Downtown Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2013
6:00 pm
Saddlery Building
309 Court Ave.

1. Call meeting to order… 6:00 pm
    a. Present: Bradshaw, Roper, Rowe, Talcott, Lampe
    b. Guests: Cal Woods (Ward 3 City Council Candidate), Lt. Larry Davey (DM Police Department), Sgt. Neeley, Tim Rypma (Norris Partners), Josh Garrett and Colleen McRae (Historic East Village Inc.), Tom Tarbox (member)
2. New Business
    a. Motion to approve September minutes: Lampe
        i. Rope: second
        ii. Unanimously passed
    b. Guest Speaker: Tim Rypma
        i. Presented proposal for redevelopment of 210 Court Avenue (former Judge Roy Bean's building)
            1. First floor: have lease signed with Tonic for tavern use; working with state/federal agencies to redevelop in accordance with historic character; working with City of Des Moines to vacate a part of the alleyway, will leave a 4-foot pedestrian walkway where alleyway is
            2. Second floor: office
            3. Plan for construction to start October 15, take about 3 months
            4. BOA approved conditional use with tight restrictions on tavern use
    c. President's Report (Bradshaw)

i. Previewed later presentation by Historic East Village Inc.
ii. Updated website is now up and running
iii. Updated mobile site coming soon

d. Police/Crime Report (Sgt. Neely):
    i. Introduced Lt. Larry Davy replacing Joe Gonzalez for Neighborhood Based Service Delivery
    ii. Neely reported on: Nollen Plaza stabbing - now have an officer/patrol with a greater presence at Capital Square/Nollen Plaza, though now Nollen Plaza under construction, also Randolph evicting tenants for renovation, so should be quieter now; unable to provide much information on the homicide at Center Street due to ongoing investigation - appears to be gang members, happening around the city not limited downtown; discussed several specific incidents (mostly alcohol related); working on setting up a temporary satellite office for DMPD at 1300 Walnut St.
e. Presentation by Cal Woods - candidate for 3rd Ward City Council
    i. Ward 3 covers part of downtown and other west of downtown neighborhoods
f. 210 Court Avenue renovation was revisited
    i. Motion to approve letter in support of development to city council: Lampe
    ii. Second: Rope
    iii. Unanimously passed

3. Committee Reports
    a. Non-Profit Application Status (Bradshaw)
        i. Still waiting for IRS approval
    b. Treasurer's Report (Lampe)
        i. September:
            1. Starting balance $9,023.62, ending $9,178.43

2. Above where we were last year at this time

ii. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Rowe

1. Second: Rope
2. Unanimously passed
3.

iii. Lampe and Bradshaw presented on project of planning 2013 Operating Budget and determining Reserves

1. Presented figures for proposed operating budget, historical figures
2. Would like Board to consider if appropriate, how much reserves are needed
3. Future consideration will be what to do with amount above that cushion

iv. Bradshaw, Barbara Kirk spoke to KCCI regarding recent crime, continued feeling of safety around downtown.

c. Membership Report (Bradshaw)

i. 4 individual new members; 18 renewals; 300 now total paid (195 residents, 23 non-residents, 80 businesses)

d. Social Media Report (Rope)

i. Having more people reading messages on Twitter than facebook, so plans to focus more on Twitter Social Events

e. Membership Chair/Committee (Bradshaw)

4. Presentation

a. Garrett and McRae, along with Bradshaw, presented proposal for discount card as a joint project between DNA and Historic East Village Inc.

i. The details of the plan and pros and cons were discussed among the Board.

ii. Proposal will be further considered in the future.

5. Motion to adjourn: Rowe
    a. Second: Rope
    b. Unanimously passed