



Public Affairs Committee Minutes – March 15th, 2023

In Attendance

Don Piper, Sasha Kamper, Brent Millis, Mike McCarty, Josh Nelson, Kevin Moser

Items Discussed

Contractor Fair recap

National Night Out

Mega Scrub

Easter Egg Hunt

Recap

Contractor Fair

A huge 'Thank You' to the team for a successful Contractor Fair on Feb 28th. We received lots of positive responses for the event. One note was to provide InvestDSM and NFC separate spaces as there was a bottleneck of folks wanting to chat with them.

National Night Out

Brent Millis provided the committee with options if we close Beaver Ave for this event (August 1st).

- Iowa Plains \$4,900
 - Full service: includes placement and removal
 - Too expensive
- Bonnie's Barricades \$498.89
 - Full service: includes placement and removal
 - Reasonable if we want full service
- Quality Traffic Control \$1,000 Full Service or \$100 rental
 - Rental option would require us to place and remove signs ourselves
 - Good option if someone has a truck and willing to take this on.

The committee decided we will pursue the Bonnie's Barricades option. Brent will continue to work on the documentation needed with the city.

There was a question on what our BNA budget is for National Night Out. Don Piper was able to confirm we have \$2500 approved. Hopefully we will come in well under this based on previous expenditures.

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Mega Scrub

The city of Des Moines has multiple times/locations for Mega Scrub (Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight). BNA participates with Lower Beaverdale Neighborhood and other neighborhood communities at the May 20th Mega Scrub at Polk County River Place (2309 Euclid Ave). Don Piper sent an email to Jeremy Geerdes (Lower Beaverdale Neighborhood) to see what involvement he plans as he has worked the volunteer list in the past. Jeremy has indicated he will be sending out communication yet this month. A to-do for our committee is to insure we have a good list of volunteers and neighborhoods involved. We collect donations at this event and distribute based on who volunteers. We also need to determine the proper way to distribute these donations (evenly split by community or based on volunteer number per community). We also discussed asking BNA board to be more involved in this event.

Easter Egg Hunt

This Easter Egg Hunt at Beaverdale Park (April 1st) is not a Public Affairs sponsored event but we tend to help out. Sasha Kamper hosted egg stuffing in Johnston on Saturday March 18th. The April 1st event begins at 10 AM but setup starts around 8 AM. A question was asked if the bathrooms will be open at Beaverdale Park. The city will not open the park restrooms by this time but we will have a kybo on site.

If you are interested in helping out (usually done by 10:30 AM) please reach out to Sasha Kamper (mikesashakamper1@msn.com). I believe the event is still in need of someone to wear the Easter Bunny outfit.

Other

We had a discussion regarding the Public Affairs mission. Here is what is listed on the BNA website:

- Hosts quarterly and annual meetings
- Leads neighborhood improvement efforts
- Hosts candidate forums for political offices of interest to neighborhood residents
- Coordinates Neighborhood Watch and public safety efforts
- Researches eligibility for local, state, and national awards
- Researches eligibility for local, state, and national funding opportunities
- Discharges other duties as directed by the Board

We (Public Affairs Committee) feel this needs to be revisited. Some of the items (i.e. Researches eligibility for local, state, and national awards) have never been done or not addressed for many years. Please plan on this being discussed further in upcoming meetings.

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Next meeting is April 19 at 5:30 PM. Location will be sent later.

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