

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 1998

Attending: Mark Bequeaith, Kristi Bowman, Kay Buckingham, Bernie Burke, Bill Cappuccio, Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Nancy Geiger, Eldon McAfee, Forrest Meyer, Tony Schmitt, Dottie Sessa
Absent: Patti Daniels, James Monroe *Ron Langston*

Introductions were made of all persons present. Minutes of the November 1997 meeting were approved. The Treasurers Report was given as a balance of \$3359.48.

Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs -- At large City Council candidates will have a forum at the Park Fair Mall on Saturday, January 17th. The Beaverdale Neighborhood Association will host a forum after the primary.

Community Service -- Department of Transportation (DOT) has sent a letter announcing that they will be starting a program for I235 similar to the Highway Adoption Program. There was discussion as to how this came about and whether there was interest to participate.

Beautification -- There may be flower seeds made available to the Assn from Meredith Corporation. January 20th will be a Community Gardens meeting. There was a discussion of what the program is and where the Assn might sponsor a garden. Bernie will check on the cost of getting water to the Assn's lot on 24th street and the freeway. Mark suggested planting pumpkins in preparation for a Halloween Party.

History -- no report

House Tour -- Marti Schmitt has enough homes as sites for the tour which will likely occur in early June.

Building Bridges -- The Ingleside Hills area is getting its self organized. Some of their boundaries overlap with the Assn. The January 9, 1998, *Des Moines Register* had a cover page article on their efforts. Tony Schmitt has been in contact with a couple residents in that area.

Special Events -- no report

Members Services -- The Spring Drake Events calendar has recently been mailed.

Organization Reports:

Drake University -- Last weekend there was a reception at Olmsted for participants in the Lend-A-Hand Program.

Des Moines Neighbors -- They will elect new officers next week. The \$15.00 yearly dues are due. Eldon will attend a one time informational meeting concerning the Downtown Arena. Upon proper motion and vote, Bill Cappuccio will attend the Des Moines Neighbors meetings as the Board's representative with Catherine Dietz-Kilen serving as backup. The December 1997 meeting explained the Bankers Trust loan program for neighborhoods and the announcement of the DOT's version of the adopt-a-highway program.

Neighborhood Housing Services -- The organization is doing well with the one mind set it has concerning rehabilitation of homes. A Tool Lending Library Report was distributed. The report gave numbers for the past year and goals for 1998. There was a general discussion of the Betterment Grant Report which has a deadline coming up soon and what projects would be appropriate such as: cement park benches for Drake Park or another area and funding a Scrub Day.

Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization -- There is a new city staff person assigned to this group. There are goals and projects but now the need is for individual projects to proceed. A small group is meeting.

Legislative Issues -- A letter was read from Ed Fallon. The Urban Sprawl issue is not expected to have much action this legislative session. Ed is still looking for his book which he loaned out at the October Annual Meeting. January 17th will be a conference of a group titled Thousand Friends of Iowa. There was a discussion of some of the upcoming issues which may include a bill to reduce bottle recycling measures in Iowa.

Old Business:

There is a new phone number for the Assn which is 271-4663. This is a phone box on Drake University's system. Thanks again to Mr. Jack Ohle for getting this set up for the Assn.

New Business:

-- The I235 Adopt-a-Highway Program would be a two year commitment. The DOT would provide the bags and assume the trash

hauling duties. Tony will contact them about signing the Assn up for hopefully a section of the freeway that is our boundary line.

-- January 17th, noon to 2:00 p.m., at the Mainstay, 25th and Forest will be an Assn gathering which will be the quarterly meeting. Board members are asked to bring munches, the beverages will be provided. Nancy will have the women's basketball tickets at the Mainstay for any member wishing to attend the game. An effort will be made to put the notice of this meeting on the phone distribution system by the narcotics squad.

-- Possible projects for 1998 were discussed.

(Listed here in no particular order of importance).

- a) Tony attended a meeting at Drake University regarding child care. This may be in their future with their School of Education.
- b) Catherine shared her experience with Allied Insurance and acquiring home owners coverage of an older home. She will find out more information and get back to the Board.
- c) Mark read a letter from Kum & Go concerning their contributing 1% of Sunday sales from the University location proceeds to the Basilica's roof fund.
- d) An effort should be made to get Assn's events listed in the Des Moines Register's Around Town section
- e) April 17th was set as the next quarterly meeting.
- f) Bill spoke of the upcoming Zoning meetings on the bar ordinance. Upon proper motion and second, the Board passed to support this nuisance ordinance.
- g) There was a discussion of whether or not the Neighborhood should have its own foundation and separate office space.

Newsletter:

News items were assigned and are due to Tony on January 21st.

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 1998

Nancy's

Attending: Mark Bequeaith, Kay Buckingham, Bill Cappuccio, Patty Daniels, Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Nancy Geiger, Eldon McAfee, James Monroe, Tony Schmitt, Dottie Sessa

Absent: Bernie Burke (excused), Ron Langston, Forrest Meyer, ~~James Monroe~~
(excused)

Minutes of the January 1998 meeting were approved with the correction of Ron Langston as absent and James Monroe as excused. The Treasurers Report was given as a balance of \$3593.34. The House Tour Committee has decided to send some money to the Assn's account. This will be coming in the next few weeks.

The agenda was rearranged.

New Business

• Don Adams representing the Healthy Polk 2000 Committee presented to the Board some background on the group. There are 20 working study groups which grew out of the organization Healthy Iowa 2000. The group is looking at such things as immunization and health record keeping, and prenatal care. They have developed a map of the county's free medical clinics for use by the 911 dispatchers. A coordinated task to better use existing resources.

Now they are meeting with various neighborhood groups to publicize their efforts. Mr. Adams shared with the Board several versions of their Vision/Mission Statements and requested comments. He also asked what health related needs are not being met in the neighborhood. The responses included: encourage a bike path, knowing what recreation spots are currently available in the neighborhood.

Mr. Adams then spoke to the group as a Drake University representative and praised the coordinated effort of the Building Bridges Task Force. He also thanked the community for their support with the recent reaccreditation peer review team visit on campus.

Tony Schmitt asked whether the Neighborhood Activities Card would allow Assn members library privileges. Mr. Adams responded he would take the question to the University and have Forrest Meyer respond.

•Maurice Buven and his wife Mary made a presentation concerning their efforts to place a Great Harvest Bread Co store in a Des Moines neighborhood. He explained a bit about the company and as former DNA members they were looking for possible store locations in our boundaries. Several sites/addresses were shared. This venture could open as soon as September 1998.

Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs -- the 31st and University article in today's *Des Moines Register* was discussed. Although the article used correct information, Toni indicated he was disappointed in the negative slant to the story. The piece did not mention the stoplight which is expected to be installed at 31st and Kingman.

-- There was a reminder of the upcoming City Council election.

Community Service -- Bankers Trust has make their Speakers List available to us.

-- The First Christian Church is still desiring to participate more in the neighborhood. Their Paster would like to meet with some of us.

-- There will be Tai Chi in the Park again in Drake Park during the sumemr of 1998.

Beautification -- The Scrub Day application has been filed. The dates chosen were later in the summer/fall. The Drake Park group has requested a fall date also, and Carpenter Neighbors has applied for a spring date.

History -- A State Historical Society letter has been received which lists several areas in Des Moines that appear on the Historical Registry. Copies of the survey from our area are still available.

House Tour -- Plans continue.

Building Bridges -- no report

Special Events --There will be a Farmer's Market in 1998.

-- Mayor Preston Daniels will be the speaker at the April 17th general association meeting.

Members Services -- no report

Organization Reports:

Drake University -- Toni Schmitt participated in the interviews by the review team concerning Drake's accreditation.

-- April 25th is the Drake Relays Parade and we have been invited to participate. A float promoting the House Tour was discussed.

Des Moines Neighbors -- Bob ^{Mickle}~~Nichols~~ has been elected President. There has been a consultant presentation on the arena project. Downtown continues to be the preferred location. There is an expected June referendum on the issue. This would be a county wide project and not use any property taxes.

Neighborhood Housing Services -- Eldon is now the chair of the Rehab Committee. The house on 23rd street did not get accepted as the program is full for the year.

Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization -- There is concern about using the money that they have for projects yet to be identified. It was suggested that Mary Welsh @ CCI may have a records of previously noted needs.

Legislative Issues -- no report

Old Business:

-- The Community Gardens Project has been joined by the Botanical Center. This could mean some equipment and expertise resources to the whole project. Drake students are writing a survey that may be sent to the DNA membership. Locations for a pilot project for 1998 were discussed. They included the lots on 24th street at I235 or the former Memorial Hall site at 26th and University. The next meeting is March 3rd at the First Christian Church. Teeva Dawson may become the director or coordinator of the whole project if funds can be acquired.

-- The I235 Roadside Cleanup signup was so successful that our preferred section of the freeway was already taken by the Beaverdale Neighborhood Assn and the Drake Greeks before our request was received. An effort will be made to collaborate with these groups. April 18th is the first scheduled cleanup. March 5th will be an informational meeting.

-- There was a conditional use permit issue update considering the recent Planning & Zoning Committee favorable vote. Bill Cappuccio reminded the group that the portion of the ordinance that has the 'teeth' in the issue is the nuisance abatement portion.

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 1998 7:00 pm

Drake Legal Clinic
24th & University

Agenda

- I. Review and approval of minutes
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Civic Affairs - Univ. & 30th/31st, Kingman Project
 - B. Community Service
 - C. Beautification - Flower Beds, SCRUB Date
 - D. History - Historic Districts update
 - E. House Tour
 - F. Building Bridges - Eyerley Ball Run/Festival
 - G. Special Events
 - H. Member Services
- IV. Organization Reports
 - A. Drake University
 - B. Des Moines Neighbors
 - C. Neighborhood Housing Services
 - D. Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization
 - E. Legislative Issues
- V. Old Business
 - A. I-235 Cleanup
 - B. Community Gardens Update
- VI. New Business
 - A. Woodland Cemetery Restoration Presentation
- VII. Adjournment

Drake Neighborhood Association

Treasurer's Report

March 11, 1998

Beginning Balance		
February 11, 1998		\$3593.34
Deposits	\$167.77	
Payments	\$53.25	
Ending Balance		
March 11, 1998		\$3707.86

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 1998

Attending: Kay Buckingham, Nathan Brooks, Bernie Burke, Bill Cappuccio, Patty Daniels, Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Nancy Geiger, Ronald Langston, Eldon McAfee, Forrest Meyer, James Monroe, Tony Schmitt, Dottie Sessa

Absent: Mark Bequeaith (excused)

Minutes of the February 1998 meeting were approved with the correction of Ron Langston was excused. The Treasurers Report was given as a balance of \$3707.86

Nathan Brooks was introduced and nominated to be a Board member. He has lived in the area since 1987. Upon motion and vote, Nathan Brooks joined the DNA Board. Introductions and welcome were offered by all present.

Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs -- There will be a public meeting next Monday, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Callahan School regarding the 31st street and University intersection. This is a presentation meeting from the city. Tony will try to get this announced through the police phone system.

-- April 19th will be a Neighborhood Resource Fair at North High School. This event came out of the Town Meeting on Community Policing. It is an effort to share information of what resources exist in the area already. Persons that preregister by phone will be given a free lunch. This happens to be the same day as the Carpenter Cleanup Day and the I235 Cleanup.

Community Service -- Betterment Grant applications are available from the Neighborhood Housing Services. They have ten \$1,000 grants for improvement of public spaces. Bernie Burke will work on preparing an application to be used on the Community Gardens Project.

Beautification -- The Botanical Centers flower application has been received and completed. We hope to receive the same amount as last year.

-- We have been allocated a Scrub Day in September 1998. Saturday, September 19th will be the shared date for the Goode Park, Drake Park and DNA groups.

History -- The North of Grand and Woodland Heights groups will be working with the DNA to jointly prepare an Historic District application. This action if and when approved would not only provide a sense of pride for the designated area but some federal tax considerations are possible.

There was a motion made and passed to continue work with other groups on the Historic District designation.

House Tour -- Sunday, May 31st will be the House Tour beginning at St Catherine's at University and 28th street. Approximately ten stops are planned which will feature new construction in an older neighborhood. The tour may include Bernie's backyard. Forrest will look into making arrangements for a Drake University van to drive the DNA float in the Relays parade April 25th. There was discussion about paying from Tour proceeds for wooden house signs. This idea was well received by the Board.

Building Bridges -- On Sat, May 2nd, there will be a Fun Run & Festival.

Special Events -- The Jazz in July application has been received. The Friends of Drake Arts are meeting next week which Tony will attend. There was discussion about the successful 1997 event.

Members Services -- no report

Organization Reports:

Drake University -- Forrest reported that neighborhood members were welcome to use the Cowles Library on site but not receive check out privileges. The outdoor athletic facility of the stadium track and basketball courts are available for general use.

-- Next week, David McCullough will present a free, open-to-the-public lecture on Wednesday evening, March 18th in Sheslow Auditorium.

Des Moines Neighbors -- The most recent meeting was a presentation on a Grays Lake project. The plan would include development on the south side of the lake and perhaps a walkway over Fleur Drive.

Neighborhood Housing Services -- no report

Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization -- The Neighborhood Finance Corporation made a presentation about their programs available for

the Drake Park and Carpenter areas. There will be an interest/needs survey which the Drake Business Assn will be funding.

Legislative Issues -- There was a discussion of the southeast side of Des Moines annexation progress and an explanation of possible impact on any annexation in the state of Iowa. There was a sphere of influence discussion when Urban Sprawl concerns effect both the land owner and the development.

New Business

-- We received a presentation on the Callahan Middle School 7th Grade Service Project. They are raising \$12,000 for the Woodland Cemetery receiving vault's restoration. The three presenters outlined various fundraising activities to date and upcoming events such as April 18th will be a supper and auction and May 16th will be a Book-No Junk-Garage Sale. The students requested donations to the rummage sale and requested a contribution towards the expenses of the April 18th dinner.

The motion was made and approved to spend \$250.00 as a contribution towards the April 18th fundraising dinner.

Old Business:

-- The newsletter has gone to Rachel and is expected out soon.

-- The April 18th, 1235 Cleanup will be from 8-10am. Our portion will be on the south side of the freeway between 31st and Cottage Grove. Interested persons should meet at the Smouse School parking lot by 8am. Each group will be accompanied by a Department of Transportation truck and personnel as safety is a priority for all concerned. In return for the work, we will receive a permanent sign along the freeway acknowledging the Drake Neighborhood Assn. Persons should bring their own gloves and pickup only what can be picked up. Twenty persons are needed, each need to be over 14 years of age. This is a twice a year project.

-- A Community Gardens survey will go out the Assn newsletter. Teeva Dawson will work with the DM Parks & Rec Dept and the Botanical Center to coordinate the whole effort.

-- June 3rd will be the first Farmer's Market at the First Christian Church

-- The 24th street neighborhood group north of Forest is getting together again as the Kirkwood Glen Assn. The Ingleside group is still in process of forming.

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 1998

Attending: Mark Bequeaith, Nathan Brooks, Bernie Burke, Kay Buckingham, Bill Cappuccio, Patty Daniels, Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Nancy Geiger, James Monroe, Tony Schmitt, Dottie Sessa

Absent: Ron Langston, Forrest Meyer, Eldon McAfee (excused-Tour interview)

Guests: Charlotte Hoppe, First Christian Church; Julie Epping, Easter Seals

Minutes of the April 1998 meeting were approved. The Treasurers Report was given as a balance of \$3141.70.

There was a reordering of the agenda.

New Business: There was a general discussion of the Easter Seals programs and organization. The guest, Ms Epping, indicated the organization is beginning to develop relationships with the neighborhood organizations as a mutual benefit relationship. They welcomed input and cooperation concerning their programming. A flyer was distributed.

A motion was made and passed to place the four consumers who are living within the DNA boundaries on our membership roles for a year free.

Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs – August 4th will be National Night Out.

Community Service – June 10th will be the state wide Volunteer Summit. One possible service project is the creating of a fence around the Community Garden.

Beautification -- Flowers are out for the Kingman Blvd beds.

--Thanks to all who turned out for the I235 cleanup!

--May 16th is the Sherman Hill Scrub Day; location at 700 block of 16th street

--Drake Park Neighbors will be putting in plants this Saturday morning.

History – Tony has signed the letter of cooperation regarding the Historic District

-- Patty asked if there were more of the Keokuk Books? She'd like to have them found or perhaps reprinted. There was a general discussion as to their value.

House Tour – May 31st is the date! This evening, the Des Moines Register is interviewing the MacAfee's. Volunteers are needed and a signup sheet was passed. There will be a post-party at the Anderson's.

Building Bridges – Recently, Margaret Toomey of the Oakridge Homes has received various recognition's for her work including an honorary degree from Drake. Tony will send her a note of congratulations from the DNA.

--Cathy shared the current status of the MLK Parkway design. She will be attending a two day meeting with the landscape architect. The committee is being asked to make decisions on what the road should look like; everything beyond the cement.

--EcoYouth of Cedar Rapids sent a flyer on their program.

Special Events –July 8th will be the Jazz in July at Drake University.

--Kingman Island Cruise dates were discussed. Perhaps this will happen in September.

Members Services -- no report

Organization Reports:

Drake University – Pictures of the Community Gardens were shared.

Des Moines Neighbors – no report

Neighborhood Housing Services –a progress report on rehab, the tool lending library is going well, the annual meeting will be May 20th.

Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization – Their last meeting was a general updating session. The survey will soon go out.

Legislative Issues -- An update was offered on the Bottle Bill status along with the urban sprawl issue and the Friends of Iowa campaign.

Old Business:

-Thanks for the I235 efforts. Perhaps the participants should have their names in a newsletter. The Eyerley Ball Fun Run/Festival was believed to be a success. Approx. 50 persons were in the run.

-The Community Garden has 20 or 21 plots taken each is 10 foot by 10 foot. There was a discussion of the seemingly poor timing of the public opening of the Gardens. It was noted that several persons schedules were hastily accommodated. Further concern was raised about the long term improvements to the area especially fencing. The land is owned by Drake and the coordinator is a city employee but the project is supposed to be a neighborhood enterprise. Bernie desires that the DNA should have more input. Perhaps there should be a Community Garden Committee to front the project involvement or perhaps this is an issue for the Beautification Committee.

-The Resource Fair went well. Over 50 booths were present. This may become a yearly event.

New Business

-Charlotte Hoppe introduced herself and presented the First Christian Church's position of becoming more involved in the neighborhood. There may become a Community Center at the Church. Mark will attend a May 19th meeting on the topic.

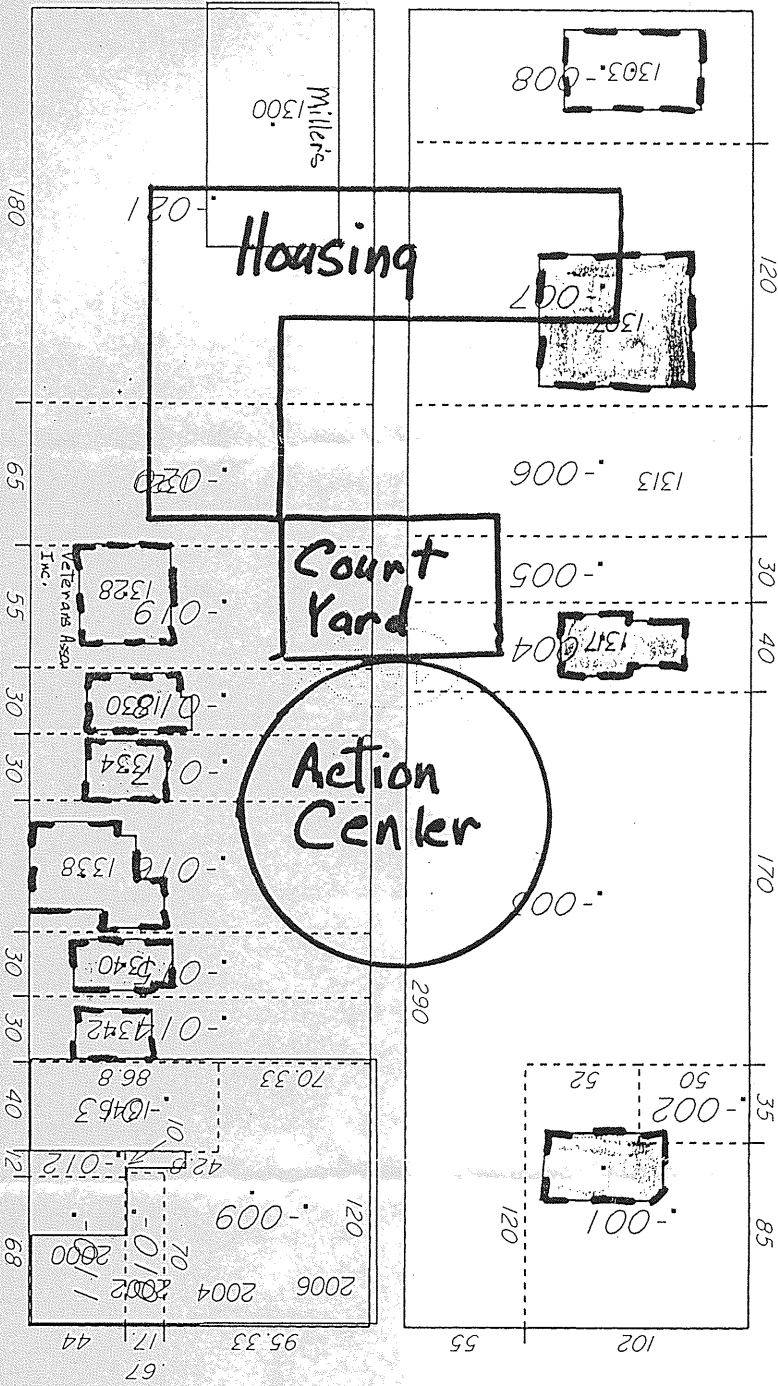
-The desirability of a Drake Area Business Guide was discussed favorably.

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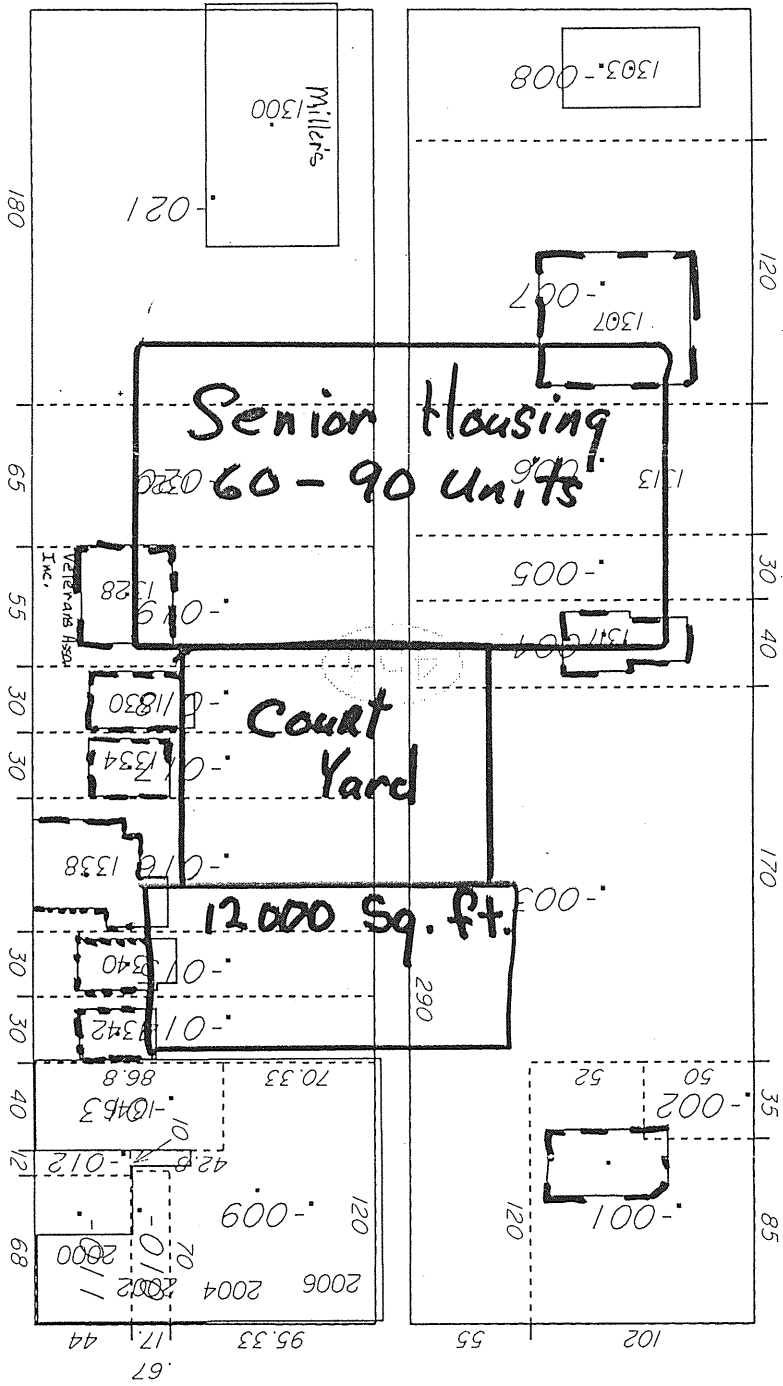
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Drake Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 1998

Attending: Mark Bequeaith, Nathan Brooks, Bernie Burke, Patty Daniels, Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Nancy Geiger, Ron Langston, Eldon McaFee, Tony Schmitt

Absent: Kay Buckingham, Forrest Meyer, James Monroe, Dottie Sessa

Minutes of the May 1998 meeting were approved. The Treasurers Report was given as a balance of \$5027.20 with \$1860, from House Tour.

Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs – no report

Community Service – no report

Beautification -- Today, mass plantings are taking place on Fleur. Nathan and Patty will be participating in that effort after this meeting.

History – Tony will share with Patty the From Keokuk book that she has an interest in re-circulating. There was a discussion of the feasibility, demand for such a book.

House Tour -- The event went well! Approx. 275 person went through the McaFee household. The Drake University International Center has inquired about being included in the 1999 Tour.

Building Bridges –.The Red Sneaker Band at the Farmer's Market mentioned the association during their session.

-- Catherine continues to attend the meetings that deal with the landscaping of the MLK Parkway. She is satisfied with the progress of the meetings.

-- The Sherman Hill lighting installation is underway

Special Events – July 8th, 5:30-7:00 p.m. will be Jazz in July featuring the Drake University Jazz Band. This will be their send off to the Montrose Jazz Festival. There was a discussion of having a drink station.

-- August 4th will be the National Night Out event at Drake Park. The motion was made and passed to support the event up to \$100.00.

-- Sept 19th will be the Kingman Island Cruise that is the same as the Scrub Day. There was a discussion of the date being in conjunction with a Drake football game. There was support to have a Neighborhood Tailgate Event without a date being selected.

Members Services -- At the Farmer's Market, there has been Assn brochures available which has brought some positive response.

Organization Reports:

Drake University -- Nancy indicated that new students during orientation sessions are 'touring' the neighborhood. This was a suggestion from upper division students.

Des Moines Neighbors -- Tony will be attending perhaps with Nathan since Bill C. has resigned.

Neighborhood Housing Services -- There was a general updating of the organization from Eldon with an emphasis on the Tool Lending Library. The Assn is to receive a grant of \$970.00 for use at the Community Garden sign. There will be a Garden Workday to help put in the fence donated by Eldon.

Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization -- The survey will be out soon. It is to collect the residence's needs/wants for the area. The end of June meeting was cancelled so no information will be available on the results until July.

-- The Community Center will be setup on the 4th floor of the First Christian Church. There are currently many ideas as to the space utilization including meetings and a computer lab space. Discussion was held as to what financial commitment the DNA Board wished to make to the Community Center. There was interest to assist but a concern that a written proposal was not yet available outlining the funds uses.

Legislative Issues -- no report

Old Business: nothing more at this time

New Business

-- Vacant lots -- The motion was made and passed to pay the taxes. There was interest in knowing exactly which pieces of property the Assn still owns.

-- NFC Survey -- There will be a June 23rd meeting which will looking for programs to be set up. The Board discussed and showed favor for programs that decreased housing density and at minimum would assist in rental fixups.

-- Nominating Committee -- Mca will chair a group including Bernie and Tony to review and collect names for the open seats.

-- By-laws Discussion -- Catherine and Nancy offered their initial review of the Assn By-laws. There was a request for other comments concerning the extent that the language should or might be changed. The topic will come up again at a later meeting.

DES MOINES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

AUGUST 18, 1998

AGENDA

Agenda for the Des Moines Traffic Safety Committee scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 18, 1998, in the Conference Room of the Traffic and Transportation Division, lower level of the Armory Building, East First and Des Moines Streets.

Traffic Safety Committee Rules and Procedures

1. The Traffic Safety Committee is an advisory body to the City Council.
 2. Staff will be given time to present the background on each item.
 3. Guests are then allowed to speak, with each speaker allowed a maximum of 5 minutes.
 4. All comments are to be germane to the issue under consideration and speakers are to maintain a courteous manner.
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OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the June 9, 1998 Meeting
2. Status Report
3. Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Four-Way Stop—
11th and Seneca
2. Request for Four-Way Stop—
SE 34th and Evergreen
3. Notice of Public Meetings—
 - a. Corridor Public Hearing—Indianola Avenue Connector/E 15th Street Extension Project
 - b. Public Information Meeting—SE Diagonal Project
4. Other New Business



Gary L. Fox, Secretary
Traffic Safety Committee

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Aug. 12, 1998
Drake Legal Clinic

Board Members Present: Tony Schmitt, Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Eldon McAfee, Dottie Sessa, Kay Buckingham, Nathan Brooks, Patty Daniels, Bernie Burke, Forrest Meyer

Excused: Mark Bequait, Jim Monroe, Nancy Geiger, Ron Langston

Guests: Susan Hanson, Alisha Stycket, Jennifer Hoover, Bill Cappuccio

Committee Reports:

Community Service: None

Beautification: SCRUB Cleanup on Sept. 19, locations to be determined

History: Excellent review of Bill Plymat's book "Victorian Architecture in Iowa" in Aug. 9 Register

Building Bridges: Tony meeting with David Feehan of Downtown Partnership

Special Events: Jazz in July - huge turnout, great event

National Night Out - great volunteer support, estimated at 250 people attending, business support from Starch Pet Hospital, Biermann Electric, Iowa Bath Systems, Beggar's Banquet, Dahl's Foods

Kingman Island Cruise - Date set for Sept. 19, \$250 allocated for entertainment, \$50 allocated for promotion, other details to be determined by committee of Marty Schmitt, Denise McAfee and Special Events committee

Member Services: 6 new members

Organization Reports:

Drake: Athletic Dept. Cleanup on Sun, Sept. 13 at 2:30pm; Classes start Aug. 24; University is working on Activity Passes for neighborhood members, good progress is being made on rebuilding track after major storm damage

DM Neighbors: Parks & Rec gave presentation on projects, Mary Maloney, Polk County Treasurer will give presentation on tax issues at Sept. meeting

NHS: increase in useage of Tool Lending Library, progress report presented on rehab projects around area

Carpenter/Drake Park: No meeting

Legislative issues: None

Old Business:

Community Center: need for volunteers and supplies, supply list handed out, computers are being set up by Bill Cappuccio, supply donations will be asked for at Kingman Island Cruise, Grand Opening Celebration Sept, 2 during Farmer's Market

New Business:

Kirkwood Glen vacant lots: Request by Jennifer Hoover, president of Kirkwood Glen NA to transfer ownership of vacant lots on 24th Street in Kirkwood Glen area from DNA to

KGNA, Catherine and Eldon offered to work with KGNA to setup legal status of KGNA, motion made and seconded to quit claim deed property to KGNA after legal status is established, Approved

31st & Kingman Blvd. construction: concern expressed by Susan Hanson and Alisha Stycket over trees and vegetation removed at intersection for reconstruction of intersection, concerns include noise and environmental changes, much discussion over reasons for construction and timeline of public meetings and dissemination of information, City officials are aware of the situation and are studying the impact, Eldon offered to meet with Susan Hanson and followup as necessary.

Senior Center proposal: Discussion on Tom Baker's proposals, motion made and seconded to request Tom Baker meet with DNA to address concerns

Beaverdale FallFest: Eldon, Bernie, and Forrest will work out plans for parade entry

Newsletter: Assignments made, due Labor Day

Meeting adjourned

Drake Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes held at the Community Center
At the First Christian Church -- Sept 9, 1998

Attending: Mark Bequeaith, Nathan Brooks, Bernie Burke, Kay Buckingham, Patty Daniels, Nancy Geiger, Eldon McAfee, James Monroe, Tony Schmitt,

Absent: Ron Langston, Forrest Meyer, Dottie Sessa

Guests: Teeva Dawson and Kathy Rawlings and her Univ of Ia School of social Work class.

Excused = CD-K

Minutes of the June and August 1998 meetings were approved. The Treasurers Report was given.

Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs --no report

Community Service -- no report

Beautification -- the Botanical Center Calendar of Events are begin sent to various Assn Presidents; Tony circulated his copy
-- Sept 13 at 3pm meet at Drake Stadium for the Athletic Department Cleanup all are welcome to attend, afterwards will be a meal provided by the Outback Steak House

-- Oct 17th is the I235 Cleanup - meet at 7:45 am at the Callahan parking lot; Bernie will submit the date to the COPS telephone service

History -- no report

House Tour --no report

Building Bridges -- planning is beginning for a Halloween party at the Botanical Center

Special Events -- more later

Members Services -- no report

Organization Reports:

Drake University --The Drake Univ Activity Pass is due to be mailed soon.

Des Moines Neighbors -- Aug 27th meeting had speakers on the tax sales, Nathan reported that the DMN wants to put together a committee on this issue.

Neighborhood Housing Services --. Tool lending library wants to get a floor sander. Motion was made and passed to contribute \$50.00 towards the purchase.

Carpenter/Drake Park Revitalization. No report

Legislative Issues. No report

Special Events:

--Beaverdale Fall Fest plans were finalized, Mac will use a trailer to pull a float depicting the Kingman Island Cruise which is the same day.

-- Monday evening, Sept 14th will be a flyer distribution for the Kingman Island Cruise which will be Sept 19th beginning at 2pm. \$250.00 was voted to be used for a band. The rain site is the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church.

-- Sept 19th is also a Scrub Day with dumpster sites at the Grace Church and Cottage Grove Presbyterian.

New Business

-- Community Gardens

Teeva reported on the first year. There were 19 plots with a community corn plot and some perennials. The Botanical Center will be having some free classes in Feb 1999.

A planning subcommittee of the Beautification Committee with Mark B putting the people together was established. There was interest in more fencing and some rules and guidelines. There was some general sharing of experiences. Interactions with various neighbors were both good and bad. Some tomatoes disappeared. Use caution when gardening in the evenings.

-- Jennifer Hoover was approved as a new Assn Board member.

Old Business:

-- 31st & Kingman -- As part of the 31st & University Street project, 8 large trees came down. The question now is how to re-establish the intersection. Mac gave a recap of the situation including a) plans for the retaining walls and b) how to reestablish the trees. There was a discussion of who had seen the plans for the intersection and how they could be viewed. John Walkowiak, from the Dept of Natural Resources was in attendance and gave a description of the Urban Trees Project and the Adopt-a-Tree Program. He also offered help to get bids for replacement trees. A question and answer period between the guests and Mr. Walkowiak was informative about various opportunities in this situation for the long and short term.

Susan Hanson expressed interest in looking into the extent of the Safe Zone regulations, which restrict property owner's choices around intersections. She indicated a Colo city had policies she would be exploring. The Beautification Committee (Mark & Bernie) was asked to focus on 31st street area and assist Mr. Walkowiak on getting permission to go on private property as an inventory and recommendations for the area's trees can be done.

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NFC Expands Lending Area in the Drake Neighborhood

The Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) has expanded the boundaries and created the City-Wide Home Improvement and Purchase Rehab Loan Programs. Both of these programs are now available in the Drake Neighborhood from 24th Street on the east, Hickman on the north, I-235 on the south, and the western boundary is 35th Street from I-235 to University Ave., 34th Street between University Ave. and Forest Ave., and 30th Street from Forest Ave. to Hickman. This program has been available in the Carpenter and Drake Park areas for the past few years.

The NFC has limited funds available for this program. It is estimated that there will be 2.5 million dollars available this year. There are other areas eligible in the City of Des Moines, therefore the funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The City-Wide Home Improvement Program is available for owner-occupied properties with 1-4 units. The program offers a forgivable loan rehab subsidy. For households at or below 80% of the area median income \$1 of subsidy will be matched with \$2 of loan funds. For those households above 80% of the area median income \$1 of subsidy will be matched with \$3 of loan funds. The subsidy can not exceed 15% of the appraised value or \$7500, whichever is less. The loan-to-value ratio or combined loan-to-value ratio can not exceed 95%. The subsidy will allow most borrowers to complete the rehab necessary while maintaining 5% equity in their property.

The City-Wide Purchase Rehab Program is to purchase owner-occupied properties with 1-4 units. This program offers a rehab subsidy, generally, up to 15% of the cost of the purchase price of the home plus the cost of repairs, or \$7500, whichever is less. An additional subsidy equal to 2% of the purchase price, up to \$1500, will be given to assist with down payment or closing costs.

The down payment required is either 3% or 5%, depending on the total family income. Mortgage Default Insurance is required on all loans with less than 20% down payment.

For both programs:

- All subsidies are in the form of a second mortgage that is forgiven over a five year period of owner-occupancy. Forgiveness of debt is taxable income.
- There is a non-refundable \$50 processing fee charged at the time of the loan application. Both programs have additional fees.
- The maximum loan amount is \$90,000.
- The interest rate for both programs is fixed but varies. Call the NFC for current rates.
- The underwriting guideline is 33% for housing debt and 38% for total debt.
- The credit guidelines follow Fannie Mae low and moderate underwriting guidelines.
- The term of the loan is less than \$500 - up to 10 years; less than \$10,000 - up to 15 years; more than \$10,000 - up to 20 years; more than \$15,000 - up to 30 years.

For more information on these programs, call the Neighborhood Finance Corporation at 246-0010 and ask to speak to a loan originator.

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