



Public Affairs Committee Minutes – April 19th, 2023

In Attendance

Don Piper, Brent Millis, Mike McCarty, Bill Gray, Kevin Moser

Items Discussed

National Night Out

Mega Scrub

May 9th BNA Quarterly Meeting

Recap

National Night Out

Per March meeting we are pursuing the \$499 cost of barricades from Bonnie's Barricades. Brent Millis continues to work with Snookies, Price Chopper, Players Sports Bar along with the city of DSM to see if we can close off Beaver Ave for this event.

Update – Brent may have run into a snag with Snookies wanting to keep their driveway open from 5-6 PM. Our event is 6-8 but we will need to have the street blocked off before then.

Brent's next step is to communicate with the city on the current situation and then circle back with Snookies.

For the May 17th meeting we need to discuss what activities we want for this year.

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).

As of 4/27 we are covered fairly well for the 6:30-10:30 shift. The 9:30-1:30 shift has only me signed up. If you can participate please sign up @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e48aaa72eaafb6-river3/84644164#/>

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At our meeting it was suggested we ask Jeremy Geerdes (Lower Beaverdale Neighborhood) if he can attend our May 17th meeting to coordinate who is doing what. Don Piper has sent an email to Jeremy for such request.

May 9th BNA Quarterly Meeting

The team discussed our speakers for the upcoming meeting. We have:

Kimberly Bogus – Fall Festival

Mid-American – We had a speaker from MidAm secured for Feb Quarterly Meeting but had to bump them. Josh Nelson reached out again and indicated they will be able to attend in May. Waiting for the details on contact name and topic so I can send off the May 9th Quarterly Meeting agenda to speakers and the BNA board.

Marcus Coenen had asked if we could also discuss the feasibility of having a City Council candidate forum. We discussed as a group and felt it best to refrain from political topics. At least at Quarterly Meetings.

Next meeting is May 17th at 5:30 PM. Location is Christopher's (2816 Beaver Ave) .

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