

**Minutes of the March 5, 2008  
Downtown Des Moines Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Call to Order:** President, Mr. Ben Washburn, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**Roll Call:** Board members Mr. Ben Washburn, Mr. Christopher Diebel, and Ms. Stacy Berenguel were present. Ms. Brooke Avila, Stephanie Stegeman, and Officer Misti Allison and Detective John Saunders were also present.

## **Discussion Topics**

### **Approval of 2.06.2008 Minutes**

### **Presentations**

#### **DMPD Report**

- Officer Allen reported that there have been problems at 600 Walnut in front of Walgreens, from approximately 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. High school kids are causing problems inside and around Walgreens, while waiting for the bus transfer.
- Detective Mr. John Saunders from DMPD introduced himself to the board. He focuses on abuse cases.

#### **President's Report**

- Mr. Washburn spoke about the Downtown Community Alliance initiative to create the Downtown Chamber of Businesses. He is attending a meeting to discuss this with other downtown community leaders.
- Mr. Washburn reported that DNA will team up with the Nexus Breakfast Club to support Stage West. DNA will donate \$1,000 to Stage West and sell \$10 tickets to DNA members for its upcoming production, The Lieutenant of Inishmore. The show will be Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Washburn is checking to see if tickets may be purchased on-line via PayPal.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Mr. Eberle was absent from the meeting. Mr. Washburn reported that DNA closed its CDs and its Bankers Trust account. DNA opened an account at US Bank to avoid fees.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Social Committee:** Ms. Avila reported that DNA will host a social at the new French restaurant, Django, on the tentative date of Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>,

from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mr. Diebel reported that Django will provide free appetizers and wine. Mr. Diebel will confirm the date.

Mr. Diebel reported that Midtown Heights (condos) will open in mid-April. Midtown Heights would like to host an event in mid-April or May.

Ms. Avila noted that the Wakonda Club would like to host a social, possibly in mid-May.

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Washburn suggested having a wine and cheese event on the roof of the Whiteline. Mr. Washburn will contact Whiteline to confirm.

Ms. Avila reported that The Stadium would like to host a social in September before the Iowa vs. Iowa State football game. Food will be provided by Johnny's Hall of Fame.

- **Membership Committee:** Ms. Berenguel reported that there were six new members and three new business members since the February board meeting. There were also 25 membership renewals. The new membership committee members are Greg Tew from East Village Square and Crystal Petty from 10<sup>th</sup> Street Lofts.

#### **New Business**

- Mr. Diebel suggested updating the DNA membership card. He also suggested laminating the card for durability.

#### **Old Business**

- Mr. Washburn revisited the notion of donating DNA funds for a water fountain on Meredith Trail or to enhance the Asian Gardens on the riverfront.

#### **Adjournment**

- Mr. Washburn adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.