Downtown Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2013
6:00 pm
Saddlery Building
309 Court Ave.

1. Call meeting to order… 6:03 pm
    a. Present: Bradshaw, Rowe, Thompson, Talcott, Rope
    b. Guests: Sgt. Neely, Tom Tarbox (member)
2. New Business
    a. Motion to approve June minutes: Rowe
        i. Bradshaw: second
        ii. Unanimously passed
    b. President's Report (Bradshaw)
        i. Discussed 2013 Greater Des Moines Neighborhood Conference (September 12)
        ii. Discussed working with East Village Membership Committee - they requested to work together to share best practices
        iii. IMT Des Moines Marathon - reached out with information, will be provided to membership, also looking for volunteers
        iv. Ingersoll LIVE event - happening August 24, looking for sponsorship, no approved budget so we will pass on request
        v. City of Des Moines Community Action Agency Holiday Food Basket Project - they asked us to assist, we have been doing our own efforts, Diane Rasmussen will reach out to them about whether it makes sense to work together

vi. Holiday Inn Express Open House - we received flyer, having meeting August 14 at Rumley Lofts

vii. Grocery Delivery Survey (Thompson): his friend is looking into prospect of delivering groceries to downtown, asked us to forward info on to membership, we posted on facebook

viii. Nonprofit status update - still in review with IRS

c. Treasurer's Report (Bradshaw, Lampe not present)

i. Mailer was very successful - a lot of businesses paid who hadn't in several years

3. Old Business

a. Art Over Wine event - Thompson attended

b. Planning 2013 Operating Budget - still tabled

c. Membership Chair - still looking

4. Committee Reports

a. Membership (Bradshaw) - provided updated numbers

b. Social Committee (Bradshaw) - November and December lined up, nothing before yet

c. Social Media Report (Rope) - Bradshaw posted story on Forbes story on Des Moines, photos posted from National Night Out on website/Facebook; Facebook likes 782, Twitter following 719 and 1834 followers, a good amount of re-tweeting taking place, Rope will post thank you's on businesses' webpages

d. Police Crime Report (Neely) - Crane Artist Lofts: issue with nearby shelter residents and sexual assault near old shelter; two concealed weapons reports (brass knuckles in a car, small baseball bat); assault with weapon (parking issue at I Cubs); assault on officer (guy being arrested tried to grab officer's gun); robbery/theft (purse snatching); questions regarding State Fair coverage were discussed

5. Motion to adjourn (6:40 p.m.): Thompson
    a. Second: Rope
    b. Unanimously passed