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Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 - VIRTUAL

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Courtney Ackerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jessica Adams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shannon Coryell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Anthofer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kristina Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6:34 pm - Board Business

- Approval of April Agenda: Motion: Shannon, Second: Ken | Motion carries
- Old Business
 - Minutes have been distributed by Annelise - please approve or send corrections
 - EC has met twice, once to go over website updates. Big news is that our membership renewals have not been going out. Will now. Membership will talk strategy soon on recapture.
 - We have a PO Box, paid and new keys
 - Review of April Financial Activities - Lori - [attached here](#)
 - Individual memberships from the board getting current on memberships and one t-shirt
 - No significant expenses
 - Motion: Colin, Second: Shannon | Motion carries
 - Community Garden update: no updates
 - [The Avenues Committee](#) - Colin (proxy) gave an update that there has not been a meeting yet. Will meet in June. Jason is lead, Colin proxy and Annelise proxy for the proxy.
 - Triangle Update - Lori
 - Finalized design for the sign and that was sent out last month, we have pricing, it's in our budget
 - Des Moines AM Rotary is paying for first half, Invest DSM is picking up the remainder
 - Invest DSM update:

- Meeting with Lori, Courtney, and Christopher on 5/8/23. Talked about Kingman Boulevard ideas. Master Gardeners, architectural design. Want it to be more sustainable, less work.
 - Sobering Center - New Polk County Sobering Center planned to open in 2024. Introduced in the March DNA meeting by Carl Voss. (Wednesday, April 19, 2023 meeting.) Update from Colin who attended the meeting.
 - 1914 Carpenter Ave. Includes a sobering/detox center, a walk-in mental health clinic and a crisis observation center. There was **not** a lot of concern about the services in general, those in attendance were in favor of the services. The **location** caused a lot of concern (it would be near a school and there was not enough notice time-wise). [The Polk County Board of Supervisors](#) says that they already own the building and this is a cheap retro-fit to put it here. Margaret Wright (King-Irving President) is getting a group together to talk more through it. It is right next to our neighborhood, so we are keeping on the pulse.
 - There were concerns at our earlier DNA meeting about transportation. Whether they would pick people up and not help them get back to where they needed to. It sounds like Broadlawns has a plan to transport them away from the center when the time comes.
 - The school is concerned because the center plans to provide security during drop-off and pick-up but not sure about if there will be security during after school activities.
 - Iowa ranked #2 for most excessive drinkers. Something to note from Colleen.
 - Iowa City is the only place in Iowa that already has one, they see about 2 people per day.
 - [Angela Connolly](#) (District 5, us) Board of Supervisors lead the meetings
 - Cottage Grove Traffic Study - update: Courtney
 - We will send updates in the newsletter and Jeff Wiggins will be back at our June meeting
- New Business
 - [Urban Dreams - Dwight Jackson](#)
 - Urban Dreams is moving to a new building hopefully in October – for now they are in the 601 Forest Ave, Des Moines, building
 - Some of their services include a food pantry, deferred expulsion, Broadlawns mental health clinic - [others linked here](#)
 - Because of their temporary move, they have a lot less people using their services
 - They got a grant from the city for a Summer Youth Employment Program. Employing 3 14-16 year olds from all 5 schools and 5 youth from the Urban Dreams program. They will be managed by restorative program managers. They are working in the parks and pools to do some light duty stuff. Service-learning activities in terms of soft skills: how to keep a job, get along, etc.
 - They are looking for opportunities for these young people to work, they are primarily looking on the North side, they have a van and they will take them to jobs and back.
 - Getting going June 1-June 2 is the plan
 - [Parks and Rec - Anthony Leo](#) (he is here as a proxy until they hire for the position)
 - [Spring/Summer program guide](#) came out and you can find a digital link on the website. You can get physical copies from them as well.
 - [Yoga in the Park: Starting June](#)
 - [First weekend June: free fishing weekend](#)
 - Gray's Lake open for watercraft rentals

- Just got the new LED screen and the summer movies are now out (can start showing movies now before the sun goes down)
- [Evelyn K Davis construction began](#), basketball is down through the fall
- Record registrations for summer activities and jobs and camp. Drake location camp is full. Definitely still need some more lifeguards (they need to be certified but parks and rec handles cost and certification—Anthony is double checking that that is true).
- Progress on Whitmer Park restrooms: no update
- Forestdale: Requesting \$100 grant to cover some block party expenses (street permit)
 - 4th of July weekend
 - All day event, parade, live music, potluck lunch, start early and go all night
 - We could set up a tent and a spot - Courtney and Annelise may be able to attend
 - Motion for \$100 for the block party: Lori, Second: Ken | Motion carried
- Planning and Zoning committee:
 - Meets twice a month, Courtney goes when something is in or near the neighborhood
 - There was only one building this time, the Buddhist Society of Des Moines, they want to rezone to commercial to sell it to someone to develop into a grocery store. The person who wanted to buy it was not present. The King neighborhood folks were frustrated that there was not a representative from the buyer side. The sellers talk about that even a few blocks can be too far depending on what streets cross through. Courtney shared a neutral stance and information about future plans for other grocery stores in the area as well. Around 10 people spoke and some letters were sent in opposition. They ended up voting no because nobody was there on the buyer's side to represent.
- [Drake University Student Alumni Association](#) - Marguerite Stoffel
 - Students are finishing up finals, heading out for the summer. Marguerite is excited to be in Des Moines this summer.
 - SAA is planning for next semester which will be busy with Paul Morrison Spruce Up Day, Halloween Hoops and a Harvest Party.
 - SAA has been looking at the possibility of hosting a community fridge. No solid next steps yet.
 - Marguerite is the outstanding student from Donald V Adams, and another outstanding student award
- Drake University - [Ryan Arnold](#)
 - Students are heading out, [commencement is on Saturday](#)
 - 05/18-05/20: [Iowa High School Track and Field](#), traffic will be exceedingly heavy and parking will be scarce
 - Campus goes into summer mode, will host high school graduations
 - 07/26-08/05: Des Moines and Drake are hosting [the AAU Junior Olympic Games](#)
 - 15,000 athletes coming to Des Moines
 - Forest Ave. will need to be closed
 - Drake needs to renew their special use permit to allow food trucks to come in on campus. The trucks go in Olmsted near the painted street side. The Student Activities Board drives it but other boards like to bring trucks in for other events as well.
 - They bring in a handful of trucks but they need a special use permit from Planning and Zoning and the Board of Adjustment.
 - Comments: Lori: sounds like a great idea. Annelise: supports the idea as a way to bring more of Des Moines to the students.

- We will soon pay for two more years of WildApricot.
 - KJ has a bank card, Lori needs to go in to do a signature card. KJ will pay with her card.
 - This has been budgeted and voted on already
- Significant Committee Updates:
 - Communications Committee
 - Having a hard time getting in touch with Rachel.
 - Their monthly plan of picking a person to post each month works well.
 - As well as a way to pre-load posts. Canva can also schedule post things.
 - Courtney working on Newsletter.
 - Courtney started some general posts that the committee can use or change.
 - Increase Capacity/Membership Committee
 - No updates: excited to get going. Need Canva access.
 - Events Committee
 - We can use the calendar on our website (WildApricot) so that we can do registrations, tickets (paid and not), and just generally have a calendar.
 - Events coming up - keep an eye out for to-do items
 - July block party in the plans
 - Christopher from Invest DSM would like to do a block party (in front of the 31st/Cottage Grove houses)
 - August: National Night Out
 - September: Habitat for Humanity - Rock the Block, to keep local people in their homes. All volunteers that do the work, so we need to find some volunteers to step up
 - October: Walking Tour - Historical Homes
- Reminder from Lori: if you want to plant flowers on May 15th, please do! If you have VTO (volunteer-time-off) hours, you can submit those hours by helping us. 9:00 am-11:30 am planting. Please bring tools if you have them. 28th and Kingman
 - Shannon coming and can come help pick up
 - Part of 515 Day - Drake Student Athletes do a bunch of hours volunteering and they have selected us
- [Kim Martorano - Des Moines School Board](#) exciting news coming soon about the superintendent

Motion to adjourn: Colin, Second: Lori | Motion carries, adjourn at 7:47 pm