

★ **Roll Call Number**

Agenda Item Number

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Date April 9, 2007

Submitting quarterly reports from the following 29 designated NBSD neighborhoods:

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| Accent | Kirkwood Glen |
| Capitol East | Laurel Hill |
| Capitol Park | Magnolia Park |
| Carpenter | Martin Luther King, Jr. Park |
| Chautauqua Park | McKinley School/Columbus Park |
| Cheatom Park | Mondamin Presidential |
| Downtown Des Moines | North of Grand |
| Drake | Oak Park |
| Drake Park | River Bend |
| East Village | Sherman Hill |
| Fairground | South Park |
| Gray's Woods | Union Park |
| Highland Park | Valley High Manor |
| Indianola Hills | Woodland Heights |
| King-Irving Park | |

Moved by _____ to receive and file the attached reports.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
MEYER				
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TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED	APPROVED			

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

Mayor

NBSD ACTIVITIES BY WARD

WARD 1: CARPENTER CHAUTAUQUA PARK, DRAKE, DRAKE PARK, KING IRVING, KIRKWOOD GLEN, MONDAMIN PRESIDENTIAL, AND RIVER BEND NEIGHBORHOODS

- **The Drake area neighborhoods held their quarterly meeting in December and a new Drake Neighbors Board was elected. Marty Schmidt is the new president.**
- **NBSD team members conducted a Landlord Training Seminar at the Des Moines Police Academy in early December. Training was provided to Des Moines landlords on subjects including low rent housing, NFC financing, new codes for the fire department for multiple dwellings, narcotic issues, the Iowa Landlord Assn. and NBSD. Approximately 130 landlords attended the six hour program. Seminar evaluations indicated that the program was well received and the landlords requested this be an annual event to keep information up to date.**
- **Illegal parking and animal control issues continue to be the prevalent concerns for Chautauqua Park. Because of the close-knit nature of this neighborhood, parking issues are being handled by advising the owner of the vehicle about the violation and having them move the vehicle rather than issuing a citation.**
- **Major concerns and projects in Chautauqua Park include the sewer project and bike trail in the ravine at the east edge of the neighborhood, beautification projects, and care and maintenance of the mature trees in the neighborhood.**
- **Chautauqua Park has also been working with the Parks Dept. to help beautify the ravine on the eastern and southern border of this neighborhood. The ravine is a dumping area for car parts and garbage and when these items are observed are removed by the appropriate city department.**
- **The King-Irving Neighborhood continues to be active with neighborhood revitalization and beautification projects. King-Irving submitted an application for the NUSA Neighborhood of the Year Award and was chosen to represent Des Moines in the 2007 competition.**
- **A "No Parking Here to Corner" sign was installed at 13th and Carpenter to relieve the congestion and improve visibility.**

- **King-Irving is also taking part in the Thrivent programs and has made the Keo corridor one of the areas they would like to keep clean of debris and litter.**
- **The Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood continues to be strong and proactive with reporting suspicious activity and working with the police to handle criminal problems in the neighborhood. The combination of increased police presence and neighborhood resident pressure has eliminated the street drug dealing in the 1600 block of 16th Street.**
- **Mondamin Presidential is applying for a Metro Solid Waste grant to place a bus bench and landscaping at a current bus stop located at 16th and Burlington Terrace.**
- **River Bend has had an unusually high amount of illegal rentals and public nuisance houses and vacant houses continue to be opened by transients and windows are being broken out by kids throwing rocks. The River Bend Neighborhood Board has voiced concerns on the City's public nuisance and board up procedures and was invited to meet with NID administration to address their issues.**
- **River Bend is also working toward changes in the specified crime property ordinance to increase penalties and expand the crimes that fall under the ordinance to include the disorderly house code as well as weapons violations.**
- **Zoning issues and homeless issues continue to be concerns for River Bend specifically regulations controlling the types of businesses allowed in the area and the placement of Churches United.**
- **Prostitution complaints in the River Bend Neighborhood have dropped off significantly and several area "crack houses" in the 600-1000 block of Franklin have been resolved for the time being by NCU search warrants and cooperation from the landlords.**

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WARD 2: ACCENT, CAPITOL EAST, CAPITOL PARK, FAIRGROUNDS, GRAY'S WOODS, HIGHLAND PARK, LAUREL HILL, M.L. KING, JR., OAK PARK, UNION PARK AND VALLEY HIGH MANOR NEIGHBORHOODS

- **The NBSD Team and Accent Neighborhood residents continue to monitor public nuisance properties where urban miners have been removing electrical and plumbing from properties. Other issues from the neighborhood include the length of time for fire damaged homes to be demolished and the new skate park at the Four Mile Community Center.**
- **Graffiti and cars marked for sale in parking lots continue to be major concerns for the residents of Capitol East, Capitol Park, M.L. King, Jr. and Fairgrounds neighborhoods**
- **Steve Drane, the zoning inspector assigned to Capitol East and M.L. King Jr. neighborhoods was deployed to Iraq on January 2, 2007. Another inspector will be working with these neighborhoods during his deployment.**
- **The zoning inspector assigned to Gray's Woods and Valley High Manor neighborhoods has been working 1-2 weekends each month to address illegal front yard parking**
- **The NBSD team assigned to the Highland Park Neighborhood continue to work with junk and debris issues throughout the neighborhood. The inspectors have also issued tickets and continue to monitor the parking problems in the area leading to Kiwanis Nature Island**
- **A letter from the Highland Park and Union Park Neighborhood residents and businesses was sent to the Police Chief regarding the Hull Ave. Tavern and My Place Bar and Restaurant. Their concerns were about a stabbing death that occurred in the parking lot of My Place and a hit and run fatality that occurred near Hull Ave. Tavern. There have also been numerous complaints about loud music, fights, loud motorcycles, and criminal mischief. Officers in the traffic unit have been monitoring these bars during closing times with sound meters to measure noise levels. A meeting was also arranged with the bar owners and neighborhood residents to express concerns and try to come up with solutions to neighborhood complaints.**

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- There have been several new houses built on infill lots in the M.L. King Neighborhood and the neighborhood leaders are very excited about this.
- In the Union Park Neighborhood, enforcement efforts have been concentrated on parking in the front yard and issues with solid waste totes being left on the curb for extended periods of time after garbage pickup.

WARD 3: CHEATOM PARK, DOWNTOWN, NORTH OF GRAND, SHERMAN HILL AND WOODLAND HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOODS

- The Cheatom Park Neighborhood continues to lead the protest regarding the proposed movement of the Churches United Shelter.
- Increased police presence and enforcement have resulted in the reduction of criminal and suspicious activity at 12th and Ascension.
- Cheatom Park Neighborhood Assn. takes pride in keeping the area around and including Cheatom Park free from graffiti and the homeless from loitering around the shelter house.
- The Plaza Pantry located in the Plaza Condominiums continues to be a major issue for the Downtown Neighborhood.
- There has been a small increase in the number of homeless camps in the downtown area, due to people being banned from homeless shelters because they have spent their allotted time.
- The Downtown Neighborhood Assn. has continued to grow to almost 400 members.
- NBSD team members continue to assist neighbors in the North of Grand, Sherman Hill and Woodland Heights neighborhoods with nuisance residences regarding drug complaints in these areas.

WARD 4: EAST VILLAGE, INDIANOLA HILLS, MAGNOLIA PARK, MCKINLEY SCHOOL/COLUMBUS PARK AND SOUTH PARK NEIGHBORHOODS

- The East Village continues to be busy. New apartments and businesses have opened and the East Village's annual Holiday Promenade brought several people into the area. The opening of the Brenton Skating Rink has increased the amount of people and traffic in the area as well.

- **The East Village Neighborhood continues to have a number of abandoned vehicles in the River Hills complex. The apartment managers have worked with our NBSD Team to have these removed.**
- **The NBSD team has been working with the Indianola Hills and McKinley School/Columbus Park Neighborhood Assns. on drug activity at several residents, and with trash and illegal parking. The police sergeant has been working with the Lincoln High School Resource Officer to advise students of throwing trash on the street and parking illegally in these neighborhoods.**
- **The NBSD Team continues to work with landlords and managers in the Magnolia Park and South Park Neighborhoods to assist them on being more responsible for their properties and continue to address front yard parking and junk and debris.**

NEIGHBORHOOD BASED SERVICE DELIVERY
4th QUARTER
October 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

CARPENTER NEIGHBORHOOD

OFFICER Sgt. Debra Richardson
INSPECTOR Ed Leedom

GOALS	STATUS
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POLICE ACTIVITIES

CONTACTS	MEETINGS	COMPLAINTS	RED TAGS
5	2	0	0
IMPOUND	PARKING CITATIONS	MOVING VIOLATIONS	
0	3	0	
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORTS	MISDEAMNOR ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	
1	1	0	

INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

RENTAL INSPECTIONS	ILLEGAL RENTAL	ANIMAL WASTE
12	0	0
ILLEGAL BUSINESS	ROW CLEANUPS	DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE
0	3	0

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CARPENTER NEIGHBORHOOD (Continued)

GRAFFITI	PUBLIC WORKS	JUNK & DEBRIS
11	PROPERTY CLEANUPS 2	6

OPEN STRUCTURE	RATS	JUNK VEHICLES
0	0	3

FRONT YARD PARKING	IMPOUNDS	WEED REFERRALS
4	4	1

INTERIOR SANITATION	ODOR	NOISE
0	0	0

ILLEGAL POOLS	ITINERENT VENDORS	FAULTY SEPTICS
0	0	0

SUMMARY

POLICE SUMMARY

OCTOBER Sgt. Richardson was gone for 16 day. Pretty Quiet.

NOVEMBER Sgt. Richardson was gone for 15 days. Also pretty quiet. Drake Park canceled their monthly meeting. There has been some talk regarding possibly combining Carpenter and Drake Park together. Discussions to continue on the aforementioned subject matter.

DECEMBER Drake held their quarterly meeting for all the neighborhoods. It was during this time that new Drake board neighbors were elected. The new president is Marty Schmidt. Sgt. Richardson was gone for 21 days. Drake Park cancelled their meeting for the month, due to the holiday.

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OFFICER Sgt. Richard Hickle
INSPECTOR Bob Reynolds

GOALS

1. Continued enforcement of parking ordinances
2. Enforcement or speed bumps for increased traffic flow and speeding on Chautauqua south from Hickman (using street as shortcut to 13th street)
3. Update Neighborhood phone listing COPS call program
4. Continued Graffiti enforcement

STATUS

In Progress

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POLICE ACTIVITIES

CONTACTS	MEETINGS	COMPLAINTS	RED TAGS
35	1	14	0
IMPOUND	PARKING CITATIONS	MOVING VIOLATIONS	
0	0	0	
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORTS	MISDEAMNOR ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	
0	0	0	

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0	0	0
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0	3	0

CHAUTAUQUA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD (Continued)

PUBLIC WORKS		
GRAFFITI	PROPERTY CLEANUPS	JUNK & DEBRIS
0	0	1
OPEN STRUCTURE	RATS	JUNK VEHICLES
0	0	
FRONT YARD PARKING	IMPOUNDS	WEED REFERRALS
0	1	0
INTERIOR SANITATION	ODOR	NOISE
0	0	0
ILLEGAL POOLS	ITINERENT VENDORS	FAULTY SEPTICS
0	0	0

SUMMARY

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Illegal parking complaints and animal control issues continue to be the prevalent concerns for Chautauqua Park residents. I normally handle the parking issues by advising the owner of the vehicle about the violation and having them move the vehicle rather than issuing a citation. This technique works well with this neighborhood because of the "close knit" nature where everyone pretty much knows one another. The residents are very good at watching out for each other and reporting any suspicious activity. The Chautauqua Park neighborhood association is on the rebound from an inactive period a year ago when meetings were infrequent and organized activities and goals were waning. Some of the major concerns and projects include the sewer project and bike trail in the ravine at the east edge of the neighborhood, beautification projects, and care and maintenance of the mature trees in the neighborhood.

INSPECTIONS

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81	4	8	12
IMPOUND	PARKING CITATIONS	MOVING VIOLATIONS	
11	36	4	
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORTS	MISDEAMNOR ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	
3	1	0	

INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

RENTAL INSPECTIONS	ILLEGAL RENTAL	ANIMAL WASTE
74	0	0
ILLEGAL BUSINESS	ROW CLEANUPS	DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE
1	46	0

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD (Continued)

GRAFFITI	PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTY CLEANUPS	JUNK & DEBRIS
4	32	63
OPEN STRUCTURE	RATS	JUNK VEHICLES
6	1	50
FRONT YARD PARKING	IMPOUNDS	WEED REFERRALS
9	16	0
INTERIOR SANITATION	ODOR	NOISE
0	0	0
ILLEGAL POOLS	ITINERENT VENDORS	FAULTY SEPTICS
0	0	0

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3	14	0	
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INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

RENTAL INSPECTIONS	ILLEGAL RENTAL	ANIMAL WASTE
11	0	0
ILLEGAL BUSINESS	ROW CLEANUPS	DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE
0	8	0

