

In Attendance

Don Piper, Sasha Kamper, Brent Millis, Kristen Meyers, Kent Sovern, Heidi Bagg

Items Discussed

Guest Speakers for May 11th BNA Quarterly Meeting

DSM Mega Scrub Event – May 15th

Open topics

Recap

Guest Speakers for May 11th BNA Quarterly Meeting

Two businesses were discussed for May 11th Quarterly Meeting.

Varsity Cinema (Des Moines Film Society)

Invest DSM

Kristen took the task of contacting Des Moines Film Society and Don took the task of reaching out to Invest DSM.

Mega Scrub

Public Affairs in the past has helped with obtaining volunteers for this event. Don will reach out to Bill Gray to see if he is aware of a contact assigned for Scrub this year.

Open Topics

The group discussed the possibility of BNA connecting with another Neighborhood Group for community relationship. More to discuss there.

Kent mentioned a concern with Amazon and other delivery services using bots and how local city ordinances may be impacted.

Questions were asked on a couple of Beaverdale businesses (Duds and Suds and Saints). These businesses are closed.

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Updates

Since the meeting, here are some updates on “to do” items.

1. Kristen confirmed Des Moines Film Society would like to present at BNA Quarterly Meeting.
2. Don and Sasha reached out to Bill Gray on the following – Scrub, Duds & Suds, Saints, Delivery bots. Below are Bill’s replies:

Delivery Bots

Here is what I got back from the city manager's office:

Councilman Gray,

We are following this legislation. This bill is legislation regarding the use of automatic devices/robots for companies like Amazon to use for deliveries. This bill was amended to include a provision that allows local governments to prohibit the operation of these devices entirely in their jurisdiction or limit them to certain areas. However, the bill does preempt local governments from regulating the operation, equipment, licensing, registration, or taxation of these devices.

Essentially, a city could determine where these devices can and cannot be used, but cannot determine how they are used in those areas. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Alex Hassel

Scrub

One of the neighborhoods takes the lead on it and they do the coordinating with Public Works. In the past, Lower Beaver has taken the lead. Their president, Jeremy Geerdes, did it the last couple of years, but really any of the neighborhood groups could do it.

Dud’s & Sud’s

CeCe said another laundromat-type is planning to go in there – without the “Suds” and one less bay.

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Saints

Employee from Saints was working at Beaver Tap said there is some action by a restaurateur who she couldn't name, but says they have a presence in Beaverdale already.