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Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, April 13, 2022, Polk County Senior Center + Zoom

6:37 pm - Board Business

- Motion carried: the agenda for this meeting

Old Business

- One new 5-year membership and one 1-year membership. Post office box paid. Change in checking account, account is now at \$988.82.
- We need to vacate the right of way of the triangle in order to build a monument sign to welcome the neighborhood. The lease is \$50/year, that's how it has worked for other monument spots, it will renew in 20 years. In reviewing terms in the lease, it's very similar to how it was when we built the swings. Mac is looking over it from a legal perspective. It's definitely written to protect the City, which is frustrating, and we have passed that on to the council members, that we would prefer this process be a little more collaborative. When do we send? January 1st every year as a check. It will be before City Council May 23rd and when it's re-negotiated the same way.
 - Motion to approve: KJ, Second: Courtney | Motion carried

New Business

- Communications Committee Update (Stephanie):
 - Stephanie sent an email with updates. She will bring her committee together closer to the end of the school year. Been posting on social media ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)), done a real estate listings post because folks have asked about homes in the Drake area. Jason has been an asset in that. Does anyone have post requests?
 - She needs the board to decide what information we want on the door knockers. KJ and Courtney have talked about the door knockers in the Membership Meeting as well.
 - Please please please if you are in the neighborhood and know a lot of people, please push the social media pages for [Invest DSM](#) because neighbors want to know what is going on, and they don't have enough staff to be updating neighbors as they start projects. So help to spread that info to your neighbors when you see it.
 - Annelise website update: has learned how to pull reports, some shop information, is going down the list of feature requests from the board.
 - Courtney needs some help with the newsletter – need help getting it out, let Courtney and Lori know and can point you in that direction.
- Increase Capacity/Membership Committee Update (Courtney):
 - Met around the 4th as a committee, meeting again on the 18th at Lucky Horse at 7:00 pm. Have addressed the goals for the next year, more reporting, working on the membership benefits and solidifying. Had the first neighborhood meetup. We had 13 people come and hang out, 5 non-board members. Table tent that goes with us would be good. Going to keep doing every month on the Monday before the board meeting. May 9th at 6:00pm at Lucky Horse (with a QR code). Some of the goals: keep better track of our membership. Want to set new goals. May do a game night at home 2 suites–The Rook Room to sponsor?

- Safe and Inclusive Neighborhood Update:
 - 150th anniversary. There is a steering committee. One date that we will roll in to the celebration: the Art Week Porch Crawl. Sunday June 20th. Before the art festival. More to come in May meeting
- Special Investment District Quarterly Update
 - SID group that works with invest DSM, highlight: do a checkpoint on our focus with Invest DSM, seem like doing a good job at housing stock, building dogtown as a destination, better walkability. Work more with the landlords. Maybe a yard sign campaign to build unity with the neighborhood. Scholarship? Can send out the addresses of the ones being torn down.
 - The DogTown lights are coming down but will do again in the Fall and Wells Fargo is coming back to plant trees, etc. around April 2?
 - Invest DSM [Block Challenge](#): apps have opened up. It is open to the whole city
 - There is a launch of a rental rehab program through Invest DSM, Firehouse, xBk and The Varsity and maybe Black Cat.
 - Does Invest DSM notify neighbors about construction or houses being leveled? Steph says the problem they're having is the demo crew just shows up (sometimes a month early). Too many projects to communicate with all neighbors in a timely manner, the Invest DSM signs do let people know when something is going to be happening.
- Ilk Haus is interested in partnership

7:00 Neighborhood Updates

- Introductions
- NBSD (Neighborhood Based Service Delivery) Updates (Sgt. Mark McKinney):
 - Just left a cool event the library parking lot Ako ABdul
 - 722 calls for service, down on part 1 crimes: 25, 13 were burglaries, burglaries were down. Make sure to let neighbors know if you are out of town, move cars and such, let dispatch know if you're leaving if you want them to drive around.
 - Gearing up for Relays—they are excited for that and all the people that come.
- Laura Murphy: She is at the Ascent meeting because it's quarterly. They need a thousand [people to sign up as staff for the summer!](#)
- [Izaah Knox: running for state senate district 17](#)—brand new senate seat. Executive Director of Urban Dreams, bought one of the abandoned homes in riverbend (15 years ago). Raised 3 kids there. Public School advocate. Wife elected to the school board. Kids at the montessori. Wife has been at every school in her district. 19 years of building bridges in this community. Not barriers, even with the police department. Want turn out for this new district. Show up, get people to show up. June 7th.
 - Jamie Fitzgerald just gave an update about why Absentee is so hard. You can request now, and if it's not complete they may try to contact you but you may not get it in time. Best thing to do is to go in person. The special elections in the new places were decided by 20 votes or less.
 - Much more information about his platform was spoken about but can all be found on his site (linked above). His focuses are:
 - Access to quality healthcare (mental and physical)
 - Affordable housing initiatives
 - Civil, human, and cultural rights
 - Equitable education opportunities
 - Justice system reform

- Workforce development
 - 515-991-9018 – his cell.
 - Cure Violence, Creative Visions - CV3 Violence Interrupters: Ivette
 - Contracted with the city on Dec 6, by mid-January had staff hired, by mid-February had all the training. They then had to build their own community-specific program. Develop materials to address, make their presence known and implement the program.
 - Food pantry, crime victims assistance program (anyone victimized by violent crimes)
 - VIP violence interruption project: when the city contracted with Cure Violence, had to determine how much violence and what area. Determined: 2nd ave north of expressway, south of Hickman to 27th street plus Prospect Park. 5 people canvassing and educating.
 - Tim McCoy explained: strategic process on how they develop the team. Built off a model that it's homegrown FROM here FOR here. Able to speak to the people who need help and can relate to the people who need the help. Process called the DRIP: detect (why), respond (who has the best relationship with the people in that area), intervene/interrupt, prevent. They also do workshops and training (ex: understanding personal biases and how we engage with each other). Educating parents. Young kids can have a whole conversation in front of parents and parents may not recognize the lingo.
 - Carl Voss spoke during this part, proud that he voted for this. The community support is what will make it work. The mediation, and that it's comprehensive.
 - Malik Mohammed explained his job is to get us from what we know now to what we better start understanding.
 - Working on getting a hotline, until then, contact info:
 - Ivette Muhammad - 515-778-9919 - ivette.muhammad@cvonline.us
ivettesvision@gmail.com (use both emails)
 - Tim McCoy - 515-778-9510 or 515-954-5473 - tim.mccoy@cvonline.us
 - Timothy Muhammad - 515-778-8359 - timothy.muhammad@cvonline.us
 - Drake Update: Ryan Arnold
 - Invitation to the groundbreaking celebration for the DMPS community stadium on 25th and forest. School board has approved all construction bids. Will start as soon as possible. Next Wednesday the 20th at 10:00 am. Competition soccer pitch for high school and middle school on the college campus. Great way for students to picture themselves at school. In front of Shivers.
 - Relays is coming. This could be record-breaking crowds for the Relays. Going to be so many reunions, students. If you need cars moved, call Drake public safety: 515-271-2222.
 - Street closures:
 - Drake Road Races: Sunday the 24th, Forest ave, 21st, kingman are significant. Everything on the northwest side as well. 6 am to 1 pm.
 - Wednesday the 27th from noon til Saturday the 30th til evening. Forest will be closed 27th to 29th. Soft closures from 24th to 30th Streets. 27th Street north of Forest between Clark and Forest as well.
 - Broadlawns community clinic, mobilizing in the 1st week in June, open by August of 2023. Co-locating community health services as well as student health services.
 - Bright College: Out of pocket cost: avg \$800/year. Thanks to partnerships and scholarships (including Urban Dreams). Bunch of wraparound care for the students. Cohort 1: 28, probably double that this fall.

- [Crew Scholars](#): Based on students who did graduate, building it. Guaranteed discount for tuition. Can have a stacked scholarship as well. Higher retention and graduation than white students. Tripling students next semester.
- Leslie/Marguerite (Drake Student Alumni Association):
 - Paul Morrison Day info: Saturday the 23rd. Partner with Yoga and Co. (there will be a yoga class) The students love meeting the neighbors. Has the link on it 10-12 for the cleanup. Yoga before. All supplies provided and doughnuts and Griff II will be there as well. [The SAA page will have all info.](#)
- Casey's grand opening Friday April 22nd.

8:47 pm meeting adjourned