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Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the Polk County Senior Center and on Zoom at 6:30 pm

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Courtney Ackerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alec Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessica Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristina Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colin Ashwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carl McPherson	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keshavan Sridhar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colleen Briscoe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Stuyvesant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Calhoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annelise Tarnowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rachel Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

6:38 - Board Business

- Approval of September Agenda - Motion: Eddie, Second: Courtney | motion carried
- Old Business
 - Appointment review of new Board Member, Rachel Campbell
 - Motion: Ken, Second: Eddie | motion carried
 - Review of August Financial Activities - KJ
 - Balance:
 - C: \$4,341.25
 - S: \$14,122.75
 - Checking had a lot of events and activity this month. Most of the costs of the events have been from grants. \$1,730 in sales from shirts and books. Yard signs are selling very well. Small repair bill for the community garden for \$25.
 - Recap of the following:
 - Planning and Zoning meeting – 08/18
 - Two properties went on:
 - 3124 Kingman Boulevard: The owners want it to be an 8-plex. Neighbors do not want that as the maintenance alone already has

been lacking. P&Z is not rezoning, so it is still a 4-plex until they see a site plan

- 2800 Brattleboro: went to a duplex, no issue
- Varsity Theater is going on Thursday for their new signs going up
- The proposed ice cream shop on Cottage and 35th still has some things they need to do based on city code as recommendations. Community members came forward to voice concerns about the parking, the traffic, and that it is a residential area. But those things were not relevant to the things being voted on. The commission wants the city to do a traffic study but that was not possible the way the commissioners wanted. They are evaluating the parking lot situation and will revisit at a later meeting.
- Des Moines Art Center Tour – 09/10
 - They did a tour around the city (starting with us) looking at urban art (esp murals). It rained but they went inside xBk instead and Amber talked about Invest DSM. They had a lot of the mural artists talk about their work (Leftys, xBk).
- New Business
 - Forestdale Banking
 - They want some help keeping track of funds. We will consider creating an additional bank account and assist them in doing it through us.
 - Significant Committee Updates:
 - Communications Committee - no update
 - Increase Capacity/Membership Committee - no update
 - Safe and Inclusive Neighborhood Committee
 - Rock the Block – September 14th – 17th
 - Will be joining the Drake faculty team or the Drake football team
 - xBk Mural Unveiling – October 1st Reception at 6:00, DJ at 7:30
 - Community activity for everyone in the neighborhood
 - \$100 to help with a community activity. Motion: Courtney, Second: Jessica | motion carried
 - Historical/Architectural Walking Tour Volunteers – October 8th (9:00 am)
 - Need volunteers for check-in, payment, Drake merchandise sales
 - Two rotations of parents, 9:00 and 11:00
 - Later on, sort of overlapping there is an Eat Drink Architecture event (Lucky Horse x Library x Architectural Group)
 - Des Moines Public Library – Community Storytelling – October 8th
 - Franklin Library is doing a community table, food, festival, do we want to be a vendor in the vendor area from 9:00-5:00?
 - Jessica will volunteer with maybe Courtney as well
 - Dogtown Lighting Event – Saturday, November 12th
 - Reserve this time, it will be great! More details to come
 - Rotary Grant
 - We got the \$10,000 grant to do the sign! Finally getting to finish it.

7:06 pm - Neighborhood Updates

- Introductions
- [NBSD Updates \(Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Program\):](#)
 - Mark McKinney:
 - They have been in flux since the recent retirement, they have a new lieutenant. 19th of August, homicide at 31st and university, solved in a day.
 - Had an event for the Boys & Girls club and there was a lot of Drake University senior leadership which was heartening and the numbers looked outstanding. Raised \$600,000+. Really cool event and so excited to see the volunteerism in the neighborhood again.
 - Rash of students approached by a man on campus a few different times, demanding money.
 - Crime stats software is almost done and there will be a public part of it where we can look up some of the crime stats on our own. POI stuff (churches, libraries), as well as some crime stuff as a snapshot. The mobile crisis folks are putting together a presentation for us so we can learn more about everyone that goes along on calls like that.
- Iowa Food Cooperative – Hillary Burbank
 - Located on Franklin next to library, been around for about 11 years. Online farmers market that is year-round. Everything is within the state. You can read about and get to know the producers and ask questions to them. Great way for producers to manage what they sell and where. It is a 2-week cycle. Once you get into the flow it's great. If you need something outside the area there is a satellite drop. You get a few weeks free when you first join. At least 200 different producers. You can also come in to shop if you want to!
 - Also Global Greens is doing a lot of welcome stuff and their market is great!
- Horizon Science Academy Des Moines – Christopher Murphy
 - Concept Schools – nonprofit charter management out of the Chicago area. Power point was distributed for review. There are a lot of amazing schools in Des Moines, but can face some struggles. Charter schools are a public option. Charter School is a public school, tuition free, non-selective. When they consider where to put it, they want to target an area that is already struggling. 31 charter schools around the midwest. 13,000 kids. He is getting to know the area and wanting to get to know all of the neighborhoods and people in them.
 - STEM-focus and college prep. The State Board of Education would be the governing body, outside of DMPS. They can do extended school day, change the schedule. Maybe smaller class sizes. Publicly funded dollars from state and federal. Local tax dollars will not be funneled to it. Will serve maybe 190 kids, K-3. Because Gov. Reynolds created a bill that allowed for federal dollars to these schools and for the department of education to oversee their operation rather than the Des Moines School Board.
 - Class sizes are in the 20s. Literacy goals will still be STEM-field related. As they get older, the college tracks kick in.
 - 95-96% graduation rate. 35 million dollars brought in merit-based scholarships for college.
 - Back-end services is what they provide. Academic resources with folks who write state-aligned curriculum. Job/professional development. Financial services to work with the school.
 - School plan: application will be submitted before **November 1st**. K-12 charter. Will start with K-3. Establish trust and establish relationships. Before they can launch there is a lot of public comment time. Within 75 days there is a ruling from the state board of education.

- They are looking at some schools that need help according to them. Those schools are struggling and historically underserved. Looking to get into that community and help to support those schools.
- They will not have transportation. Will find and renovate existing spaces. 40-50,000 sq ft but would grow more as they age up and grade up. They do have to renew after a while and defend it.
- Lottery and then a waitlist based on the DMPS area. The only priority is if an older sibling gets in and a younger sibling eventually wants in.
- Looking for board members.
- [Parks and Recreation Update](#) - Laura Murphy
 - NEW Fall/Winter Program Guide: <https://bit.ly/fallwinternaguide2022-23>
 - September Parks and Recreation Update e-news: [September Newsletter link](#)
 - Upcoming events/programs:
 - Fall After-School Program = free for K-8 graders; Drake Park is a location: <bit.ly/fallafterschool2022>
 - Youth Basketball registration open Oct. 1: <bit.ly/youthbasketball2022>
 - Nature Trail Running Series every September in Wednesday: *no registration required!*
 - Monarch Tagging: <bit.ly/monarchs2022>
 - Job openings for Brenton Skating Plaza: <bit.ly/brentonjobs2022>
 - Yoga through end of September: *no registration required!*
 - Annual Report Photo Contest underway through Oct. 4: <woobox.com/po2z57>
 - So many fun things – check it out: www.dmparks.org
- [Drake Report Update](#) - Ryan Arnold
 - Use your community events pass – athletics events (no theater this year)!
 - Governor Ray documentary premier to come watch for free before the broadcast – Sept 26th
 - Oct 27th: Bucksbaum Lecture - Marie Yovanovitch
- Drake Student Update - Lesly/Marguerite
 - Just had Harvest Party. 250 attendees yesterday. They served food from the garden and planted and.
 - Paul Morrison Spruce Up Day Oct 1st - 10-12 pm. Meet at Harkin.
 - October 28th: Halloween Hoops 5-7 pm in the Knapp Center. Game at 6:00 so the attendees get in for free.
- General Neighborhood Updates

Meeting Adjourned 7:53 pm

