

**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING MEETING**  
**CRIME & SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 6:30-8:00pm**

**I. Welcome and Introductions (5-10 min)**

- a) Introduce Members of the Planning Committee
- b) Does anyone else need to be added to the committee?

**II. Overview of Neighborhood Planning Process (15 min)**

Kyle Larson, City of Des Moines Community Development Dept.

- a) How does the planning process work?
- b) Role of the Drake Neighborhood Association Board
- c) Role of the Planning Committee
- d) Role of the Planner / City Staff

**III. Discuss Current Neighborhood Crime and Safety Issues (45 min)**

- a) Crime/safety issues vs. property/environment issues
- b) Short term issues vs. long term issues
- c) Are there different concerns in different portions of the neighborhood?

**IV. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location (5 min)**

The meeting began with Kyle giving a brief overview of the neighborhood planning process and discussed the role of the DNA Board, the role of this planning committee, and the role of City staff. The DNA Board is the lead entity responsible for plan implementation. As the Board representative and subcommittee co-chair, Bill Cappuccio acts as liaison between the Board and planning committee. The planning committee will discuss the issues then come up with goals and strategies to deal with the issues. As the planner Kyle will lead the meetings, take notes, gather necessary data or research, draft the plan document, and guide it through the approval process. NBSD staff will also attend the meetings and provide their valuable insight into the issues and advice/possible solutions.

Next the committee began to discuss the current crime and safety related issues in the Drake neighborhood. It was noted that there is still a larger number of neighborhood residents and property owners that are not aware of NBSD. Better awareness of the program and staff contacts should be a priority. The DNA website could be a valuable resource for information sharing. The site already includes information for the Polk County Weed Commissioner and other public resources. Other methods could include informational flyers sent to residents, which the DNA could partner with Drake U. or non-profits such as EFR (Employee & Family Resources) for assistance.

The top five crimes in the Drake neighborhood are: drugs and alcohol, prostitution, landlord/tenant, panhandling, and speeding/traffic violations. Much of the current crime issues involve multi-family housing. It was estimated that 80% of the crime reports and calls are

generated at multi-family addresses in the Drake Neighborhood. Many of these problems are coming from properties owned by the same property owners. Because of this it was again mentioned that both landlords and tenants need to be better engaged and involved in the neighborhood. There is another subcommittee working on rental issues such as this that the crime and safety committee could work jointly with to develop strategies to better engage this segment of the neighborhood. It was asked if the Crime-free Multi-Housing Program could be mandated for all multi-family properties, but staff felt that may be difficult to pass.

One committee member suggested that City ordinances and policies relating to multi-family housing and property maintenance need more “teeth” to crack down on habitual violators and problem properties. This may have some merit but would be a large undertaking that would transcend the Drake Neighborhood and involve neighborhoods Citywide. Land use and zoning changes were also mentioned as a way to address multi-family and alcohol sales issues. A meeting has been set for August 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss land use and zoning in the Drake Neighborhood.

Next Crime and Safety Committee meeting will be July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, at Drake Security Office.