

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 Hennepin County Central Library 300 Nicollet Mall Pohlad Hall, Minneapolis, MN

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Board Chair Gerry Ewald called the board meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Other board members in attendance were:

Andrea Christenson
Andy Hauer
Paula Klimek
Eric Laska
Wallace Swan
Carletta Sweet
Jesse Winkler

Staff member Christie Rock was also present.

II. Consideration of the Agenda

Hauer moved and Klimek seconded a motion to approve the October agenda. Ewald asked for discussion. The motion passed.

III. Land Use Report

Ewald requested that the board ratify the following items already reviewed via Doodle polls:

- **Downtown Pizza.** Application to extend operating hours. Ratify recommendation to deny application. The application was ultimately pulled from the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee agenda.

Hauer moved and Sweet seconded a motion to ratify the recommendation to deny Downtown Pizza's extended operating hours' application. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

- **Domino's Pizza.** Application to extend operating hours. Ratify recommendation to deny application.

Klimek moved and Sweet seconded a motion to ratify the recommendation to deny Domino's Pizza's extended operating hours' application. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

- **Sage Restaurant Manager (doing business as the Doubletree Hotel).** Class A liquor license application. Ratify recommendation to approve the application.

Sweet moved and Laska seconded a motion to ratify recommendation to approve Sage Restaurant Manager's Class A liquor license application for the Doubletree Hotel. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

- **Union Restaurant.** Class A liquor license application. Ratify recommendation to approve the application.

Sweet moved and Laska seconded the motion to ratify the recommendation to approve Union Restaurant's Class A liquor license application. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

- **Salvation Army Harbor Light Center.** Request to provide letter of support for the Center's application to the City's Emergency Shelter Grant Program. Ratify recommendation to provide letter of support.

Winkler moved and Hauer seconded a motion to provide a letter of support to the Harbor Light Center for an application to the City's Emergency Shelter Grant Program. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

IV. NRP Implementation Update

- **Consideration of request for NRP Phase II Crime and Safety monies from the Minneapolis Police Department / First Precinct and the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District.**

The MPD and the Minneapolis DID are seeking \$25,000 for the installation of lighting on North 4th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues North, as well as \$1,500 for car seats for the transportation of children from the First Precinct to St. Joseph's Home for Children and other emergency shelters.

There was some discussion regarding the cost of convertible car seats. Laska and Klimek indicated that they could be purchased for approximately \$150 and that the MPD should be able to purchase at least eight seats at that price. Rock suggested that the MPD first purchase the seats and then provide a receipt to the DMNA for reimbursement.

Hauer moved and Sweet seconded a motion to provide \$25,000 to the MPD and the DID for the installation of lighting on North 4th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues North and 1st Avenue South. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

Swan moved and Klimek seconded a motion to provide the MPD up to \$1,500 for the purchase of convertible car seats. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

V. Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2012

Ewald noted that Hauer called for discussion under Land Use. Rock will make the correction.

Sweet moved and Swan seconded a motion to approve the September 11, 2012 board meeting minutes as amended. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

VI. Consideration of October 2012 Financial Report

Winkler moved and Laska seconded a motion to receive and file the October 2012 financial report. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

VII. Staff Report

Sweet moved and Christenson seconded a motion to receive and file Rock's staff report for the period 09-08-12 to 10-05-12. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

VIII. Old business / new business / other business

- ***Update on outreach and collaboration with other downtown organizations.*** Reference the Outreach and Collaboration chart and attachments emailed from Sweet in advance of the meeting.
 - ***North Loop Neighborhood Association's Resolution of Support for Educational Facility.*** Laska thanked Hauer and Winkler for attending the NLNA's board meeting when this topic was discussed and indicated that he had personally outreached to some of the board members because he really wants an elementary school downtown. He's been talking with other families and advised he'd be representing the DMNA and the downtown area at a meeting on October 24th. He's doesn't know how much traction this is going to get and whether it will be a Minneapolis Public School but it's worth the effort.

Winkler explained that the NLNA has met with the Minneapolis School Board who indicated that they think this is a good idea. NLNA is also meeting with the City Council. Their interest stems from the increase in young families moving to the area as well as the fact that there are seven new condo developments that will be going up.

Sweet commented that they are trying to stop the exodus of young couples leaving the area because there is no elementary school.

- ***NRP Affordable Housing Fund.*** Laska advised that he met with Hauer and Swan on September 28th to talk about how to spend Phase II housing funds. They prepared notes for a presentation but due to time constraints will do so at the next board meeting. If anyone else would like to participate just let him know.
- ***Identifying DMNA representative for upcoming Court Watch.*** Andrea Christenson will attend the October 12 meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Chair

Secretary