



Board of Directors

Minutes January 3, 2019

- I. **Call to Order**, CeCe Ibson: 7:00 PM
 - II. **Board Attendance: Officers:** Pres. CeCe Ibson, VP Kimberley Boggus, Sect. Mike McCarthy, Treas. Jay Kozel
Board: Edward Fishman, Chris Friest, Tom LaPointe, Nicholas Mertes, Brent Millis, Adam Plagge, Kate Ross (Excused), Carl Saxon, Stacey Smith
Guests: Emily Westergard, Joe Gonzalez
 - III. **Approval of Minutes**, Mike McCarthy: Minutes approved for 12/6/18.
 - IV. **Treasurer's Report**, Jan Kozel: Reports for December 2018 and January 2019 will be reviewed at the February 2019 meeting.
 - V. **BNA 2019 Budget**, Jay Kozel: The committee chairs are encouraged to submit their budgets to Jay for 2019. Tom LaPointe and Mike McCarthy will inventory the BNA merchandise and review the numbers with Mike Kamper and discuss how that will fit into the budget. Kim Boggus discussed upgrading the BNA Web Site to include due dates for dues renewals. CeCe Ibson proposed the possibility of combining the BNA and BBC grant application from Polk Co. This may be possible since the dissolution of the BBC, and that the projects they fostered could now be sponsored by the BNA.
 - VI. **Membership Drive**, CeCe Ibson and Tom LaPointe: Tom will work with Jay Kozel for the 2019 budget for expenses for the drive which is planned to commence in the spring.
 - VII. **Beaverdale Fall Festival Fitness Event**, CeCe Ibson: CeCe arranged trainers for specific physical abilities for neighbors who live in Beaverdale. The sessions used the facilities at "Anytime Fitness". A final event was Sunday 12/16. CeCe is hopeful that future events will be better attended.
 - VIII. **Witmer Park**, Jay Kozel: The project is the responsibility of the Beaverdale and Drake Neighborhoods, and the City of Des Moines. A non-profit 501c3 group "Friends of DSM Parks" will be responsible for the funds from grants and donations to fund the playground and washroom facility. There will be no need for the BNA to establish a bank account for this project. This will commence sometime in 2020.
 - IX. **BNA Annual Meeting**, CeCe Ibson: The date is Tuesday 2/12/2019. The Public Affairs Committee is in charge of planning the meeting, setting the agenda and getting the people for the presentations. BNA Board elections will be held during the meeting.
 - X. **City View "Best of the Best"**, CeCe Ibson: The Beaverdale Neighborhood has been selected as one of the three finalists for the city-wide award for "Best Neighborhood". The event will be held 2/5/19. The Board was invited to the event.
 - XI. **Local Option Sales Tax**, CeCe Ibson: Our guests Emily Westergard and Joe Gonzalez discussed the vote and its ramifications. It is scheduled for 3/5/19. It needs a 50% plus 1 margin of Des Moines voters to pass, and increase the Sales Tax in Des Moines by \$.01. The proceeds will be used to reduce Property Tax, and increase expenditures for infrastructure, flood mitigation, property revitalization, and public safety/fire protection.
- Motion/Passed:** The BNA Board will take a position on the issue of the Local Option Sales Tax. The vote was 10 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain, and 1 Absent.

Motion/Passed: The BNA Board will endorse the Local Option Sales Tax. The vote was unanimous. The BNA Board will write an article for the BNA "Sidewalk" with information concerning the Local Option Sales Tax.

XII. **Adjourn:** 8:20 PM

Submitted for approval: Sect. Mike McCarthy

Next Meeting: Thursday, 7PM, 2/7/2019, Ibson Law Office