



## **Meeting Agenda:**

Wednesday, March 8, 2022,

In-person Polk County Senior Center or Virtual by Zoom

### **PRESENT**

Courtney Ackerson  
Colin Ashwood  
Ken Auge  
Colleen Briscoe  
Jason Stuyvesant  
Lori Calhoun  
James Anthofer  
Rachel Campbell  
Brylie Turner (zoom)  
Jessica Adams (zoom)

### **6:30 Board Business Meeting**

Consent Agenda Items:

- Approval of the March Agenda  
-Motion to accept–Colleen, Colin 2nd, all in favor.
- Approval of the Insurance – No Comments via email from the board  
-Motion to accept–Colleen, Colin 2nd, all in favor.

~~Welcome Elected Officials --- 3-5 minutes to speak if desired~~

### **Old Business**

- Review of Financials – Lori, Treasurer  
-Reviewed current balance and details.  
-Motion to approve–Colin, Jason 2nd, all in favor.
- Community Garden Update – Inventory completed of the shed. Next steps.  
-Talked with LSI  
-Found DNA tent  
-Found walking/house tour signs.

### **New Business**

- Any significant committee updates:
  - o Communications Committee Update  
-Colleen updated, she will give access to email/facebook to rest of committee soon.
  - o Increase Capacity/Membership Committee Update  
- Reviewed lists, made sure they were updated
  - o Events Committee Updates  
-Reviewed events, set priorities for events.  
-We need people to sign up or host events. We need a chair for each event.  
-Colin, Ken, Colleen will do Rock the Block.  
-Jason and James will do Block Party  
-Lori Rachel and Colleen will do Walking Tour  
-Courtney, Rachel, Annelise (and KJ) for National Night Out
- Drake Alumni Block Party: They will close a section of 28<sup>th</sup> Street from University Ave to Brattleboro Ave on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 12 pm to 6pm.

-No notes

- Neighborhood Survey from the City due 3/30/23
- No notes

### 7:00 Neighborhood Meeting

NBSD Updates (Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Program)

o Mark McKinney:

- 7 burglaries so far
- 70 crimes reported to DOJ
- It's been calm
- Question from Colin about shots fired, may be fireworks. DMPD will release data about shots fired if they can find evidence that it happened. On general calls for service, you are encouraged to ask DMPD.
- Question from Lori about shoes on telephone wires. Mark confirmed that it does represent drug houses in other parts of the city, but now it's so well known by DMPD as a signal that it's not an effective tool.

- Polk County Assessment Presentation

-Paul Humble:

- Explained differences between tax year and assessment calendar.
- Large gains in value during last two years, the assessments are behind the market so people will see large increases in assessed value.
- Valuation excludes certain kinds of purchases and sales
- Then they get a location adjustment.  $MV = (LV + BV) * L$   
Market Value = (Land Value + Building Value) \* Location adjustment
- Rollback says value can only go up by 3% a year, so the taxable value will be significantly lower than the assessed value even after massive gains in market value over the last two years.
- Homeowners will see valuations go up by 20% because of the market but the tax bills won't follow suit as quickly.
- Appeals?
- Main ways: Assessment is not equitable with other similar properties, assessed value is more than value authorized by law.

- City Council

-Karl Voss

- Difficult to set budgets while state legislature is so busy with massive changes
- There is a position to reduce homelessness
- There is discussion to create a position to reduce youth violence, may be housed within Broadlawns
- Traffic calming on Hickman from 9th to Beaver.

- Update on the SID Steering committee

- Talked again about goals and stakeholders
- InvestDSM houses that were held up will be hitting the market soon.
- 3125 Kingman Blvd house will be coming down, no longer an 8-plex. Would like it to be a townhome project in the future.

o Polk County Treasurer

- Reminder that there is an elderly and disabled tax credit for property taxes
- New process for vehicle titling is astonishingly quick.

- Drake Report Update – Ryan

- Bucksbaum Lecture series, Bob Woodward
- Sunday April 23 Road Races
- April 26-28 Drake Relays
- Fan Fest on Forest Ave.

- SAA - Marguerite
  - Getting students engaged in community more often
  - Paul Morrison Day April 22 10-noon
- Short Introductions before the meet and greet:
  - o Cottage Grove Traffic Calming study
  - o Rebuilding Together
  - o Uplift - Central Iowa Basic Income Pilot
  - o Rock the Block - Habitat for Humanity
  - o Trees Forever – Andrew Hirst
  - o Neighborhood Development Corporation – Abbey Gilroy

**Meet and Greet – Open house style:** Time to talk with organizations and individuals

**Meeting Adjourned**