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Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, October 12, Polk Co. Senior Center and Zoom, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Colin Ashwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Robinson, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Auge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keshavan Sridhar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie Brennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Stuyvesant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	Rachel Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alec Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

6:39 PM - Board Business

- Approval of October Agenda - Eddie motioned, Steph seconded | motion carried
- Welcome Elected Officials
- Old Business
 - Review of September Financial Activities - KJ
 - Checking: Ending balance: \$3,389.08
 - Savings: Ending balance: no change since last month
 - \$25 credit for a t-shirt, check for \$976.31 for the Cottage Grove Block Party. \$5,000 grant and came in with only \$60 to spare, great work!
- Recap of the following:
 - Rock the Block – September 14th–17th
 - Lots of great projects, lots of great volunteers, great working with Habitat
 - **If anyone has photos, please send to Steph and Colleen!**
 - Neighborhood Tool-Kit – September 28th
 - New role with the city (Heather Tamminga) to help neighborhood associations be effective. This event was great timing because the Executive Committee got to leverage all of their resources. That will be available to the board soon.
 - If anyone on the board wants to look at those resources, you can get it online. You can also attend any of the classes.
 - Mural Unveiling – Oct 1st

- Open House – Oct 2nd
 - Beautiful house, cool to see the old pieces and what was destroyed and what is changing. Was a Funeral Home. They have only done the outside so far, but will probably keep showing off the changes happening. Elevator in there, 3rd floor is a ballroom!
- Historical Walking Tours – Oct 8th
 - Had 61 parents come through from Drake Parents Weekend. The Iowa Arch. Foundation did one with Full Court Press (Eat, Drink, Architecture). The Varsity is looking good!
 - Colin, Lori, Annelise, Ryan gave the neighborhood tours.
- Des Moines Public Library – Community Storytelling – Oct 8th
 - Jessica helped with that: it was a beautiful day. Sold 2 Cottage Grove books, some tees and yard signs. Talked to a lot of other Neighborhood Associations.
- New Business
 - Significant Committee Updates:
 - Communications Committee
 - Increase Capacity/Membership Committee
 - Safe and Inclusive Neighborhood Committee
 - Ward 1 Potluck and Exchange – Oct 27th
 - They'd like to start to share ideas and see how we can best support each other
 - Courtney, Annelise, KJ to attend
 - Dogtown Lighting Event – Saturday, November 12th
 - DSM Civic Music Assoc. Doing a lot of the planning, we won't have to do as much planning as before. Lots of music live at the event.
 - October 31st: start hanging the curtain lights for it!
 - Drake Entrance sign Update
 - Met with Lashier Graphics & Signs– designing it!
 - Des Moines Marathon this weekend, Sunday the 16th
 - Elections coming up, nominating committee been contacted, so starting to finalize that!

6:55 PM - Neighborhood Updates

- Introductions
- [NBSD Updates \(Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Program\):](#)
 - Mark McKinney:
 - Lot of car problems, criminal mischief on campus. Random things being taken out of cars. Don't leave anything of value in the cars, keep em locked.
 - Today was busy: just got done looking for [unintelligible] homicide.
 - Last night: 1170 MLK an officer was assaulted.
 - Their stats program is still down. When they updated the RMS, they lost the CrimeView data. This company promised that they would have a similar program up when they switched over. Still waiting. Back in the hands of the city from the developer.
 - Cottage Grove and 31st two weeks ago. What was the resolution on that. Mental health calls for sure.
 - Eric Barker:
 - Has a conflict on this night. No house/housing issues to pass on.
- [Parks and Recreation Update](#)

- Laura Murphy (Lori Calhoun giving her update):
 - Awarded the Gold Medalist award: https://www.dsm.city/news_detail_T2_R564.php
- Neighborhood Development Corp – Development at 21st and University: Abbey Gilroy
 - The Varsity: pre-sales start in November with shows in December
 - 1408 31st Street: they passed on all the furniture that was there, getting ready for asbestos abatement and demolition. They'll close on the lots near tomorrow, and will combine them. Then sell some of it to Home, Inc. Little restaurant, one level of apartments.
 - The old Kum & Go: in for tax credits to help bring that to fruition. They have been so generous with that property, but they really wanted it to go to a local mission-minded developer. They did the demo and tank removal. They are working with a local grocer in the neighborhood and they will now get to expand. There will be a housing element to that as well. Mixed income project, 30-100%. Starting design next week.
 - <https://businessrecord.com/Content/Default/All-Latest-News/Article/-6-5-million-development-planned-in-Drake-neighborhood-will-include-grocery-store-workforce-apartment-units/-3/248/98644>
 - Looking for improvements to the Lucky Horse building for some outdoor space, murals. Need to add restrooms to make that happen.
- Public Measure #1 – Katie Jones
 - Proposed constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot. Just for the Iowa Constitution. SU supporters say it's like the 2nd amendment. It's actually much more extreme than that because it includes: "strict scrutiny" is a legal term that says that any gun-related litigation will be held to the highest legal scrutiny.
 - It will threaten our few existing gun safety legislations: only three other states have this legislation, and it has happened there. And will shut the door for future conversations. Will be expensive for taxpayers due to the litigation. Missouri, Louisiana, Alabama. They are the three highest states for gun violence.
 - When the majority of people read the language, they agree. Until they hear what the consequences are, they change their minds and say no.
 - **Once it is in the constitution, it is basically impossible to get it out.**
 - Resources to learn:
 - <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2022/09/01/iowans-vote-whether-add-right-to-keep-and-bear-arms-constitution-gun-rights/10308509002/>
 - <https://iowansforgunsafety.org/strict-scrutiny/>
- [Drake Report Update](#) - Ryan Arnold
 - Bucksbaum Lecture: Thursday October 27th, 7:00 pm Knapp Center: Marie Yovanovitch
 - The house that was the Wesley House at 28th and University: that foundation closed a few years ago. Drake has purchased the property a few years ago, but now they don't work out of there any more. Drake has now started talking to people who are interested in moving in. They are purchasing the property for \$1, and Drake is contributing \$20-30k (what it would cost them to raise the property). They will jack it up, put it on a semi, move it. It will be moving to Sherman Hill. This house was originally moved from another location to where it is now! That will start late October, early November. Unfortunately, two trees have to come down.
 - Don't know what will happen to the lot there. The other cultural homes behind will be retained of course. They are focusing more on a new student center.
- Drake Student Update - Lesly/Margueritte
 - Wanted to say thank you to everyone who came to Paul Morrison Spruce Up Day

- Friday, October 28th 5:00-7:00 - Halloween Hoops at Knapp Center: Halloween carnival for kids, anyone who comes also gets free admission to the volleyball game after.
 - If we wanted to host a game, we just need to staff it but it can be set up ahead of time for us.
- General Neighborhood Updates
 - Carolyn Walker: The city is in the process of drafting a Climate Action Plan and they want feedback from the neighborhoods about what people want to see. Can be food security, transportation, energy use, etc.
 - They are having a meeting at the Polk County Senior Center Thursday night October 20th at 7:15 pm. We want the kids who are growing up now to have the same earth that we've appreciated. Iowa's climate is changing.
 - Emma Cress: Senior at Drake doing a project about how flooding and green space and parks affect our neighborhood. They will be speaking at the meeting next Thursday.
 - Wesley Life Meals on Wheels groundbreaking: Monday 24th 2:00-3:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned 7:36 PM

Attachments:



