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Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, August 10th on 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"/>
Jessica Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carl McPherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colin Ashwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Robinson, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Auge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keshavan Sridhar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie Brennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Stuyvesant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Colleen Briscoe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annelise Tarnowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Calhoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alec Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

6:33 pm - Board Business

- Approval of August Agenda - Motion: Stephanie, Second: Colin | Motion carried
- Old Business
 - Appointment review of new Board Member, Jessica Adams
 - 3rd grade teacher at Moore, moved to the neighborhood in October 2020, always been interested and involved in local governance.
 - Motion: Courtney, Second: Colleen | Motion carried
 - Board member resignation and potential candidates
 - Rachel Campbell - first meeting, interested in open position
 - Owned a home in the neighborhood for 3 years, trying to embrace her Des Moines-ness. Investigator for the city's civil and human rights commission. Previously worked for the state. Went to law school in Vermont. Big snowboarder and biker, dirt bike, has two rescue dogs.
 - Review of July Financial Activities - KJ
 - Lot of bank activity this last month
 - Starting balance \$7,248.49 > ending balance \$5,730.83
 - \$355 deposit, 2 1-year membership deposit, \$30 for yard sign
 - 3 debits: marketing for events, some for food, rental for table and chairs (from grant)
 - The spending is from grants: over the last two months \$5,000 Polk county (in the process of getting spent), \$500 for garden (almost all spent).

- Recap of the 150th Block Party and Ice Cream Social
 - Block Party went really well, lots of people (300-400), we went through food really fast. Stephanie killed it with the DNA store bringing in over \$1,780. Great engagement from local partners, lots of connection to the neighbors and great conversations, music was great. **Almost 30 new members with about 10 of those being 5-year memberships. Lucky Horse and Dough Co donated all the food they could (basically ran out of food!),** some donated sandwiches from Jimmy Johns and then we bought some, bought some food at discount from China Place, bought some full price food from Gursha, got some pops and chips from HyVee.
 - Ice Cream Social - 60-75 people, we were able to show people the new shelter. The rental of that is really taking off.
- New Business
 - Email from Heather Tamminga, City Coordinator. Lori met with Ward 1, they are pulling together a neighborhood association guideline and classes so that people can learn more about how to make their association more successful. They will have classes this fall. She is also responsible for doing the Invest DSM for non SID areas. She is also part of new funding opportunities for new funding opportunities for neighborhood associations. Capacity Building Grant (\$1,000—cover operating expenses, cover an event) and Innovation Grant (\$1,000—innovative programs that could be replicated by other neighborhoods). 51 neighborhood associations, they have 52 opportunities for these. **We will move forward with applying for Capacity Building Grant.**
 - Significant Committee Updates:
 - Communications Committee
 - Grace Church reached out, sadly Pastor Nate was reassigned. Want to make him a little neighborhood going away basket with swag and gift cards. KJ motioned for 2 t-shirts and a tote and \$25 to Dough Co. \$25 to Lucky Horse | Annelise second | Motion passed.
 - Grace helped us get our portable restroom ready, they are serving as our host for Rock the Block, serving lunch every day.
 - Increase Capacity/Membership Committee
 - Streamlined process for business memberships, spreadsheet
 - Give Ken access to the database
 - Update business memberships on the website
 - Safe and Inclusive Neighborhood Committee
 - Evelyn Davis Event Request
 - August 20th in the park - looking for volunteers, face painters especially!
 - Rock the Block Volunteers - September Wednesday the 14th-Saturday the 17th
 - They are mostly full of volunteers, but would love some folks to join on the Saturday, morning to about 1:15pm. Ideally, we set up as teams, 7-8 people per team. We will sign up as a team as a board.
 - Some areas near Carpenter to garden. 22nd and Clark triangle, memorial garden. Habitat can help with landscaping and gardening. We should as a neighborhood association contribute to that.
 - Historical/Architectural Walking Tours – October 8th is our last 150th event

- It's during Drake Parents weekend, it will be shorter than other similar tours we've done in the past, will plan to capture more of our diversity and spend more time in Dogtown.
- Our event is in the morning, and in the afternoon there will be a similar event in the neighborhood from Jeff Bruning from Full Court Press called Eat, Drink, Architecture that benefits the IA Architectural Fund. It's from the Greek Church to the Basilica and they are working with Drake. We will co-promote.
- Carl Voss
 - A city council meeting on August 22nd will include conversation about ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. Still a lot of asks to work through, they are focusing on childcare and pre-school education.
 - Meals on Wheels breaks ground in October in our neighborhood. Their current location does not have a dishwasher or garbage disposal so this new location is going to be GREAT for them.
 - Carl's newsletter mentioned how well the Summer Park Programs at Drake Park and EKD Park did.
 - The city council is getting a lot of calls about panhandlers in dangerous intersections. Panhandling is protected speech, but for safety reasons they cannot be on roads where the speed is 30 MPH or faster, and can't be on a median that is less than 6' wide.
 - For residents living houseless: when the city began raising the levees, that moves out a lot of residents, some have moved to alleys. In early September, he is going with someone from Joppa to look at a tiny home village in Austin, TX. Encourage them to go east of East 14th and Herriot. North bank of Des Moines river. Ward 3 is where they are looking. **For any neighbors who have ideas for helping house our houseless neighbors or to keep them safe in the elements, please contact Carl, he wants to hear it.**
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7:32 pm - Neighborhood Updates

- Introductions
- [NBSD Updates \(Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Program\)](#):
 - **Mark McKinney**: contacted by Des Moines Register, inquiries into neighborhoods, they are noticing an uptick in violent crimes. They are in transition with their stats system, but we should have an update for the next meeting. He wanted to know if we wanted the mobile care crisis unit to come and speak at a meeting. **Lori said yes, please send her any questions you have for them.**
 - **Carl Voss**: his newsletter from today has info from CV3's Ivette Muhommed and Mr McCoy, they have had 56 mediations since they first started. And the trainer said that this team was the best prepared team he had seen in 4 years. There was an intervention that they made DURING the event.
- [Parks and Recreation Update](#)
 - Laura Murphy was not able to attend. We have trail guides, river walk stuff, shelter sign up, so many documents.
 - Looking for people to sit and watch bikers and pedestrians to provide information to build out trails. Need volunteers and you get \$10 in bikeped bucks, can be used for all kinds of activities with parks and rec. **Looking for volunteers: location at Drake Park and Cottage Grove the dates**

that they are asking for are September 13th, 14th, 17th. Shift is a couple of hours, preferred in pairs.

- At the August 22nd City Council meeting will authorize the purchase of a new video screen replacing the inflatable screen that many neighborhood groups have used for Free Flicks in the park. This will be the equivalent of what you would see at Principal Park. Wouldn't have to wait until it's all the way dark to show the movie.
- TBD - Cottage Grove Ice Cream Shop - have not heard from Hakim Salah again, he is bringing it to P&Z on August 18th 6:00 pm - Lori is not going to be available for this one. Courtney can go, the most affected neighbor will send a letter of his concerns.
- [Drake Report Update](#) - Ryan Arnold
 - Move-in is coming up, some students are back already, athletes are back and student leaders move back soon. August 23rd and 24th are the big move-in days. Move in will look a lot like the older 2019 days, expect traffic on 30th and Forest. Then students have Welcome Weekend.
 - Merge will break ground in the fall, taking down the buildings north of the US Bank drive-through, but won't start construction until after winter. The students will move into Campus Suites at Dogtown next week!
- General Neighborhood Updates
 - Mural at xBk will be underway any time here!
 - There is a Des Moines Art Center bus tour of the area and will be stopping at our murals in the neighborhood - September 10th
 - Courtney and Colin attended the charter school meeting today.
 - Their locations look like they will be all over the city. Target students from Drake, Riverbend neighborhood. Don't know if they will ask anything of us.
 - The charter laws changed, the local governments used to charter it, now the state can without the local school board. Usually more successful schools go through the school board. A previous charter project was not successful because it didn't work with Des Moines Public School board, but because it's through the Dept of Ed, they believe it will be more successful.
 - When Colin taught in Cleveland, the charter schools weren't very high quality. This is a national org with no other schools in Iowa. Courtney says one of the people starting it (Sunny) has lived in our neighborhood before, the gentleman (Roger) donated a lot to the downtown pool. The two of them now live in Arizona.
 - They are looking for board members, which is the reason they had the meeting. Want their charter by Jan 2023.
 - Urban Dreams was not there, and CFUM was there. IJAS was there. There were two other sessions.
 - They won't have a union, they won't pay their teachers better, they won't have benefits for the teachers, most of the students that they will get sent will be the students with more behavioral issues. They were very open about this.

Meeting Adjourned 8:34 pm