing: from handout

Jan. 17 basketball game/Mainstay gathering: Geiger

Metro Solid Waste: from handout.

It was agreed that in place of the regularly scheduled December meeting, an informal gathering will take place Dec. 17 at the Drake Diner. Catherine Dietz-Kilen will make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned at 8;15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McDonald Pond Secretary