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Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, Polk County Senior Center/Zoom, 6:30pm

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Courtney Ackerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessica Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shannon Coryell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Anthofer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristina Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Colin Ashwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Robinson, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ken Auge	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6:39 pm - Board Business

- Roll Call
- Welcome Elected Officials - none at first, Connie Boesen and Carl Voss came later
- Review and Approve April Agenda
 - Vote - motioned: Jason | second: Colin | passed
- Old Business
 - Review and approve March Minutes
 - Vote via email
 - Review of March Financial Activities - Lori
 - Approve [attached](#) financial report
 - 2022 tax return e-postcard filed 04/07/23
 - EC needs to update signature cards for the bank account - **this month**
 - Pay your dues!
 - Community Garden update
 - Next steps conversation with LSI, [LSI representative Lynette Thornton](#)
 - [News story attached.](#)
 - Are taking over management of the garden. It's important to them that anyone who had a spot can still have one this year, we have reached out. Going to make the plots all the same size.
 - LSI: social service org. Global Greens: farm part of it. 12 years old. Started in community gardens and volunteer land. Global Greens are former or current

refugees/immigrants. 250 gardeners through their program at 22 (now 23) locations.

- Farmers need to be in community gardens for at least a year, then you can move onto the West Des Moines farm (getting more land every year). There are classes over the winter (business, loans, record-keeping). There are markets, CSA shares, and the Elder Food Box (culturally appropriate food boxes to folks around the city).
- They also do a plant sale and a farmers market.
- Taking some walnut trees down, could be cool to make it back into a bench.
- We own the shed on the property that Drake owns. We may store some of our apparel in it. Need to decide who gets keys and whether gardeners/farmers should get access to any of the tools inside. May need a new lock that has a keypad.
- Jason motioned to allow only the DNA president and LSI Lynette to have a key.
- Ken second | Motion passes
- Reminder: Drake Alumni Block Party - They will close a section of 28th Street from University Ave to Brattleboro Ave on Saturday, April 29th, 2023 from 12 pm to 6pm.
- Triangle Update
 - Neighborhood sign design finalized, out for pricing. Plan to be complete in May. [Proof attached](#).
 - Swings are under repair - looking at other options going forward for rebuilding them
- Forest Avenue Traffic Study
 - [Jeff Wiggins](#): they just did a study on this space, looking at safety improvements. Buffered bike lanes, 2-lane section with a raised paved median, some crossing improvements. 24th to MLK, bike lanes and 2-lane. Maybe dropping speed limit from 30 to 25. Beaver and Forest—may be a roundabout in the future (will be about \$2 million—tentatively Summer of 2025). Continuous bike way from Beaver to downtown.
 - Good attendance at the meeting, esp from King Irving community members, Drake, library system, and parks and rec.
- Cottage Grove Traffic Calming Program - [Jeff Wiggins](#) - documents attached: [1](#) and [2](#)
 - Officially there is a speeding problem.
 - Next steps: they recommend the following:
 - Speed Hump - very cheap, very effective over 30 MPH, are noisier
 - Raised Crosswalk - works like a speed hump but stretches to the curbs, consistent grade - more costly because the location may need rerouting of drainage
 - Curb Extension - protects cars, narrows roadway creating friction, folks crossing the street don't need to cross as far in front of traffic - not as costly as the raised crosswalk
 - After that, we give him the OK (or recommendations) then he goes and brings back a more concrete plan about where
 - 60% or greater approve, they move forward (likely implementing in a couple of years)
- New Polk County Sobering Center - planned to open in 2024, Public Meeting
 - DATE: [Wednesday, April 19, 2023](#) | TIME: 6:00 PM | LOCATION: Polk County Central Senior Center, 2008 Forest Avenue, Des Moines, IA
 - There have been a lot of questions about why this location, why the partnerships.

- Connie Boesen and Carl Voss: Broadlawns is doing the [mental health crisis team](#). [Sobering Center](#) is about 10 beds, OWI + not violent, just drunk or high. Folks get picked up by police, taken there to detox. Need to get picked up. They need to stay there for 23 hours. Not jail. Case workers there to help if needed. If they need more medical help, can be transported to Broadlawns.
 - Is there discharge planning and funds? What is [St. Vincent De Paul](#)'s involvement? If people need a ride home, make sure the system is up-front money, not reimbursement.
 - May be moving the walk-in mental health clinic as well.
 - Also adding a Welcoming Center to that building to help immigrants and refugees after their first 3 months of services. Help navigate the system.
 - Colin and/or Rachel and/or Jessica will attend the meeting
 - Send letter of support to Steve Neighbor to support temporary parking on 35th street during all the construction. The Library Cafe asked Carl Voss for his support and he recommended that we support as well.
 - Motion: Jess | Second: Colin | Passes
 - April Mega Scrub Day - [April 15, 2023](#)
 - Changed location: from Hoover High School to Merle Hay Mall North Parking lot for April 15, 2023. Hoover changed their parking lot, creating difficult traffic flow. We have made arrangements to use the parking lot behind the parking ramp on the North side of the Merle Hay Mall.
 - Assessment: press about the assessments: we just got a letter about the value. The taxable value will be considerably less, payable in September 2024, 3% change. Getting a lot of roads and sewers fixed up. New fire station in the neighborhood. 6 new pre-schools with wraparound daycare. (some of this is ARPA and then will be state money). New homeless liaison on the city staff. Being in Invest DSM territory.
- New Business
 - Jim Perdue – from [A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy \(AMOS\)](#) - nonprofit, nonpartisan
 - Introduction - believes in the inherent dignity of each person, and every person's ability to take action. We seek to channel individual action into a responsible and powerfully organized force for the common good. AMOS is an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation, the nation's oldest and largest organizing network. AMOS ([amosiowa.org](#))
 - AMOS is a broad-based organization of faith congregations, neighborhood groups, and nonprofits working together to develop citizen leaders, strengthen community institutions, and advocate on the issues important to families. Their members are not individuals, they are organizations.
 - Tenets: lasting affordability for homes, shelter people permanently, wealth creation for new homeowners, stabilizing and strengthening communities
 - 25 years in this area. 1-on-1 conversations, house meetings, neighborhood walks.
 - They are doing one of these on [May 6th from 9:00-12:00](#)
 - Looking at forming a community land trust. Separate the land from the building. The person finances the home (lower mortgage). And when they sell it will go to someone in the same situation. Most people who do this first, they end up moving into the “regular” home ownership process.
 - Possible opportunity to join AMOS as a member – would require discussion and a vote at a future date, [please read and digest](#)

- [Mark McKinney](#) - NBSD – Update on neighborhood safety
 - 96 total calls last month: 14 burglaries (cars, garages, homes, sheds). 7 criminal mischief (spray painting–hate and racially motivated). 5 drug overdoses - cops all have narcan now. A few late-night car chases 80-90 mph. Relays is coming up and Forest will be shut down. Felony near 34th. A lot of medical calls.
- Drake Report Update – Ryan Arnold/John Smith
 - No update except that Relays is April 26-29
- Ryan Arnold HOME Inc. – Needs letter of support
 - [Vote on this](#)
 - Motioned: Shannon, Second: Jason | carried
- Drake Student Update
 - Paul Morrison Spruce Up Day - [April 22 10-12](#) - adopted whitman park, they will do 4 spruce up days per year. 10:00-11:00 clean up. 11:00-12:00 tabling.
- Significant Committee Updates:
 - Communications Committee
 - Put together two documents:
 - A calendar of people who will be assigned months that they are in charge of posting.
 - Have a repository of information for posting – services
 - Increase Capacity/Membership Committee
 - We have so many things, need a better or different meeting time perhaps
 - Events Committee
 - Courtney has been working on how to do the Kingman Boulevards – leaf clean-up, gardening, etc.
- Hakim Salah – Opening the ice cream shop on Cottage Grove. Would like to discuss using the construction fence for advertisement of the Drake Neighborhood Association.
 - He may need to talk with the city to add signage.
 - Maybe he can donate the sign to us as an in-kind donation in exchange for membership.
- Parks:
 - [Summer camp](#) registration is open.
 - [Mayor's Annual Ride](#) next week: \$30 - t-shirt, beer, bike
 - [31 Miles \(May\)](#): you can walk, crawl, do 31 miles in whatever way you want. \$10/person.
 - [Gray's Lake](#) Terrace hours:
 - May 1st – 26th Monday – Friday: 4- 8 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 - May 27th – Aug. 11th Daily: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 - Aug. 7th – Labor Day (Sept. 4th) Monday – Friday: 1- 8 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 - Gray's Lake opens Beach May 27th
 - May 27th – Aug. 11th Monday – Sunday: 12 – 6 p.m.
 - Aug. 12 – Labor Day (Sept. 4th) Saturday & Sunday: 12 – 6 p.m.
 - [Pickleball Tournament](#) - registration closes soon! - May 13th -\$20/team, doubles
 - [Adult kickball](#) - registration closes by Saturday - \$195/team
 - [Youth baseball](#) open through the end of the month
 - [Birding Basics](#) every wednesday March-May
 - [EK Davis basketball courts are going to be closed](#) for a bit for improvements
 - [Seasonal jobs](#)

- Board members vacated/vacating/about to vacate their positions:
 - Brylie Turner
 - Jessica off the board in June or July (moving to MPLS)

Should we record Zoom meetings and post?

Send any neighborhood services to Annelise to add to the website

Meeting Adjourned 8:52pm