

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Board Meeting

Central Public Library

300 Nicollet Mall

Room N-202, Minneapolis, MN

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Board Chair Carletta Sweet called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Other Board Members in attendance included Andrea Christenson, Gerry Ewald; Andy Hauer; George Rosenquist; and Wally Swan.

Absent Board Members included Paula Klimek and Corey Kline.

Guests in attendance included: Laura Boyd, Alcohol Compliance Services; Kieran Folliard, Kieran's Irish Pub; Ernesto Reyes, La Esquina; and Gregory Scott, *Downtown Journal*;

Staff member Christie Rock was also present.

II. Consideration of the Agenda

Chair Sweet asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. There were no changes or additions.

Hauer moved and Christenson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Election of DMNA Executive Committee

Chair Sweet facilitated the elections to the DMNA Executive Committee.

- **Chair:** *Rosenquist moved and Christenson seconded a motion to nominate Carletta Sweet as Chair. Sweet accepted the nomination. Sweet called for any further nominations. Seeing none, she closed the nominations. The motion passed unanimously.*
- **Vice Chair:** *Christenson moved and Hauer seconded a motion to nominate Gerry Ewald as Vice Chair. Ewald accepted the nomination. Sweet called for any further nominations. Seeing none, she closed the nominations. The motion passed unanimously.*
- **Secretary:** *Hauer moved and Christenson seconded a motion to nominate Wally Swan as Secretary. Swan accepted the nomination. Sweet called for any further nominations. Seeing none, she closed the nominations. The motion passed unanimously.*

- **Treasurer:** *Ewald moved and Christenson seconded a motion to nominate Paula Klimek as Treasurer. Klimek was not present at the Board meeting, but had indicated an interest in the position to Ewald before the meeting. Sweet called for any further nominations. Seeing none, she closed the nominations. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Land Use Report

Andy Hauer presented the following land use items for consideration:

- **Hell's Kitchen (80 S. 9th Street).** The Board approved an upgraded liquor license application via email in early January.
- **Kieran's Irish Pub (Block E).** Kieran Folliard from Kieran's Irish Pub presented his request to obtain a Class A liquor license for his new location in Block E. Folliard currently operates the same business at 330 Second Avenue S. Folliard plans to reopen in the new location on March 16, following a parade celebration. He indicated that that he has a "not to go dark" clause in his lease at the existing location. Folliard stated that he plans to keep some kind of business operating there for the next two years.

Rosenquist moved and Ewald seconded a motion to approve the Class A liquor license application for Kieran's Irish Pub. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **La Esquina (Lumber Exchange Building -10 S. 5th Street).** Laura Boyd from Alcohol Compliance Services gave a presentation on La Esquina's application for a wine and beer license. She began by introducing Ernesto Reyes who is the owner of the business. Reyes indicated that he also owns a restaurant in St. Paul called La Fonda, and another in Rochester, Minn. The restaurant will cater to the late night crowd, and will serve more traditional, authentic Mexican food.

Christenson moved and Ewald seconded a motion to approve the wine and beer liquor license for La Esquina Restaurant. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Staff Report

Christie Rock gave an update to the board on her activities over the past month. She highlighted the following:

- Responded to DMNA voice and email inquiries.
- Prepared the December 2009 board meeting agenda.
- Finalized the 2009 Annual Meeting agenda and distributed to the guest speakers, DMNA email list and *Downtown Journal*.
- Finalized ad copy for the 2009 Annual Meeting for the *Downtown Journal*.
- Attended the 2009 Annual Meeting at the Minneapolis Depot.
- Prepared the December 2009 board meeting minutes.

- Attempted to coordinate a Shelter Tour for Andrea Christenson and Paula Klimek with St. Stephan's sta
- Revised the DMNA Board List to include new board member Wally Swan.
- Prepared the January 2010 board meeting agenda.
- Corresponded with January 2010 board meeting guests.
- Corresponded with Council Member Lisa Goodman regarding 2010 meeting schedule.
- Corresponded with NRP Specialist Barb Lickness regarding status of NRP funding and Brookfield paym
- Continued working on the DMNA NRP Phase II Plan.
- Updated DMNA Email list.
- Prepared October bank reconciliation.
- Prepared November bank reconciliation.
- Prepared January 2010 checks.
- Prepared January 2010 financial report.
- Corresponded with Gregory Scott, the new *Downtown Journal* reporter.
- Corresponded with Carl Runck regarding senior housing project being considered by Bob Lux for 10th S
- Prepared final payment request for 2009 CDBG Grant.

VI. Project 8 Presentation

Sulina Larrick gave a presentation on Project 8, a mentoring initiative for youth living in Minneapolis. Larrick is seeking volunteers willing to help young people with something as simple as learning how to balance a checkbook, to something more complex such as learning how to play a musical instrument. Essentially, Project 8 aims to bring young people together with good adult role models. Ultimately, the organization's goal is to reduce criminal activity in young people by giving them more constructive outlets for their free time. For more information, visit www.project8online.org.

VII. Crime and Safety Report

George Rosenquist gave the January 2010 crime and safety report. He indicated that the Downtown Council and the Downtown Area Faith Community have partnered together to develop a plan to end homelessness. He also noted that the First Precinct and the City Attorney's Office are working to strengthen the Aggressive Panhandling Ordinance.

VIII. NRP Implementation Report

Rock indicated that she spoke with NRP Specialist Barb Lickness who advised her that Brookfield did make its payment to the City. This will allow the DMNA to proceed with finalizing its Phase II NRP Plan. Rock is continuing to work on changes and revisions and hopes to present a final draft to the Board in March and to the downtown community in April or May.

IX. Consideration of Minutes from December 8, 2009 Board Meeting

Christenson moved and Hauer seconded a motion to approve the December 8, 2009 board minutes. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed.

X. Consideration of FY 2010 Budget

Rock presented the FY 2010 budget.

Hauer moved and Swan seconded a motion to approve the FY 2010 Budget. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed.

XI. Consideration of the January 2010 Financial Report

Rock reported on the FY 2010 Budget vs. Actual as of January 2010.

Christenson moved and Ewald seconded a motion to receive and file the September Financial Report. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed.

XII. Old / New / Other Business

Andrea Christenson expressed an interest in having the DMNA Board take a position on the effectiveness of the Hennepin Avenue / First Avenue conversion project. She indicated that in addition to motorists and bikers, there are a number of businesses that are very unhappy with the change and that parking is a definite problem. She suggested that the DMNA host a forum on the issue at the February Board meeting. Andy Hauer stated that he would invite someone from the City to come and give an update / presentation on the topic at the next meeting. There was also discussion regarding who should be invited (e.g., the bar owners). Since the topic would likely draw a larger crowd, staff person Rock suggested securing a larger room for the meeting; Hauer indicated that he would look into that as well.

XIII. Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Chair

Secretary