

Minutes of the

Drake Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

11 September, 1991

The meeting was called to order with the following present:

Al Cabbage, Bill Plymat, Jim Dietz-Kilen, Barbara Lansing, Nan Stillians, Bobbie Welch, Bill Cappuccio, Diane Munns, Scott Parks and Virginia Peterson. Faye Vilimek had an excused absence.

- Al read an official letter of appreciation from Drake's Board of Governors for the Association and its affiliated groups. Al also gave an update on campus construction plans, indicating that things will continue to develop rapidly.

- Minutes were read and approved.

- Treasurer's Report -- \$8,865.52 is the current balance. \$102.35 was raised for the food pantry program.

- Motion was made to allocate the necessary funds to establish a nonprofit Drake Neighborhood Foundation and to seek tax-exempt status for that entity.

- Beautification Committee -- Bill P. reported that the Beaverdale Association has invited us to cooperate with them on planning playground improvements for Witmer Park.

Bill C. reported that the City will be making several improvements at Drake Park, including planting a number of trees.

Bill C. also brought up concerns regarding the need for trimming trees on the Kingman Islands.

- Membership Committee -- Membership letters and cards will be mailed on 24 September, with follow-up in a couple of weeks.

- Annual Meeting -- 22 October, with a dessert potluck beginning at 7 p.m. The site for the meeting will be announced in the newsletter.

- Housing Committee -- Work is progressing on the Stockard-Engler application. Forms are due 4 October. Presentations will be on 16 & 17 October.

- Al reported that the former crack house on 25th & Carpenter, which was purchased by Drake, has been repainted and has all new tenants.

- People are asked to think of possibilities for chairs for the Special Events Committee and for the Tour Committee. A reminder was also given that Kingman Island T-Shirts are available at Vilimeks.

- A mini-grant proposal has been received from Carpenter Neighbors. North Drake Neighbors will also be submitting a proposal. A motion was carried to approve \$100 for Carpenter Neighbors.

- Intersectional United Advanced Planning has requested permission to address a pot luck. They will be invited to the September pot luck, 26 September, at Grace methodist.

- Bill P. reported that Preston Daniels and the Planned Parenthood Booksale had both expressed interest in purchasing ads in the Association newsletter. The sale of both ads was approved.

- Joe Schaeffer reported that he has heard that Principal is interested in purchasing the old "Mathers" building to open a new day care center. No word on whether they intend to keep the building.

- Nan reported that the Presidential Neighbors organization was turned down for funding from the NAB.

- Nan talked about working with the University Place Commerce Company to set up a program for paying kids to do clean-up in the neighborhood.

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Bill Plymat, Jim Dietz-Kilen, Barbara Lansing, Nan Stillians, Bill Cappuccio, Diane Munns, Virginia Peterson and Faye Vilimek.

- Minutes were read and approved.
- Bulbs have been ordered for planting at Witmer Park. Planting should occur soon.
- Virginia met with folks from Beaverville about improvements at Witmer Park. Plans are pretty well set and Virginia will continue working with them.
- Motion was approved to allocate \$50 from beautification budget for bushes to be planted on lots at the corner of 24th & College.
- Motion was approved to give \$100 to buy 4 "Children at Play" signs for North Drake Neighbors.
- There will be a 7 p.m. meeting at Marty and Tony Schmitt's house (1040 40th Street) on 1 November to discuss whether there will be an historic tour next year.
- Bill P. reported that the Beaverville Association is interested in organizing a multi-neighborhood association forum with Connie Cook and Preston Daniels. A motion was approved to work with Beaverville and the other associations to organize such a forum. Dianne Munns was appointed to represent our association.
- Bill P. showed the NAB application video he prepared. The presentations will be made on 23 and 24 October. It has not yet been determined which day or at what time ours will be on the schedule.
- The Greater Des Moines Area Commission is trying to set up a meeting with representatives of neighborhood groups to talk about metropolitan government. The decision was made to wait until after the election to consider working with them on holding a forum.
- There is a proposal being considered by the City for some reforms having to do with homelessness and housing. One part of that is a tax on development that eliminates housing. Another part is an ordinance change that would make it easier to seize properties in which drug activities occur, and would also make it easier to evict people involved in drug activity. There will be an informal hearing on these

proposals, sponsored by the City Council. The time of that hearing has yet to be announced.

A motion passed signifying general support for the concept of this "Specified Crime Ordinance."

- The report of the Nominations Committee was presented and approved.