

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Alatus Partners LLC
US Bancorp Center
800 Nicollet Mall
Suite 2850, Minneapolis, MN

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Board Chair Gerry Ewald called the board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Other board members in attendance were:

Andrea Christenson
Andy Hauer
Eric Laska
Wally Swan
Carletta Sweet
Jesse Winkler

Absent board members included:

Paula Klimek

DMNA staff member Christie Rock was also present.

II. Vikings stadium discussion

The board continued its discussion from the November 8, board meeting with regards to whether the organization should take a position on the future location of the new Vikings stadium. Hauer and Winkler summarized what took place at the joint hearing between the Minnesota Senate Tax and Local Government & Elections Committees earlier in the day. Hauer stated that the majority of people who testified support the Metrodome site as the best location for the new Vikings stadium. Senator Julianne Ortman (R-Chanhassen) who chaired the hearing strongly encouraged Mayor RT Rybak to meet with the Minnesota Vikings and select one preferred Minneapolis site for the new Vikings stadium.

Swan moved and Sweet seconded a motion to support the current Metrodome site as the preferred future location of the new Vikings stadium, subject to reviewing the financing plan. Ewald called for discussion.

There was significant discussion regarding whether the DMNA should take a position before the City of Minneapolis selects a preferred site. There was also some concern about taking a position without knowing what the stadium financing plan might look like. Several board members also felt that the DMNA should put the discussion and motion on the next meeting agenda to allow neighborhood residents to weigh in.

The motion passed: four in favor, three opposed.

The Minnesota Senate will hold a second hearing regarding the Vikings stadium on Tuesday, December 6. This will be a joint meeting between the Senate Tax and State Government Innovation & Veterans Committees to discuss possible funding options for a new stadium.

III. Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Chair

Secretary