

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the Tuesday, March 9, 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, Vice Chair; Andy Hauer; Paula Klimek, Treasurer; and Wally Swan, Secretary.

Absent board members were Corey Kline and George Rosenquist.

Guests in attendance were Carrie Flack, Minneapolis CPED, and Tom Melchior, Larson Allen.

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. Due to George Rosenquist's absence from the board meeting, the Crime and Safety Report was stricken from the agenda.

Swan moved, and Ewald seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed.

III. Staff Report

Christie Rock reported on her written report for the period 2/6/10 to 3/5/10 previously submitted via email to the board members and asked if anyone had specific questions. She highlighted her discussions with Sassafrass Design regarding the Web site updates and the conversion to Word Press. She intends to present two bids for the conversion project at the April Board meeting. Rock also mentioned that she submitted another draft of the NRP Phase II Plan to NRP Neighborhood Specialist Barb Lickness, who forwarded it on to the NRP Attorney Michael Norton for his review.

IV. Land Use Report

Andy Hauer presented the following land use items for consideration:

- ***Historic Forum Restaurant (40 S. 7th Street) – Liquor license application.***

Don Shier introduced himself as a representative for Jim Ringo, the new owner of the Historic Forum Restaurant. He described the new restaurant and the restaurant space and when asked, was unaware of the type of liquor license that Ringo is seeking from the City. As a result, Staff member Christie Rock will conduct a vote via email of the entire DMNA board asking for a recommendation for this matter after she confirms the type of liquor license he is requesting with City staff. [*The liquor license application went before the City before Rock received confirmation on the type of license from City staff.*]

- ***Parcel E Liner RFP Presentation***

Carrie Flack from Minneapolis CPED gave a brief presentation / update on the Parcel E Liner RFP and distributed copies of the development proposal. Parcel E wraps around the parking garage across the street from the Guthrie Theatre. Flack indicated that responses for the RFP are due on April 23 at 4:00 p.m. There is an informational meeting regarding the RFP scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, at the Crown Roller. She noted that she has received a few phone inquiries regarding the parcel, but will likely not receive any complete written responses until the day of the deadline.

V. Crime and Safety Update

No Crime and Safety update was given due to the absence of the Crime and Safety liaison George Rosenquist.

VI. NRP Implementation Report

There was additional discussion regarding the NRP Phase II Plan. Sweet inquired about the COPSIRF dollars noted under the Crime and Safety Section and Strategy 1 in its Neighborhood Action Plan. Rock indicated that this is required language pursuant to instructions she received from the NRP Neighborhood Specialist Barb Lichness. Therefore, the DMNA must include these funds in its Phase II document. Every neighborhood in Minneapolis must follow this protocol. Sweet asked Rock to obtain a better explanation of the COPSIRF dollars from Barb Lichness and forward it to the Board.

Rock indicated that she hopes to receive confirmation from the NRP Attorney Michael Norton that the DMNA NRP Phase II Plan is ready for Board and neighborhood approval later this month. She would like the DMNA Board to approve the plan at its April meeting, and get neighborhood approval at a meeting in May or June.

VII. Consideration of Minutes from December 8, 2009 Annual Meeting

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

VIII. Consideration of Minutes from the January 12, 2010 Board Meeting

Swan moved and Christenson seconded a motion to approve the January 12, 2010 Board Meeting minutes. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed.

IX. Consideration of Minutes from the February 9, 2010 Board Meeting

Swan moved and Ewald seconded a motion to approve the February 9, 2010 Board Meeting minutes. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed.

X. Consideration of the February 2010 Financial Report

Rock reported on the FY 2010 Budget vs. Actual as of February 2010 and the FY 2010 Budget vs. Actual as of March 2010.

Hauer moved and Swan seconded a motion to receive and file the February and March 2010 Financial Reports. Sweet called for discussion. The motion passed.

XI. Old / New / Other Business

Sweet distributed the Outreach and Collaboration spreadsheet and asked Board members to provide an update on the respective organization's in which they are involved.

Sweet asked Hauer to comment on the Peavey Plaza / Orchestra Hall improvement project. Hauer indicated that the focus seems to be on fundraising right now. Dollars for the improvement of Peavey Plaza are included in the State's bonding bill. The committee is seeking support from the legislature for the bonding monies.

Christenson commented on the email received from Council Member Goodman regarding the Hennepin Avenue / First Avenue conversion project.

Sweet also inquired as to whether the Board has any interest in hearing a presentation from the "Don't Mess with Success" Coalition at the April Board meeting. She referred to an email she forwarded to the board from Michael Misterek with Strategic Field. The Board agreed that a presentation would be worthwhile. Rock will arrange for Misterek to attend the April Board meeting.

Klimek noted that she is working with Monica Nilsson from St. Stephen's to coordinate a shelter tour with 7-11 people. The fee per person will be \$10. She asked if any board members were interested in the tour. A number expressed a desire to attend, but asked about dates and the timeframe.

XII. Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Chair

Secretary