

**Downtown Neighborhood Association - May Board Meeting -
5.3.17 at 5:30pm
Des Moines Social Club**

Present board members: Tony, Deb, Austin, Matt, Scott, Laura Wilkens
Also present: Sgt. Nealy

Tony calls meeting to order at 5:37pm

Approval of January and April meeting minutes unanimously

Officer reports - President's report

- Deb and Tony went to Rodine Mickle Dinner at World Food Prize. We should be on the lookout this year for possible civic or business nominees next year.
- Tony went to DIG event at Confluence on 3rd.

Treasurer's report - update on finances

- We are taking in more money than we're spending, and we have strong reserves. We can look into opportunities to use our resources to build DNA.
- Austin will look into reimbursement process.

Crime report - Sgt Neely presented

- Also updated on new Iowa Homeless Youth Center location on 6th and Locust.

Committee reports -

- Membership committee - chair Deb Madison-Levi
 - membership committee meeting May 5, working to get new brochure finalized and determining fee structure for member businesses and residents
 - Social media - Facebook likes: 1,357 (+38) / Twitter followers 2,705 (+26)

- Social committee - chair Barbara Kirk -

Upcoming Socials:

- May 8 social: I Cubs game - skybox
- May 10 at the Rooftop in the East Village from 5-7
- June 8 at Meredith Gardens
- August 1 National Night Out at Cowles Commons with East Village Neighborhood Association

Old business:

Movie Night at Brenton:

- August 10 - "Finding Dory" - DNA is sponsoring the event at \$175

BCycle Demonstration Ride:

- Austin and Tony will co-organize event. Possibly ride to a scheduled social.

Bike in Theater:

- Austin proposes that we work with a local business, such as Americana. Possibly get city permit to use Locust St in front of Americana. Austin look into it.

-We could also include messaging and a program on making our streets safer and turning Locust and Grand in to 2-way streets.

New business:

Parks in Downtown:

- Lauren is new president of Downtown Chamber of Commerce
- There is desire for more public space downtown
- We will look into setting up a public meeting with city officials on Plan DSM. Tony will look into setting something up and Matt will help.

Amending membership fees:

- Motion passes unanimously - business membership stays as is, new residential rate is \$15 for all residential memberships, or \$40 for 3-year membership. Effective June 1, 2017.

Electric car charging:

- Austin will look into free up parking stalls for charging only
- there are outlets near trees all over downtown, would they be ok with electric cars using those outlets for charging?

Opportunities to help homeless locally:

- Austin has coworker who's interested in looking into it.

Next Board Meeting is June 7th at 5:30pm, Des Moines Social Club