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**Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, December 14, Polk County Senior Center, 6:30 pm**

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Courtney Ackerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alec Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Colin Ashwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carl McPherson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ken Auge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Robinson, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**TIME - Board Business**

- Josh Mandelbaum (City Council)
  - Drake Neighborhood
    - Road changes to university. From 25th to 39th for consistency in the roadway. Make it safer for all users. More walkable, more accessible.
      - Next construction season, dates are flexible (you get better deals when you allow this).
    - Sewer project, making progress. Creates a lot of potential.
    - Varsity reopening
  - Other parts of the city:
    - The gas station on Ingersoll is mixed use, ground floor retail and 20 units above.
    - First new construction accessory dwelling unit, the city council has made that possible in other places.
    - These things only work if people in the neighborhood can easily get to them
  - Starting the budget process, tomorrow night you can go to the last public budget sessions.
  - Been a lot of work about post-pandemic stuff for downtown

- Our downtown weathered the pandemic better than others. Need to harness the diversity of our downtown, need all of those pieces thriving to make it work.
      - Drake is a great example of that, too.
    - City is looking at buying one of the Nationwide buildings downtown to be an office building as well as a new police headquarters. They had \$35 million for the capital budget. The empty lot across from city hall should become IT, neighborhood services, economic development and that \$35 million is budgeted for that.
      - Did a study about what they need to do for long-term public safety. There was a survey that called for ~\$160 million public safety changes. This annex building (\$35 million plan) will be all of this rolled into one. As well as the current river place area for municipal housing and civil and human rights as well as the law enforcement academy building.
        - Timeline: just entered a contract with an architect (6 months), then a final decision. It will take multiple years to get everyone moved in. Will see some staff sooner rather than later.
      - Will open up some development opportunities right on the river.
    - City website will have the details ([Capitol Improvements](#))
- SAA - Margueritte
  - Drake volleyball is playing the championship right now. Students will be on their way out and off campus until they move back for J Term. IF you are working with any students, give them some grace.
- Invest DSM - Christopher Civitate
  - Josh highlighted a lot of the project. Nothing has happened to have the drawings for that project. Floor Plan layouts for the project. 24 units, 2 will be 2 beds, rest will be 1 bed, not studio. The 2 will be fully ADA accessible, rest are compliant.
  - Ingersoll – looking towards doing more solar panels
  - 30th cottage grove corner is going well, should finish out the spring/summer
  - House on Second one in from cottage on 27th with boarded windows that they purchased, will be coming down. Same on 1122 26th Street.
  - ADU Project – working to get more of those going. Garden suite ADUs.
  - Trying to get solar on south-facing roofs. Trying to build sustainability.
  - Triangle Sign – still working on it.
  - Dogtown Lights was an awesome event yet again.
  - They have money with xBk, doing some security updates on the south side of the neighborhood.
  - Canary Lofts doesn't seem to have any retail down into it. Is that different from what may happen elsewhere? Most businesses are looking for bigger spaces for the most part. Doing some building in the Franklin area as well. Canary is probably too high for the neighborhood, price-wise.
  - Irene's will only probably be there for another three years. With the retail gap it's not helping people walk down the way

- Block Challenge – completed 109+ projects. On the homeowner reno side, 149+. Sold 2 homes in Drake Neighborhood. 5 new construction homes across the neighborhoods. Rental ehab program. Worked with two landlords to completion, 1 still on the way. 3118 Cottage Grove has had lots of exterior and interior changes. Served about 25% more families than last year. They are fully staffed and still hiring for another.
- Plans to expand boundaries, not fully defined yet. Will get closer during tomorrow's meeting. Pretty final in January meeting. Possibly two new neighborhoods and expand Columbus Art District and Highland Park District.

#### Elections

- Everyone who ran was elected.
- For the positions slate: approved. Courtney as President and Lori as Treasurer.
  - Need a Vice President.