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Meeting Agenda:

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at the Polk County Senior Center (and Zoom) at 6:30 pm

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Courtney Ackerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristina Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colin Ashwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carl McPherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Auge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Robinson, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie Brennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keshavan Sridhar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Colleen Briscoe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Stuyvesant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Calhoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annelise Tarnowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessica Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Destinee Woodris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alec Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

6:34 pm - Board Business

- Approval of July Agenda
 - Motion: Stephanie | Second: Eddie - Motion carries
- Welcome Elected Officials - none
- Old Business
 - Review of June Financial Activities - KJ
 - Checking - \$7248.49
 - \$5,000 check from Polk County for Cottage Grove 150th
 - \$500 donated to community gardens
 - Seeing an uptick in membership and merch - \$95ish
 - \$100 check went out to Forestdale for their 4th of July
 - \$20
 - Savings - \$14,122.75
 - Jessica is rolling off, **do we have any candidates for consideration?** Can put something together and Christopher can send something out to participants from Invest DSM.
- New Business
 - Significant Committee Updates:
 - Communications Committee

- Signs already paying for themselves, new memberships mostly. 4-5 new members because of the signs and one of them is a 5-year membership. Picking up from the porch has been super easy, some drop-offs as well.
- Store - doing a discount sale on some of the old old merch to get rid of them. Set up to send Stephanie an email with every order. Inventory will get updated, too.
- Website - been updating! Email as well.
- New Member Chair/Person – need to catch up with new neighbors and little gift bags
- Increase Capacity/Membership Committee
 - Working on business memberships
 - Annelise can work on the new business memberships - make a google form
- Safe and Inclusive Neighborhood Committee
 - Art Crawl - had a good turnout, still have some bumps to work out, could have spread people differently. Definitely had new artists, artists sold, the murals have gotten a lot of great press. New xBk mural coming.
 - Cottage Grove 150th Activities - Volunteers/Equipment Needed
 - Scheduled for Saturday July 30th from 5-9pm. Final copy for the Cottage Grove book is done. Will have 50 copies, ready for sale. We will use some of the Polk County money to offset. \$25 each. Add to the website.
 - Have posters and sticky notes to just put out. Yard signs as well. Inflatables, games, music, KJ needs to send a food update.
 - Need volunteers, tables, coolers, tents. Please sign up! - <https://dna.wildapricot.org/Cottage-Grove-150th>
 - August 8th - ice cream social at the new community center
 - October 15th - walking tour with Drake during Parents Weekend

6:53 pm - Neighborhood Updates

- Introductions
- Invest DSM - Christopher Civitate
 - Multiple properties that Invest DSM owns:
 - 1086 25th, 1085 26th - both should be done end of September
 - 1124 26th should be done at the end of October.
 - 1060 26th will be done at end of August.
 - Cottage/31st corner projects - should be done end of September, and the hole was dug and footings this week on the new construction will be finished on exterior by end of November. Next should be done and sold end of November.
 - 1074 31st was a 5-plex should be done in October
 - 3408 Cottage Grove - was a home that was torn down. Has become 2 lots, will be 2 new construction, more decisions made this summer.
 - 3407 Cottage Grove - rehab that will happen. Demo interior under contract.
 - 1088 27th - about to own that one, close on Tuesday. Will take it down and build new construction. Bad termite damage and water damage.
 - 1132 26th - another home that will need to come down – no schedule yet.

- Been a busy, hard, great summer. The programs for homeowner renos have been smooth so far except some contractor problems. Block Challenge has been great. They put money towards the swing and towards the sign.
- The Dogtown logo will be revealed on the 19th at 9:00 am at xBk.
- \$90,000 from Wells Fargo to do the funding for the lighting program again, hopefully launching early October. Hoping to expand the project a little bit, work out some kinks from last year.
- They thought the Art Crawl was successful. They would like to commit more money specifically for the community to choose what they want to do with it. They want to commit again what they did and then add some, that is their recommendation to the board.
- The south building owner between 24th and 25th will be doing some updates. Leftys and xBk also have some projects with them.
- Board/staff is exploring expansion of the boundaries within the Drake Neighborhood for the 2023 year—likely going east a little, west a little. Then Franklin boundary would come towards the Drake area. Still a lot of work to do to make the recommendation and have the board approve. Then expand to include more neighborhoods in 2024.
- 440-450 projects open right now, Block Challenge, homeowner program, Commercial investment and does not include the ones that they own. They are working on balancing what is on the book but working on figuring out how to keep the cycle going continuously. For future budget, need to have a little less going on at a time. Material costs and labor costs have been more expensive than expected—happy that we are paying people what they should be getting paid, what they deserve. Just was more than expected.
- How does Drake compare to the other neighborhoods? No Invest DSM renos in Franklin really. Homeowner reno project on fire over there. Highland Park/Oak Park getting a similar amount as the Drake neighborhood, but the homes aren't as old, but homeowner reno program is struggling. Columbus Park – more demo and new construction, but homeowner reno program is struggling. “Struggling” means that in the cost share (30% and 50%) is still a hard barrier to reach. More deferred maintenance than we do.
- Keep talking to your city council folks to advocate for this program so that we can keep building it
- Talked with Drake, UNI, Iowa, Iowa State entrepreneur students and talked about these projects. Hard questions about gentrification. Approaching downsizing. How to talk about where the neighborhood “should” be. How to talk about taking feedback from neighbors.
- [NBSD Updates \(Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Program\)](#)
 - Mark McKinney - could not attend, please contact directly
 - Eric Barker - could not attend, housing meeting tonight, please contact directly
- [Parks and Recreation Update](#)
 - Laura Murphy:
 - **Adult Recess:** Join us for the ultimate flashback Friday event! New for the summer of 2022, Adult Recess is a 21+ only FREE event that allows adults to be kids for a night. There will be nostalgic playground and tailgate games (foursquare, tetherball, hopscotch, bags) a live band, food and beverage specials, and so much more. Mark your calendars, arrange the babysitters, rally your friends and register now at bit.ly/adultrecess2022.
 - Date: Friday, July 29
 - Time: 6 – 9 p.m.
 - Location: Captain Roy's (1900 Saylor Rd.)
 - Cost: Free (Pre-registration is required)

- **Yoga in the Park:** Des Moines Parks and Recreation invites you to start off your Saturday with free yoga at Gray's Lake Park! Join us every week on the Southeast Lawn through Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for free classes led by volunteer instructors from around the metro. Yoga in the Park is perfect for all skill levels, from curious beginner to advanced yogi. Classes will not be held in the event of rain. Please text DSMEVENTS to 84483 to sign up for text alerts regarding weather.
 - **Star Party:** For more than 2,000 years, the Perseid meteor shower has been the most active meteor shower of the year, and this Star Party will be held during one of the peak nights for viewing meteors! We will meet at the Ewing Park Lilac Arboretum Saturday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. for crafts, experiments and other activities. While the sun is setting, we will have guest speakers talk about the night sky and the interesting things you can see there as well as an outdoor movie screening.
 - Interested in a certain park project? Check out our [Planning Division](#) page.
- [Drake Report Update](#) - Ryan Arnold
 - Nothing new at this time of year. Most is ongoing from last month's minutes. August will be more robust. Stadium timeline - underway, late summer 2023. Broke ground on Broadlawns.
- General Neighborhood Updates
 - July 21st - Planning and Zoning. Triangle had to go back through approval again. It's on the consent agenda.
 - Please go to your council folks about how making neighborhood signs and other pride points in your neighborhood is too hard. Please please talk as neighbors and as the association to simplify some of this work.
 - Got a letter today, on the corner on 35th and Cottage Grove – the people who own that corner asked for Invest DSM to help them add an ice cream shop and a little tienda. They have been talking to an architect. We have been trying to get more info, it will be on the 21st meeting Planning and Zoning, asking them to kick it back so we can look at it.
 - 24th-35th getting a traffic study on Cottage Grove. For ped walkway and possible speed bumps.
 - Wesley doing the new Meals on Wheels building – Jason's wife (a resident) will be planning it.
 - Kingman Boulevard needs some help volunteering with planting. Have a short window to get flowers in the ground. Lori has asked churches, NextDoor, etc. Need some volunteers.
 - Ward 1 is having a potluck so that the different neighborhoods and neighbors can get to know each other. That is on July 25th, in the evening.
 - Courtney has a bunch of dates for the newsletter.
 - Drake move-in weekend: Aug 23rd weekend
 - Witmer Park dedication delayed – still having some bathroom delays.
 - Need two board members to write an article about anything for the newsletter sent in by October 1: KJ, Jason, Stephanie
 - SEND TO COURTNEY OR COLLEEN

Meeting Adjourned 7:43 pm