

2909 Cottage Grove
Des Moines, Iowa 50311
9 January, 1995

Dear DNA Board Member:

Greetings! Welcome to the new members of our Board and welcome back to those returning.

We will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., beginning on January 12. We will still meet at the DHS offices at 1153 - 24th Street. The folks there are expecting us. The meeting area has been changed to the other side of the building. We can reach it by going through the kitchen area.

The initial agenda is enclosed. Please call me if you have anything that you would like to discuss on Wednesday. I can update the agenda easily. My numbers are 284-1433 (o) and 277-7761(h). There are machines at each number, if no one is in.

I plan to spend the bulk of our time on Wednesday discussing our vision(s) for the Association this year. Last year we analyzed and reorganized our committee structure. This appears to be an excellent time to review and fine tune. Please think about the committee(s) where you would like to participate. For some, this may be a good time to try something new. For others, personal interest and expertise may mean continuing to serve on the same committee.

I am excited about this year. The DNA is an important organization in this city. Our opinion counts. We are poised to increase our membership substantially. Our neighbor looks great and is improving all the time. Special thanks to Diane for passing on the leadership of a strong and vibrant organization.

Sincerely,

Catherine Dietz-Kilen

DNA Board

1-12-95

- noon - potluck - monthly
- Beautification
 - neighbors help w/ planting on new cul-de-sacs
- Tour
 - Wayne & Rachel ~~at~~ Almadie
- Historic
 - archives
- Membership

Rosetta Mills = does the mailing

- Communications
 - Drake offer
 - me talk to Dave
 - ~~mtg~~ Wed
 - asan Thurs
 - done by Tues
- each agenda end = newsletter ideas

~~Communications~~ unit

Housing

- reactionary rather than pro-active

Special Events

- me write letter

Concert

- Jazz Ensemble 3/3
- Fine Arts Tria 3/13
- Concert Band center Ensemble 3/12

Beautification

- Trees Forever?
- meet at legal clinic?
- article for newsletter on library?

- Change message on machine

- 2/week re: pre money, rental market etc

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
January 11, 1995
DNA Office

ATTENDING: Al Cabbage, Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Judy Craig, Bill Plymat, Stephanie Jackman, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Diane Munns and Dave Sollenbarger.

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NEW BUSINESS- Diane Munns mentioned that Gov. Branstad's State of the State address mentioned the importance of neighborhood associations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret

Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting, January 12, 1995

AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Presentation of Vision 2005 Plan for the Des Moines Schools
- III. Goals and Dreams
- IV. Committee Review and Reports
 - Beautification
 - House Tour
 - Historic
 - Membership
 - Communications
 - Housing
 - Special Events
- V. Old Business
 - Neighborhood Concert Series
- VI. New Business
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LD Homeless Youth Center

Feb 14 writing + production
28th
15 Bulk Mail
March

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting, February 8, 1995
7:00 p.m.

Meet on second week Wednesday

AGENDA

NOTE: We will meet in the library at the Drake Legal Clinic, 24th and University. Please come to Southeast door, on 24th, by the parking lot. A student will let us in.

Call the Question & can the motion maker

- I. Approval/ amendments to minutes - January meeting
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Committee Reports
 - Beautification - Classes @ Botanical
 - Communications - Newsletter & communicate our value
 - TAX issue - Drake University - March 12 event - 2pm --
 - Historic - Beaverville Assn
 - no Chair -> House Tour ->
 - Housing - NONE
 - Membership -> 273 or so per Tony Schmitt / Directory in process
 - Special Events

- V. Old Business
 - Neighborhood Concert Series - Need to hear from Beaverville
 - Revitalization - Distillation process
 - Des Moines Neighbors

- VI. New Business
 - House Doctor show
 - Bob Yapp

VII. Adjourn

Need Ad Mgr
 Advertising & Ad Mgr
 -> Need responsibility Advertising Program
 • tax forms
 • collection of fees
 talk to Cathy abt

LD New letter copy

VISION 2005
New Monroe D School

Post Office
No interchanges
on Clark OR Forest

Drake Neighborhood Communications

Board Meeting - February 8, 1995

NOTES

*Need
copy
of
minutes*

I. Newsletter Issues :

A. Copy - Is it manna from heaven or can we buy it somewhere?

1. Content - Is there more to life than the President's message?
2. Committee Reports - Committee 54 where are you?
3. University Relations - How much should Drake pay us to print the basketball schedule?
4. Drake Area Businesses - What's good for business is what's good for business.

B. Deadlines - Can you please have this to everyone by last week??

1. Time Frames - Learn from the 1st if you print by the 15th.

*Do
Regular*

2. Frequency - Monthly, Bi-monthly, ~~Seasonal~~, 103.3 Megahertz, or when I'm in the mood?

C. Advertising - Would both of our readers like to buy something? How would we rate?

D. Interns - Help from U. or you? *Summer*

II. Events : I thought you were doing that!

III. Members Directory : Who am us anyway?

Drake Neighborhood Association

Minutes of February 8, 1995 Meeting

Present: Randy Downs, David C. Elliott, Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Ron Hampton, Nancy Geiger, Judy Craig, Tony Schmitt, Dave Sollenbarger, Al Cubbage, Jim Dietz-Kilen, Bill Plymat.

I. Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: We're not broke.

III. Committee Reports:

- Beautification. No report.

- Communications. Dave Elliott distributed a report outlining various concerns and questions regarding the newsletter. This report was used as the basis for a discussion of what we want out of the newsletter. Highlights of that discussion follow.

Copy, ideas, calendar events, etc. are needed in order to be able to put out a newsletter on a regular basis. It was decided that there should be a discussion of this at the end of each monthly meeting agenda, to include commitments regarding copy assignments and deadlines.

The following schedule was agreed upon: assignments made at board meetings; copy and layout finished by the first of the next month; in people's mailboxes by the 15th.

A motion was made that we should put out issues in March and April, with a bi-monthly schedule to follow. Motion carried.

Advertising was discussed, but the idea was tabled until we see that we are able to keep a regular schedule. A motion was made and carried that we not undertake any advertising unless we have an advertising manager.

- Drake University. Next Drake event for the neighborhood will be a reception at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, followed by a 3 p.m. concert in Sheslow Auditorium by the Drake Concert Band.

- Historic. The committee is looking into the possibility of larger office space at NHS to see whether that or an arrangement with Cowles Library seems the best option for housing our archives.

- Tour. No one has yet agreed to chair this year's tour. No one has responded to mailing about interest in special events (including tour). Peggy Jester and Virginia Peterson will be asked. (Cathy will contact Peggy; Judy will

contact Virginia.) If neither agrees, there probably will be no tour this year.

- Housing. No report.

- Membership. Current count is 273. A renewal letter is being prepared. Tony also distributed lists of members who expressed interest in Beautification and Historic committees. Motion was made and approved that the DNA computer be temporarily housed at Tony & Marty's for safe-keeping.

IV. Old Business. The agreement for the Neighborhood Concert Series has been signed by all parties. DNA representatives will be Tony Schmitt and Jim Dietz-Kilen; Beaverdale representative will be Pat Oswald.

Our revitalization project (Stockard/Engler) is moving forward. No action needed at this point.

No report on Des Moines Neighbors.

Vision 2005 has been accepted by the School Board. If funding requests are approved by the Des Moines City Council, All schools in the Drake Neighborhood would receive significant work in the next five years under the plan.

Post Office plans can be viewed at Planning & Zoning meeting at 6:30 on February 16th in the Council Chambers.

We have been informed by NHS that we can have a larger office if we would like. The old conference room is back in order and we can use it. Report is that funding is solid again (a financial statement was distributed). NHS has offered to fund a kick-off rally for a DNA membership drive. We will probably have an NHS staff member appointed to attend our meetings. NHS also plans to provide articles for our newsletter.

V. New Business. Bob Yapp (The House Doctor) is beginning a cable show and is looking for nominations of renovation projects to feature on the show. We will run a notice of this in the newsletter and Dave Elliott will nominate Tony & Marty's house.

Staff from the Homeless Youth Center gave a presentation regarding their request for a variance to allow them to operate a program at the corner of University and MLK Parkway. This group home would violate the quarter mile rule, thus the need for a variance. After hearing their presentation and discussing various aspects of the proposed operation, the following motion was made by Bill Plymat, with second from Carl McPherson:

That, subject to approval from Carpenter Neighbors, the DNA offers support for the request for a variance. The motion further specified that if Carpenter Neighbors opposed the variance request, we would take no stance.

Motion carried with abstentions by Al Cabbage and Dave Sollenbarger.

Catherine Dietz-Kilen agreed to look into the question of our current tax status.

Jack Porter has resigned as director of the Sherman Hill Association to take a position with Americorp. Tony raised the idea of sharing a full-time director position with them. This idea was tabled for further consideration, due to the lateness of the hour.

VI. Newsletter Ideas

- Botanical Center activities (Randy will get info to Dave)
- Annual flower give-away (Randy will get info to Dave)
- Tour (If we are going to have one, someone will get info to Dave)
- Vision 2005 (Al will get info on impact on neighborhood schools to Dave)
- Long-Term Strategic Planning (Al/Cathy)
- Update on sewer project
- City plans for 31st Street
- Drake Relays
- Carpenter barricades
- Post Office
- Freeway
- Strategic plan fro parks
- Revitalization Committee

Drake Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 1995

AGENDA

~~I.~~ Introduction of Eleanor Montgomery Dietz-Kilen,
affectionately known as Nora or Norie.

~~II.~~ Review and approval of minutes

~~III.~~ Treasurer's Report → Some outstanding bills → ~~Green Team~~ Beautification → Concert Series

~~IV.~~ Committee reports

- Beautification ~~NO DAVE~~
- Communications ~~NO POTLUCK~~
- Historic - ~~NO REPORT~~
- House Tour - ~~1995 NO CHAIR~~ perhaps already have a chair
- Housing - Bill Plymatt
- Membership 192 - Fall renewals
55 - older

~~V.~~ Organization reports

- Drake University → Concert / Sunday / March 12
→ Relays
- Revitalization - Stockard/Engler
- Des Moines Neighbors

\$10

→ Meet w/ Ferrari?

VI. Old Business

- Neighborhood Concert Series

VII. New Business

- Forest Avenue Revitalization

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VII. Other Business

VIII. Newsletter assignments

IX. Adjourn

→ All Cabbage 8pm
3/8/95
170 with is round

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
March 8, 1995
DNA Office

Ron Hampton

ATTENDING: Al Cabbage, Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Judy Craig, Bill Plymat, Stephanie Jackman, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Nancy Geiger, Dave Elliott, Diane Munns and Dave Sollenbarger.

Carl Mefferson

GUESTS: Peggy Jester and Eleanor Dietz-Kilen.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT- Nancy Geiger reported that all of the DNA financial records have been turned over by Bobbi Welch. She reminded the Board of their commitment to fund the Neighborhood Concert Series and a neighborhood sign.

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE- Tony Schmitt reported that the next meeting will take place March 16. Two mortgage loans have been made so far. A grant is currently being written to hire a part-time director.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- No report. However, order forms were received from the Botanical Center for boulevard flowers.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that nearly 200 renewal notices went out in early March.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- Dave Elliott will approach Rosetta Mills regarding starting up the potlucks. A chairman is needed to organize the potlucks. Elliott will also check on the balance of the bulk mail account.

HOUSE TOUR- Because no chairman was found, there will be no House Tour in 1995. Rachel Almie has volunteered to be the 1996 chairman.

HISTORIC- Information is available from Catherine Dietz-Kilen on how to make nominations for the Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards. Information will also be printed in the next newsletter.

DRAKE- Al Cabbage reminded Board members of the March 12 concert with reception following. The Drake Relays are April 28-29. Cabbage also suggested the DNA Board meet at a future date with President Ferrari and deans just to touch base. The Newman Center has leased two lots from Drake and will be building a new church at the corner of 28th and Brattleboro. Cabbage reported on the most recent meeting of the Citywide Strategic Planning Commission. Two options have been proposed by the Commission to the city's Department of Transportation

regarding the re-design of the intersection of 31st and High School University. Cabbage reported that the project will cost approximately \$2 million and that Drake does have a preference for one of the proposed options. Cabbage is serving on the Commission along with Catherine Dietz-Kilen.

HOUSING- No committee report. Bill Plymat did report that Citizens for Community Improvement's Code Enforcement Committee has formed a Beautification sub-committee. Mayor Dorrian and Councilman McPherson are sub-committee members.

Catherine Dietz-Kilen reported that the Neighborhood Housing Council has a \$2,000 grant available. Groups must match 25% of the project cost. It was suggested that Jim Dietz-Kilen and Margaret Pond fill out an application to help defray the costs of the new membership directory and computer system.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Diane Munns attended the January meeting and feels that the DNA should remain involved in this group. The annual fees are \$10 and meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month. Munns will represent DNA at a March 15 public forum on developing hiring criteria for the new Des Moines City Manager.

OLD BUSINESS- A meeting will take place next week between the DNA and the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association to organize the first concert of the Neighborhood Concert Series. Jim Dietz-Kilen moved to authorize the DNA's spending of \$1,500, as previously agreed, to fund the concert along with the BNA. Nancy Geiger seconded.

NEW BUSINESS- Catherine Dietz-Kilen reported on the March 8 meeting of the Forest Avenue Revitalization Committee. David Kruidenier and Bill Knapp were in attendance and may be willing to underwrite the cost of moving houses to accommodate the new the Post Office should the 24th and Forest site be selected. The possibility of Kruidenier and Knapp purchasing the 21st and Forest site for re-development was also discussed.

James Favors, president of the North Drake Committee for Action asked to speak regarding the Board's stand on the Post Office issue. No member of the Board was willing to re-open discussion on this issue.

Various newsletter assignments were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

Drake Neighborhood Association

Treasurer's Report

March 8, 1995

Beginning Balance		
November 9, 1994		\$ 4180.29
Deposits	DNA memberships	\$247.92
Payments		\$1,096.94
Ending Balance		
March 8, 1995		\$ 3331.27

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting, April 12, 1995, DNA office, 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDING: Al Cabbage, Catherine & Jim Dietz-Kilen, Stephanie Jackman, Dave Sollenbarger, Carl McPherson, Ron Hampton, Nancy Geiger, Diane Munns, Randy Downs, Tony Schmitt
GUEST: Linda St Claire

MINUTES of the March meeting were reviewed and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Catherine had been contacted by a teacher from the King School regarding possible monetary assistance toward a tree planting project, but the Assn's help was not needed as other contributions covered all needs.
- Linda St Claire, a neighborhood resident, spoke to the group on her upcoming business venture that may move into the Blind Munchies building. The opening could be as early as fall 1995. It was to sell eco-friendly products and organic clothing. She was looking for a letter of support to the Board of Adjustment as she will need to get a variance.

A motion was made and passed to write a letter in support of Linda St Claire to the Zoning Board of Adjustment acquiring a variance to bring a small business to the Blind Munchies building.

- Bill Plymat is moving off the Board of the Assn and a replacement will be needed. Concern was expressed that the northern part of the Assn be represented. Catherine was approved to write a letter of appreciation to Bill for his years of service.

TREASURER's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification

- Randy Downs has ordered flowers for Kingman Blvd. A grant will be written for money from the Betterment Grant Fund for trees, flowers and lawn care with plans for the trees to be planted in Fall 1995. A tree plan exists for the whole neighborhood but has begun in the Kingman area. Jim Dietz-Kilen and Randy will write the proposal for a reasonable amount.
- May 13, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Kingman Flower Distribution Day at Grace Methodist Church
- The neighborhood sign is in its concept and idea generation stage but is a currently tabled project.

Communications - Newsletter is soon to go out.

Historic - No report

Housing

- Dave Sollenberger announced that for the Stockard/Engler areas there will be a Landlord Education Review Seminar

Membership

- Although there was no news on a membership drive at this time, many current and active members are responding to the renewal process in the newsletter. 220 renewals to date.
- Tony Schmitt is running low on envelopes/stationary. Various area printing businesses will be contacted for contributions to replenish the supply.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Drake University

- Al Cabbage reported that the City of Des Moines has contacted Drake on various code enforcement questions including the strict adherence to how false fire alarms are answered. There seems to be a level of animosity between the City and Drake University that has been heightened because of the tax exempt issue and payment for services.
- Drake University has six lots on 24th street and two on Clark that would be available for consideration for relocated houses from the new Post Office site.
- The Drake Relays will be in three weeks.

Revitalization - Stockard/Engler

- The Carpenter & Drake Park plan is available for review and it can be changed at this time. Then a public meeting (date not set) when it can be reviewed and changed still.

Des Moines Neighbors - no report

OLD BUSINESS

Neighborhood Concert Series - no report

Forest Avenue Revitalization

- Several persons had received a letter from Bill Plymat on several issues. The letter was discussed.

Catherine asked is the Assn was willing to have its empty lots available for housing relocated from the Post Office site. There was discussion of their location and present condition.

The motion was made and passed to make DNA lots available for site consideration for houses to move to and salvage rights be requested from those houses not to be moved.

The motion was made and passed to have the Communication Committee send a news release on the Assn making the lots available.

Council representative George Flagg would like to make an ordinance to curb Iowa Power's ability to charge for power line accommodation when houses are moved. The ordinance would make a house move a public purpose and therefore would not allow them to charge. Mr. Flagg has asked neighborhood groups to advise him of their opinion.

The subject received considerable discussion. The various points included the payment upfront or in a rate increase, the willingness of the city to regulate a utility, and the need and frequency with which any house is moved vs building a new structure.

The motion was made and passed to prepare a letter asking George Flagg and appropriate councilperson to sponsor an ordinance to make house moving a "public purpose".

Jim Dietz-Kilen and Diane Munns will prepare the letter.

Another matter was the urban renewal in the Forest Ave/Martin Luther King Pkwy area. The discussion centered around the Knapp offer to prepare the area for development. There was concern about dealing with the south side is incomplete without dealing with the northside of the intersection. There was support for that area's development but the feeling was that those in attendance had incomplete information.

NEW BUSINESS

Answering machine

Either one person must keep this up or the work will need to be spread around, as Bill Plymat has in the past monitored the machine and messages. After general discussion about the kind and frequency of calls and the condition of the current machine,

a motion was made and passed to have Catherine purchase a machine and Jim work on a manual for answering commonly asked questions and the spreading the task amongst the Board.

Kiss a Pig

Participation in this contest was denied.

Jazz in July

In conjunction with Drake Park Neighbors, the Assn will request participation in the Jazz in July festival. The first Saturday in July is the least favorable date.

The motion was made and passed to spend \$400.00 for the event.

NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS

Vision 2005 will be a part of the newsletter as well as the National Night Out.

ADJOURNMENT - the meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
May 10, 1995

ATTENDING: Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Dave Elliott, Diane Munns, Ron Hampton, Randy Downs and Dave Sollenbarger.

GUESTS: Xenda Lindel of Neighborhood Housing Services.

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT- No report.

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE- Tony Schmitt reported that at the next meeting on May 11, an action plan will be finalized. No date has been set for a public meeting. Planning should be finished by July.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Randy Downs reported that boulevard flowers would be available for pick-up from 10-12:00 Saturday, May 13. Randy will also contact the Waveland Neighborhood Assn. regarding flower plantings on Kingman and Polk boulevards. Randy also announced he had purchased a home. His new address is 5909 Forest, Des Moines, IA 50311. Phone number: 279-8776,

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that approximately \$1,500 worth of memberships, both new and renewals, have been received since mid-March. The printing of letterhead and envelopes at Clark Printing was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- Dave Elliott reported that the May newsletter had just been mailed out. He has made up a form on his computer for press releases. The next newsletter will go out in late June, prior to Jazz in July.

HISTORIC- Jim Dietz-Kilen reported that postcards will be sent to DNA members who have expressed an interest in this committee to attend a future meeting. Jim also reported that only 18 copies of From Keokuk to Cottage Grove are left at Vilimek's. Some discussion followed on the possibility of having reprints made. A fundraising effort is underway for the restoration of Woodland Cemetery. Jim moved and Dave Elliott seconded that the DNA donate \$100 towards the effort and that DNA members be involved in future work days at the cemetery. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to the Woodland Heights and Sherman Hill associations to encourage them to do the same.

DRAKE- No report.

HOUSING- No report.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Diane Munns reported that educational seminars and budget were discussed at the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-

Neighborhood Concert Series- Jim Dietz-Kilen reported that the next step will be to compile a list of desired performers.

Jazz in July- A DNA check has been sent to cover our share. No official dates have been given on the DNA-sponsored concert in Drake Park.

Iowa Youth Homeless Center- Catherine Dietz-Kilen circulated a letter of thanks from this organization for our moral support and also a wish list of items needed. Their address is 1216 M.L. King Parkway.

Kingman Island Cruise- Jim Dietz-Kilen spoke on reviving this event.

NEW BUSINESS- I-235 Freeway Expansion- A lengthy discussion was held on the various proposals by the Iowa Dept. of Transportation to redesign the freeway. It was the consensus of the Board that we take a stand against the expansion. A sub-committee was organized to go over the IDOT proposals and to prepare a statement representing the DNA's views at the May 23 hearing. The sub-committee was composed of Al Cubbage, Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Tony Schmitt, Dave Elliott (and any other members wanting to attend an organizational meeting on Sunday May 14).


Catherine Dietz-Kilen announced that a tortilla factory will be opening soon at Clark and 24th. Catherine told Nancy Welch at the city's planning department that our organization is supportive of any new business that doesn't create any environmental concerns, does create jobs, and rehabilitates a vacant building.

The Waveland Area Home Tour is June 10.

Various newsletter assignments were discussed: Kingman Island Cruise announcement, feature on Tait's, I-235 expansion news, Stockard-Engler news, Woodland Cemetery donation, Homeless Shelter wish list. The deadline for getting information to Dave Elliott is June 15 with the newsletter arriving in homes no later than July 4.

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

REMINDER: BOBBIE WELCH'S MEMORIAL SERVICE JUNE 15, 4P.M.
FRIENDS HOUSE AT 42ND ST. AND GRAND.

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 1994

AGENDA

I. Review and approval of minutes

II. Visitor - Brad Spore

III. Treasurer's Report

IV. Committee Reports

7:25 pm

- Beautification - flowers / sign
- Communications - news letter coming out
- Historic
- ~~Housing~~
- Membership - ~~re~~ directory is in process / Clark Printing @ July 10 begin

V. Organization Reports

- ~~Drake University~~
- Revitalization - Stockard/Engler → June 27 mtg
- Des Moines Neighbors
- Citywide Strategic Planning Commission meeting @ 26th June Roosevelt

VI. Old Business

- Neighborhood Concert Series in process
- Jazz in July July 8
- Kingman Island Cruise Aug 26 - Steel Drum Band - Lost Art Cafe

VII. New Business

- Uptown Business Association → has ~~July 20~~ June 7am Tues
- Vacant Lots on 24th new suggestion ??!

VIII. Freeway Expansion Plans

IX. Newsletter Assignments

Peggy Jester has moved out of neighborhood!

X. Adjournment

Obit ----

8:05 pm Ret began
Freeway

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

June 14, 1995

ATTENDING: Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Dave Elliott, Diane Munns, Randy Downs and Nancy Geiger.

GUESTS: Brad Sporrer, Vice President/Consumer Loan Manager of Homeland Savings Bank.

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and accepted with the correction that Randy Downs did not purchase a new home.

Guest Brad Sporrer introduced a new program from his bank offering home improvement loans for Drake area residents at 1/2% less than standard home improvement loans for up to 100% of equity in the resident's home. An article about the program will appear in the July newsletter and flyers will be circulated at Jazz in July.

TREASURERS REPORT- Balance of \$4126.16 as of June 14, 1995.

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE- Tony Schmitt reported that the Stockard/Engler draft plan is being looked over by the city and that a public meeting will take place June 27 at the Olmstead Center.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Randy Downs reported that because of possible effects of the I-235 expansion, the city may not approve the location of the sign designating the Drake Neighborhood in the vicinity of the Preston and Patti Daniels' home. Plans for the sign are on hold until more information on the possible expansion is known.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that the current membership stands at 251. A deadline of June 30 has been set to be listed in the new membership directory.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- After brief discussion, it was decided that the July newsletter would be distributed to members only, not the entire Drake Neighborhood. However, extra copies would be on hand at the Kingman Island Cruise in August.

HISTORIC- No report.

DRAKE- No report.

HOUSING- No report.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Diane Munns was not present but she has been appointed to the Neighbors' Freeway Committee.

CITYWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE- Catherine Dietz-Kilen reported that there are eight areas of interest targeted by the committee to be discussed at a public meeting later in June: Fiscal; Infrastructure (Catherine is chairing); Economic Development; Public Safety; Housing and Neighborhoods; Transportation and Growth;

Recreation, Culture and Education; and Youth.

OLD BUSINESS-

Neighborhood Concert Series- Jim Dietz-Kilen reported that the search for an artist is ongoing. There is the possibility of booking the group, Four Bitchin' Babes.

Jazz in July- Saturday, July 8 is the Drake Neighborhood Concert. Two bands will perform from 4:00-7:30 p.m. The wading pool will be open and food will be available.

Kingman Island Cruise- A date has been set for August 26. Lost Art Cafe' and the Edmunds Academy Steel Drum Band will perform. The committee consists of both Dietz-Kilens, both Schmitts, Dave Elliott, Judy Craig and Stephanie Jackman.

Plymat Replacement- Eldon (Mac) McAfee was elected to replace Bill Plymat on the board.

NEW BUSINESS-

Uptown Business Association- A representative from the DNA board has been invited to attend a meeting of this group in July at Mr. Goodcents. The date was in question and will be confirmed.

Vacant Lots on 24th St.- Tony Schmitt reported that the possibility exists to convert vacant lots east of 24th St. and south of Cottage Grove to play fields for neighborhood children.

Uptown Shopping Center- Dave Elliott voiced his concerns to the board over unsavory activities in the center's south side parking lot and his frustration with the lack of cooperation from Hubbell Realty. He was encouraged by the board to keep it apprised of the situation for our possible future involvement.

I-235 Freeway Expansion- Catherine Dietz-Kilen reported that she addressed the City Council hearing last month on this subject. Jerry Anderson, environmental law professor, has volunteered to assist in the fight against the expansion, and may use law students to help research. Ward 3 will host a public meeting June 15. Dave Elliott, Tony Schmitt, Al Cabbage and Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen are the sub-committee. Catherine feels the best strategy is to convince the City Council that it is not advantageous to make it even easier for people to leave Des Moines by expanding the freeway. The Iowa Dept. of Transportation is meeting with sections of the city (i.e., Sherman Hill, Woodland Heights and Drake are one section) regarding the expansion.

A letter was received from Cornell Smith requesting a letter of support from the DNA to convert a single family residence at 1108 27th St. to a duplex. Smith is purchasing the home from Eugene Hiskey. Catherine Dietz-Kilen will call Mr. Smith and talk to neighbors of the residence to get their opinion on the matter.

Various newsletter assignments were discussed: Kingman Island Cruise date (Jim Dietz-Kilen); Jazz in July information and date; Homeland

Savings Bank program; Stockard/Engler news (Schmitt); AAU Jr.
Olympics events at Drake; and nomination of Mac McAfee

ADJOURNMENT— The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret
Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

Drake Neighborhood Association

Treasurer's Report

June 14, 1995

Beginning Balance		
April 13, 1995		\$ 4036.89
Deposits	DNA memberships	\$971.00
Payments		\$881.73
Ending Balance		
June 14, 1995		\$4126.16

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 12, 1995

AGENDA

- I. Introduction of Mac McAfee, new board member
- II. Review and approval of minutes
- III. Visitors
 - Bill Lillis - Starch Pet Hospital
 - City staff member - Revitalization Plan
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- V. Committee Reports
 - Beautification
 - Communication
 - Historic
 - Housing
 - Membership
- VI. Organization Reports
 - Drake University
 - Des Moines Neighbors
- VII. Old Business
 - Neighborhood Concert Series
 - Kingman Island Cruise
 - Freeway Expansion Plans
 - Potential Soccer Field
- VIII. New Business
 - Vacant lot monitors
- IX. Newsletter Assignments
- X. Adjournment

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

July 12, 1995

ATTENDING: Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Marty Schmitt, Diane Munns, Randy Downs and Mac McAfee.

GUESTS: Kathy Kahun, Jamie Boots, Mark and Suzanne Beckwith, Bill Lillis, John Cox, Dr. Martz and Dr. Henning.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and accepted.

New Board member, Mac McAfee, was introduced and welcomed.

Guest Bill Lillis introduced Drs. Martz and Henning of the Starch Pet Hospital, who are in the process of buying property at 23rd and University to build an office. They showed the plans for the building and hope to begin building by the end of the year. They are presently seeking rezoning from residential to commercial from the city. Diane Munns moved and Jim Dietz-Kilen seconded to support the project.

Kathy Kahun of the City Planner's office explained the draft proposal of the Revitalization Plan. The plan is currently in the approval process before moving on to the Neighborhood Housing Board, Planning and Zoning, City Council, then the Board of Supervisors. Discussion and clarification of certain items took place before voting to table a decision on the plan until the August meeting. For more information on the plan, contact Nancy Welch at 283-4753.

TREASURERS REPORT- No report.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that work will begin soon on the membership directory.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report. A discussion took place on the timeliness of the newsletter. Catherine Dietz-Kilen will ask Dave Elliott about his future involvement with the newsletter and Roger Munns will be asked to put together the August newsletter.

HISTORIC- No report.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- No report.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Diane Munns reported that a lengthy discussion took place regarding the jail expansion.

OLD BUSINESS-

Neighborhood Concert Series- No report.

Kingman Island Cruise- August 26 is the date. Location is the island

located at Cottage Grove and Kingman Blvd. in front of the Schmitt and Daniels residences. Invitations will be sent to the Woodland Heights and Sherman Hill neighborhood associations. The schedule is as follows: food and games, 4-6 p.m.; Edmunds' steel drum band, 6-7 p.m.; Lost Art Cafe, 7-9 p.m. Food and drink will be sold.

I-235 Freeway Expansion-- Diane Munns reported that the Des Moines Neighbors have appointed a sub-committee to let neighbors look at plans by sections of the freeway and how the expansion would impact those sections. The east side neighbors have completed their section. Neighbors from Sherman Hill, Woodland Heights and Drake will look over plans for 35th St., Keo Way, 42nd St. and Cottage Grove with Jim Thompson of the city planning office. It is the consensus of those involved that the city needs to look at how the expansion will chop up and separate neighborhoods, increase noise levels, and the effects of an expanded 31st St. The lack of mass transit also needs to be addressed.

All interested individuals were invited to a walk-through with the IDOT on July 17 at 5:15 p.m. at the Schmitt's on how the expansion would impact that section.

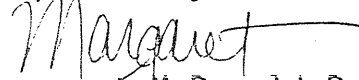
NEW BUSINESS--

Lot Monitoring-- Drake Park neighbor Bill Cappuccio had suggested that monitors be assigned to vacant lots in the neighborhood to check on parked cars, undesirable activities, etc. Margaret Pond moved and Diane Munns seconded that Bill monitor the lot adjacent to his property. Randy Downs volunteered to locate the DNA's lots and to represent the DNA at a July 17 meeting about the vacant lot issue in Des Moines.

Various newsletter assignments were discussed: Kingman Island Cruise; Stockard-Engler update; freeway update.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 9, 1994

AGENDA

- I. Review and approval of minutes
- II. Visitors - Cornell Smith - request for approval of zoning variance
- Kathy Kahun - Draft proposal of revitalization plan
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Committee Reports
 - Beautification
 - Communications
 - Historic
 - Housing
 - Membership
- V. Organization Reports
 - Drake University
 - Des Moines Neighbors
 - Citywide Strategic Planning Commission
- VI. Old Business
 - Kingman Island Cruise
 - DNA newsletter
 - *Flood Replacement Program*
- VII. New Business
 - Candidates Forum
 - City Council
 - School Board
- VIII. Freeway Expansion Plans Update
- IX. Newsletter Assignments
- X. Adjournment

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 9, 1994

AGENDA

- I. Review and approval of minutes
- II. Visitors - Cornell Smith - request for approval of zoning variance
- Kathy Kahun - Draft proposal of revitalization plan

III. Treasurer's Report

IV. Committee Reports

- Beautification - *no rpt - flowers look good*
- Communications
- Historic - *no rpt*
- Housing - *NO rpt - Carl McPh / Ron L / Bernice Burke*
- Membership - *no rpt*

V. Organization Reports

- ~~Drake University~~ → *\$1000 to DNA Assn to D Munn's so she can vote...*
- ~~Des Moines Neighbors~~
- ~~Citywide Strategic Planning Commission~~

VI. Old Business

- ✓ Kingman Island Cruise
- DNA newsletter → *Assignment Editor & Stephanie*
Dione Roger Munn's

VII. New Business

- ~~Candidates Forum~~
- ~~City Council~~
- ~~School Board~~

Tony Schmitt

VIII. Freeway Expansion Plans Update

House Tour & on the rally again
Concert Series

IX. Newsletter Assignments

X. Adjournment

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
August 9, 1995

ATTENDING: Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Diane Munns, Randy Downs, Stephanie Jackman, Carl McPherson, Judy Craig, Ron Hampton and Mac McAfee.

EXCUSED: Al Cabbage, Dave Sollenbarger.

GUESTS: Kathy Kahun, Nancy Welch, Cornell Smith, Jill Kochel and Ron Langston.

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Board member Dave Elliott has resigned.

Cornell Smith introduced himself and explained that he is in the process of purchasing a home on 27th St. to renovate into a duplex. The home is located next door to Smith's residence. The Board voted to support Smith's request for approval from the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kathy Kahun and Nancy Welch of the City Planner's office circulated the draft proposal of the Revitalization Plan. Catherine Dietz-Kilen asked that another sentence be added to the last paragraph of the Plan's Description section that states: "If there are any substantive changes within the project area or outside the project area within the neighborhood boundaries, that the plan will go through the amendment process." McPherson moved and Craig seconded for acceptance of this addition. Jim Dietz-Kilen moved and Tony Schmitt seconded for acceptance of the plan as amended at this meeting.

The Plan will also be presented at the following meetings:

Neighborhood Advisory Board	Sept. 6
Planning and Zoning Commission	Sept. 7
City Council	Sept. 18
Polk Co. Board of Supervisors	Oct. 10

Board members are encouraged to attend any or all of these meetings.

TREASURERS REPORT- Balance of \$3,735.22 as of August 9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- Roger and Diane Munns have volunteered to produce the newsletter with Stephanie Jackman taking responsibility for making sure articles are written and submitted by Board members in a timely fashion.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOUSING— Due to an increase of neighbors coming before the Board for approval of zoning and renovation questions, Catherine Dietz-Kilen recommended the Housing Committee be reactivated. McPherson, Sollenbarger, Hampton and Bernie Burke will comprise the committee. This committee will hear all requests, make decisions on recommendations, then report those decisions to the entire Board.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE— No report.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS— Diane Munns reported that a \$10 fee needs to be paid to this organization to enable Munns to vote. The Neighbors are sponsoring an Oct. 26 City Council candidate forum.

A sub-committee has compiled a list of questions for the forum. The Board was asked to rank the questions by importance. After lengthy discussion, the top ranked issues to be addressed at the candidate forum are: state legislation to create a system of tax base sharing on a regional basis; youth gang activities; state legislation to eliminate the link between residential and agricultural property tax assessments; and I-235 expansion.

CITYWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMISSION Catherine Dietz-Kilen circulated the Vision Statement drafted by this organization. The statement reads:

"We aspire to be the livable city of choice for ourselves and future generations--beautiful, clean and safe. We will achieve our vision through a healthy economy, vital neighborhoods, excellent schools, a vibrant downtown, and extensive recreational and cultural opportunities. We will preserve our city's friendly, hometown atmosphere and celebrate the diversity of its people. We require innovative governance that is accessible, accountable, and efficient with a system of funding that is fair, affordable, and stable."

Dietz-Kilen reported that the area of most conflict on the commission has been the question of trustworthiness of city government.

OLD BUSINESS—

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT SERIES— Jim Dietz-Kilen reported that Canadian vocalist Ferin is a possibility for an Oct. 12 concert. If she can be booked for the allotted amount of money, then the Board has given their approval.

KINGMAN ISLAND CRUISE—Kingman Island Cruise— August 26 is the date. Board members are encouraged to attend.

FREEWAY EXPANSION— The Board will send a letter of support to the City Council in support of the Citizens Advisory Board with Tony Schmitt as our representative.

FLOOD REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Randy Downs reported that FEMA has \$2 million leftover they must spend. Two of the nine DNA-possessed lots fit the criteria for the city to build affordable homes on with FEMA

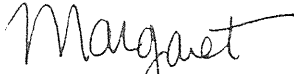
money. If the Carpenter and Drake Park neighbors agree, the Board will approve deeding the two lots to the city for their use. The lots are located at 1309 22nd St. and 1054 21st St.

NEW BUSINESS

CANDIDATE FORUMS-- The DNA will not sponsor a School Board candidate forum this year but will support the Des Moines Neighbors' City Council forum. All Des Moines public schools will host open houses from 2-4 p.m. on Sept. 24. All Board members are encouraged to attend an open house.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

Drake Neighborhood Association

Treasurer's Report

August 9, 1995

Beginning Balance		
June 14, 1995		\$4126.16
Deposits	DNA memberships	\$382.00
Payments		\$772.94
Ending Balance		
August 9, 1995		\$3735.22

SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

To: All DNA Board Members
From: Catherine Dietz-Kilen
Re: Attendance at Board Meetings
Date: 4 August, 1995

Dear _____ :

Our by-laws state that Board Members lose their positions if they incur three unexcused absences during any calendar year. We have six board members who are at risk of losing their board positions. If you are one, please do not miss this upcoming meeting. We need everyone's input and active participation in order for our neighborhood association to be a success.

___ You are not one of the six, but don't miss August's meeting. We have lot's to cover and many exciting possibilities coming up.

___ You have missed the last ___ meetings and have missed a total of ___ meetings this year. If you are simply unable to attend, please call. My number is 277-7761. But please make every effort to attend. We don't want to lose you as a Board member.

**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 13, 1995

AGENDA

I. Review and approval of minutes

II. Treasurer's Report

III. Committee Reports

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

IV. Organization Reports

- Drake University
- Des Moines Neighbors
- Citywide Strategic Planning Commission

V. Neighborhood Concert Series

**Ferron
October 12, 1995**

VI. Appointment of Nominating Committee

VII. Annual Meeting (November 8 ?)

IX. Newsletter Assignments and deadlines

- suggestions
 - Lead Article - Concert
 - President's message
 - Des Moines Neighbors Candidates Forum
 - Report: Beaverdale Parade - Congrats to the natives
 - Report: Kingman Island Cruise - Congrats everyone
 - Announcement of time and place for Annual Meeting
 - Announcement of first meeting of tour committee, if possible

X. Adjournment

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

September 13, 1995

ATTENDING: Al Cabbage, Dave Sollenbarger, Nancy Geiger, Margaret Pond, Tony Schmitt, Randy Downs, Stephanie Jackman, Carl McPherson, Ron Hampton and Mac McAfee.

EXCUSED: Diane Munns, Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Judy Craig.

GUEST: Bill Plymat.

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT- Balance of \$2,128.22 as of September 13.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Randy Downs asked if there was money in the budget for soil improvement in the daffodil garden at Witmer Park. The city's Parks Department may be able to assist in this project. Randy's question will be answered at the October Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that nearly 200 membership renewals were mailed out in September.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- Rachel Almlie will chair the committee and Judy Craig will be the Board's representative on the committee.

HOUSING- No report.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- Al Cabbage offered to have a DNA Neighbors Day at the Oct. 21 football game against Dayton. The Board approved. Four tickets per family will be available. Drake will produce and mail the flyer.

Al reported that there has been increased drug dealing activity on campus by non-students. Security has been increased and will be more aggressive in removing these people from campus.

Work will begin soon on a softball practice and football complex at 27th and Meek on campus. The official announcement of this field will be at Parents' Weekened Sept. 23.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- No report.

CITYWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMISSION Al Cabbage reported that proposals from the commission will be given to the City Council in November. The commission hopes to have all city organizations and agencies review the proposals.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION- Tony Schmitt reported that the plan has been approved by the Neighborhood Advisory Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT SERIES-- The Ferron concert is confirmed for October 12 at Sheslow Auditorium. Drake will assist in the promotion of this event. Tickets will be general admission at \$15 each. Board members will be asked to sell tickets. For us to break even, 250 tickets must be sold.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE- A committee consisting of Ron Hampton and Stephanie Jackman will propose a slate of nominees for 1996.

ANNUAL MEETING- The annual meeting will be November 8 at Grace United Methodist Church. Margaret Pond will confirm availability with Grace. [NOTE: The meeting has been confirmed for November 8, 7:30 p.m. with dessert provided by members of the Board.]

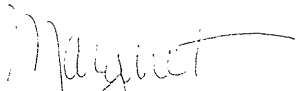
NEWSLETTER ASSIGNMENTS- Oct. 21 DNA Day at football game; Oct. 1 Gladys Burkhead Day; Oct. 12 Ferron concert; Nov. 8 Annual Meeting; Des Moines Neighbors Candidates Forum; Beaverdale Parada float award; and Kingman Island Cruise report.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Plymat asked the Board to sign a letter of protest addressed to Councilman Flagg that he would read at the next City Council meeting regarding the moving of seven to eight houses to make way for the Post Office. It is Plymat's view that Bill Knapp had made a promise to move the homes. Nancy Geiger and Carl McPherson moved to open the subject to discussion. After lengthy discussion and a suggested amendment, it was put to a vote and not passed.

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret McDonald Pond
Secretary

**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, October 10, 1995

Please note a change in meeting place. Due to the repeated refusals by NHS to our requests for a key to the building, we will meet in room 123 at the Drake Legal Clinic.

AGENDA

- I. Review and approval of minutes
- II. Visitors
 - Craig Hooper, Iowa Dept. of Health
 - Mark Signs, Homeless Youth Shelter
- III. Treasurer's Report
- VI. Committee Reports
 - Beautification
 - Communications
 - Historic
 - House Tour
 - Housing
 - Membership
- IV. Organization Reports
 - Drake University
 - Des Moines Neighbors
 - Citywide Strategic Planning Commission
- V. Old Business
 - Neighborhood Concert Series (bring your tickets and sale proceeds to the Board Meeting)
 - Annual Meeting (November 8, 1995)
 - Other old Business
- VI. New Business
 - The relationship between DNA and NHS
 - Do we want to endorse candidates in the upcoming citywide elections? If so, who?
 - Other new Business
- VII. Newsletter Assignments and deadlines
- VIII. Adjournment

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
October 10, 1995

ATTENDING: Jim and Catherine Dietz-Klien, Al Cabbage, Dave Sollenbarger, Margaret Pond, Randy Downs, Stephanie Jackman, Carl McPherson, Ron Hampton and Mac McAfee.

EXCUSED: Diane Munns, Judy Craig, Tony Schmitt, and Nancy Geiger.

GUESTS: Joni Fredrich, Janina Harris, Craig Hooper, Doug Cooper.

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT- None.

Craig Hooper of the Iowa Department of Health addressed the group on the dangers of lead poisoning. This area of Des Moines has a higher concentration of it. There is grant money available for its removal. Hooper was invited to write an article for the newsletter.

Joni Fredrich and Janina Harris of the Iowa Homeless Youth Center at 1216 M.L. King Pkwy. thanked the Board for their support and invited Board members and neighbors to their Oct. 26 Open House from 5-7 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Randy Downs invited Board members to participate in the October 14 planting of daffodil bulbs at Witmer Park.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that the current membership stands at 296. A bid of \$700 was received from Clark Printing for the printing of membership directories. Board members suggested other bids be sought.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- Chairman Rachel Almlie will hold the first organizational meeting at her home on Oct. 23. Depending on the tour dates, Drake's Old Main building can be used as the starting point.

HOUSING- No report.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- Al Cabbage reminded Board members of the Oct. 21 football game against Dayton. He also reported on various safety concerns on campus. He will look into a date for a Neighbors' Day at a basketball game.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- No report. Board members are reminded of the

Oct. 26 Candidates' Forum at the Botanical Center.

CITYWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMISSION Al Cabbage reported that there will (hopefully) be a meeting of the Council of Boards open to the general public on Nov. 6. More information will be sent through the mail.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT SERIES-- The Ferron concert is October 12.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE- Committee members Ron Hampton and Stephanie Jackman proposed a slate of nominees for 1996: Denny Giancola, Gloria Easley and Doug Cooper.

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BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, October 10, 1995

Please note a change in meeting place. Due to the repeated refusals by NHS to our requests for a key to the building, we will meet in room 123 at the Drake Legal Clinic.

AGENDA

- I. Review and approval of minutes
- II. Visitors
 - Craig Hooper, Iowa Dept. of Health
 - Mark Signs, Homeless Youth Shelter
- III. Treasurer's Report
- VI. Committee Reports
 - Beautification
 - Communications
 - Historic
 - House Tour
 - Housing
 - Membership
- IV. Organization Reports
 - Drake University
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 - Other old Business
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 - The relationship between DNA and NHS
 - Do we want to endorse candidates in the upcoming citywide elections? If so, who?
 - Other new Business
- VII. Newsletter Assignments and deadlines
- VIII. Adjournment

**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 1995
GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Catherine Dietz-Kilen.

Board members in attendance: Catherine and Jim Dietz-Kilen, Tony Schmitt, Margaret Pond, Ron Hampton, Stephanie Jackman, Randy Downs, Nancy Geiger, Diane Munns, Al Cabbage and Mac McAfee.

Member guests: 22

Catherine gave an overview of the concerns and activities of 1995, including the battle over the freeway expansion and the location of a transmitter tower at the Des Moines Playhouse.

The following committee reports were made:

CARPENTER/DRAKE PARK REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE- Tony Schmitt reported that the plan has been approved by the Neighborhood Housing Board, city Planning and Zoning Commission and Council, and the county Board of Supervisors. The plan now becomes an official part of the city's long-term planning process.

Three items of concern that will be given high priority are:

- * Non-resident perception of the neighborhood.
- * business revitalization along Forest and University avenues.
- * encourage owner occupancy dwellings and reduce apartment density.

These items will be worked on over the next three to four years. Tony also reported that four houses have qualified so far for Neighborhood Finance Corp. financing.

MEMBERSHIP- Margaret Pond reported that current membership stands at nearly 300 member families. A door-to-door membership campaign will take place this spring.

TREASURER'S- Nancy Geiger reported a current balance of \$1,909.35.

BEAUTIFICATION-Randy Downs reported 100 more daffodil bulbs were planted in Whitmer Park in October.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- Diane Munns reported that all neighborhood and concerned groups have met on the freeway expansion issue.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY- Al Cabbage announced that work will begin soon on a football practice and softball field at 27th and Clark.

The following slate of Board members for 1996 was approved: Gloria Easley, Rachel Almlie and Doug Cooper.

A November 13 meeting was announced for the planning of the 1996 Home Tour. The meeting will take place at Rachel Almlie's home and the area of the tour will be determined.

Catherine announced that the city's Planning and Zoning Commission has approved the location of an 125-foot transmitter tower on the Des Moines Playhouse property. U.S. Cellular will lease the land from the Playhouse for \$9,000 per year. Many Playhouse neighbors have been fighting this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. for a dessert potluck.

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Board Meeting

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EXCUSED: Diane Munns, Judy Craig, Tony Schmitt, and Nancy Geiger.

GUESTS: Joni Fredrich, Janina Harris, Craig Hooper, Doug Cooper.

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT- None.

Craig Hooper of the Iowa Department of Health addressed the group on the dangers of lead poisoning. This area of Des Moines has a higher concentration of it. There is grant money available for its removal. Hooper was invited to write an article for the newsletter.

Joni Fredrich and Janina Harris of the Iowa Homeless Youth Center at 1216 M.L. King Pkwy. thanked the Board for their support and invited Board members and neighbors to their Oct. 26 Open House from 5-7 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- Randy Downs invited Board members to participate in the October 14 planting of daffodil bulbs at Witmer Park.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Margaret Pond reported that the current membership stands at 296. A bid of \$700 was received from Clark Printing for the printing of membership directories. Board members suggested other bids be sought.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- No report.

HISTORIC- No report.

HOME TOUR- Chairman Rachel Almlie will hold the first organizational meeting at her home on Oct. 23. Depending on the tour dates, Drake's Old Main building can be used as the starting point.

HOUSING- No report.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DRAKE- Al Cabbage reminded Board members of the Oct. 21 football game against Dayton. He also reported on various safety concerns on campus. He will look into a date for a Neighbors' Day at a basketball game.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS- No report. Board members are reminded of the

Oct. 26 Candidates' Forum at the Botanical Center.

CITYWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMISSION Al Cabbage reported that there will (hopefully) be a meeting of the Council of Boards open to the general public on Nov. 6. More information will be send through the mail.

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