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**Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, June 8th, Polk County Senior Center, 6:10pm**

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Courtney Ackerson	X		Kristina Johnson		X
Colin Ashwood	X		Carl McPherson	X	
Ken Auge	X		Eddie Robinson, Jr.		X
Stephanie Brennan		X	Keshavan Sridhar		X
Colleen Briscoe	X		Jason Stuyvesant		X
Lori Calhoun	X		Annelise Tarnowski	X	
Jessica Crawford	X		Destinee Woodris		X
Alec Davis	X				

**TIME - Board Business**

- Approval of June Agenda - Motion: Eddie | Second: Ken | Motion Carried
- Welcome Elected Officials
  - Carl Voss
    - Took a tour of the new Municipal #2 which is where public works is moving, where snow plows will be, refuse trucks, police squad car repairs, radio repairs, fire truck repairs, lawn mower repairs. It's south of the "Parks and Rec" building on Scott and East 18th. New showers and changing rooms for both male and female. Approved a new greenhouse, going to find out what has happened to the old greenhouse. Will have a lot of volunteers, as Eddie says. That is where they grow plants that fill the planters and boulevards around the city, one full time employee.
    - New animal shelter on E 14th and Herriot just approved that. It's a contract with ARL. Building is owned by the city.
    - There are dollars that were being used in a certain way—was there a survey for where to spend. It was restrictive that you cannot do roads but can do sewers, things like that. (Capital Improvement Projects)
    - Neighborhood Finance Corporation is looking for money to add solar for example for people who can't afford it.
    - Did hear that the lighting in Dogtown is going to happen again and will be expanding. Would set up more in late-fall than in winter.



may be interested, appoint someone to finish Jessica's term. They finish until the end of 2023 and then would roll off and would be eligible to run for reelection.

- Approve money for Forestdale block party: Motion: Eddie | Second: Colin | Motion carried. Annelise will also be there and can pass out information about membership.
- Significant Committee Updates:
  - Communications Committee
    - Yard signs. Do they come with membership? Purchase separately, actually. The design is done, printing is next.
    - Should be reporting on the Facebook Insights every meeting. Right now: 1,770 people reached in the last 28 days. Decrease of 244 people from last month. Engagements are up: 1,900 post engagements up 46% from last month.
  - Increase Capacity/Membership Committee
    - Went through the document of all the business we had, looked through contact info. We have a list now so we will take on contacting them. Will include a little blurb of what to say as well as the sponsorship levels.
    - 50% of the turnout was not a board member. Need to get a lot better at promoting.
    - Alec did say that some businesses may donate some gift cards to raffle.
  - Safe and Inclusive Neighborhood Committee
    - Cottage Grove 150th Activities
      - 1 event
        - Art Porch crawl Sunday June 19th – 31-25th from 3-5 then down to Dogtown 5-7
        - IF anyone wants to walk the neighborhood and post up the notes, let Lori know!
        - We have too many artists!
        - Will have a map and if folks see each one of the arts they can get a discount in Dogtown.
        - ArtCreative has been doing all the design and printing of that
      - 2nd
        - July 30th Block Party at evening time 4-9
        - Move it more central on Cottage Grove 31-35th
        - Reaching out to musicians – reached out to xBk and churches for bands and equipment
        - Include a resource fair for information to community members
        - Kid zone with inflatables
      - 3rd
        - Open house with Parks and Rec ice cream social new community center.
      - 4th
        - Finish up with historical walking tour in the fall
    - Carl Voss: says that he and Connie go to so many neighborhood meetings, and he is very impressed with our organization. Connie agrees. We want people to stay in our neighborhood, and they want to live in their neighborhood.

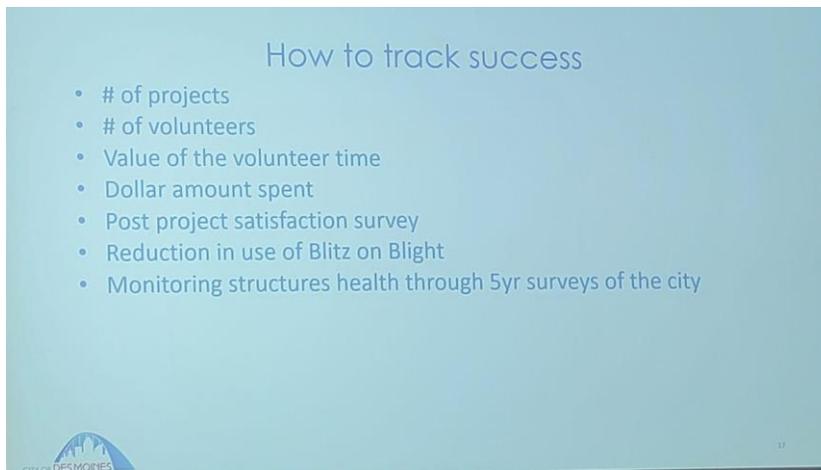
## 7:28 - Neighborhood Updates

- Introductions
- We have 7 empty plots in the garden!
- NBSD Updates
  - Mark McKinney:
    - Lot of mental health calls. Years ago that would have been a problem, but we have much more staff to help with that now. He does downtown, east village and Drake. It's higher than usual up here. We are glad that people are calling because then we can get them the mental health services they need. Otherwise neighbors become afraid for their neighbors or annoyed with behaviors. Someone was seriously injured on Cottage. After that people in the area still asked for some help cleaning up some blood and glass from that and also dispatched the mobile crisis unit to help out. If you think that someone may be having some mental health problems, dispatch will need to know that and can then send a mobile crisis unit. Now they can take charge and get the services for the person having a mental health crisis. They do respond to calls outside of the city, esp if that agency needs it or they don't have theirs up and running yet—they won't send their cops but they will send their mobile crisis units.
    - Hasn't been too noisy up here otherwise. They are overhauling some software so we can get those stats again hopefully soon.
    - "Get a hold of me if you need. If you have an issue I have an issue."
- Parks and Recreation Update
  - Laura Murphey:
    - Summer kicked off strong! State soccer was hosted over here which was a great way to show off the city. Ironman is this weekend, kicking off at Grays Lake. There will be impacts around the route, esp going to the airport, please don't take Fleur. Catch Des Moines
    - Also check out Riverview park. It is pretty new. The Rendezvous on Riverview.
    - Check out Facebook and website for news. Pools are open. Roating closure schedule though because they are still looking for lifeguard staff.
    - Volunteers needed for UpCycle. The invasive species at Grays they take them and feed them tot he zoo animals. Then you get a free drink at confluence
    - Yoga in the Park, Free Flicks, Nationrualist on a stand up paddleboard,
    - The Drake Enclosed Shelter—they are taking weekend bookings right now and its getting filled up!
- Drake Report Update - Ryan Arnold
  - Dead time at Drake, usually happens after state track and field. It is a significant disruption to the neighborhood, sothaknu you for your support of some thing like this—shows off Drake and Des Moines.
  - Drake University has opened up two of the exterior of the buildings for art week and artists are working on those, they are temporary until the buildings come down.
    - University between 24th and 25th – Yellow door area
    - University Ave facing side of the Kinney Center on the black side that will come up over the next few weeks.
  - Leftys on the east side may also have a mural, depends on Wells Fargo, thanks to Art Week

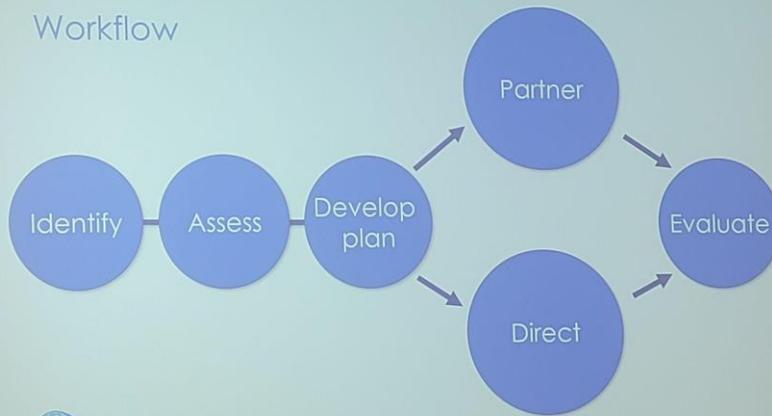
- Lot of construction and maintenance projects typically. This is not a typical summer: 28 open projects with contractors—a record. DMPS community stadium site, Broadlawns Community Clinic at Drake - near Walgreens, Holiday Inn Express will be changed over to become a residence hall: Campus Suites at Dogtown (mostly for upperclass students first). Meredith Hall is going through a significant revitalization, it's a historic building so extra steps to make any changes to it. It's hard having construction dominate the update, but it really is the biggest thing happening right now, and thank you for bearing with us.
  - Will the Broadlawns center have LEAD certification? Ryan said that all buildings need to hit the Green Globes standard ([under Drake University sustainability commitment](#)).
- Lori said that Drake did a great banner for Drake Relays and they folded it over to use for state track to welcome people to the neighborhood. Eldon McAfee totally rocked that idea, thank you, Mac! Beeline in Blue if you need any work done.
- General Neighborhood Updates
  - Eddie says thank you for your assistance of Drake groundskeepers (Mario) to eradicate a dangerous hemlock plant. Eddie had a hard time getting help, Poison Control Center, DNR, nobody. Mario rules.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:57pm**

### DSM ION Meeting Images



## Workflow

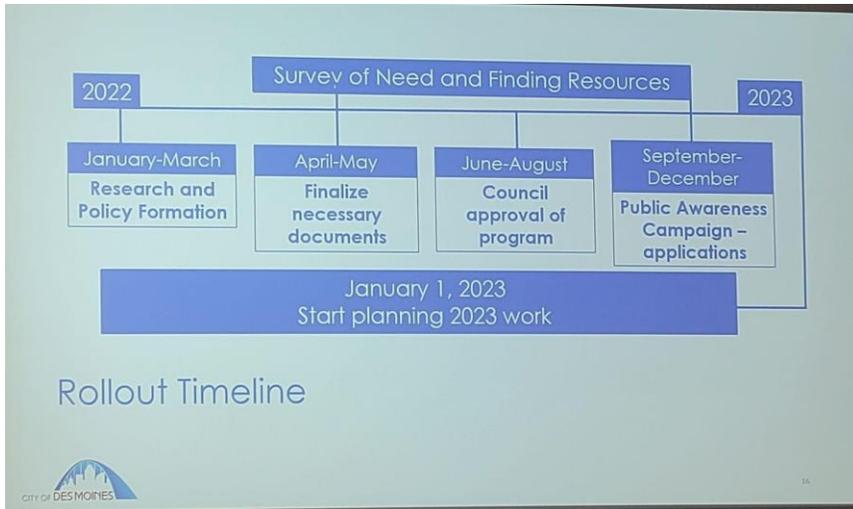


## Funding & Volunteer Pool: Safety Net

- We have a budget of \$1.35 million
- Connections with organizations who can assist directly
- We have several partner pledges of volunteers for designated neighborhood workdays
- We will be looking for additional funding sources and volunteers

## Who we talked to

- ❖ Polk County Housing Trust Fund
- ❖ Rebuilding Together DSM
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity
- ❖ Community IMPACT DSM
- ❖ Polk County Public Works
- ❖ AMOS Iowa
- ❖ Evelyn K Davis Center for Working Families
- ❖ GreenState Credit Union
- ❖ Neighborhood Development Corporation
- ❖ Neighborhood Finance Corporation
- ❖ Primary Health Care
- ❖ New Directions Home Repair-Louisville, KY
- ❖ Home Repair Resource Center-Cleveland Heights, OH
- ❖ Iowa State University
- ❖ Equitable DSM
- ❖ Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator



# Improving Our Neighborhoods

To help Des Moines property owners with outside repairs in a team effort that makes neighborhoods healthier and more connected.

## ABOUT US

Improving Our Neighborhoods is helping residents of Des Moines with exterior property maintenance and repair. ION works together with area organizations to connect the best resource to the resident in need.






## What We Do

ION will work with area organizations and volunteers to make exterior repairs on properties within the City of Des Moines. We strengthen neighborhoods by connecting people and working together with those we serve.

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