

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the Board Meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2016
Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot
225 3rd Avenue South, Hiawatha Meeting Room, Minneapolis, MN 55401

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Board Chair Nick Cichowicz called the Board meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Other Board members in attendance were:

Dan Collison
Kevin Frazell
Laurie Jones
Pamela McCrea, Treasurer
Travis Nordgaard
Carletta Sweet, Secretary
Joe Tamburino, Vice Chair

Staff member Christie Rock Hantge was present but staff member Joan Bennett was absent.

II. Neighborhood and Community Relations Update

Chair Nick Cichowicz advised NCR has finally put together a contract with a nonprofit attorney allowing the neighborhood organizations to obtain 2 hours of nonprofit advice, and if those hours should be exceeded there is a process to go through for compensation.

Cichowicz, who spoke with the attorney today, will pass on the DMNA's information; she wants to discuss potential changes to the Bylaws pursuant to the discussion at the October 17th Board meeting regarding Article V.

III. Candidate Eligibility Vote

Cichowicz clarified that based on the interpretation of the DMNA's current Bylaws, the home and office addresses submitted by Kate Grutzmacher indicate she neither lives nor works within the Downtown East or Downtown West neighborhoods and, therefore, is ineligible to run for the DMNA Board.

Discussion ensued during which it was established that the DMNA never had to challenge a candidate's eligibility before because their residence and/or business addresses where they receive mail were within the neighborhood boundaries. Options to strengthen eligibility requirements were also discussed. Thereafter,

Tamburino moved and Jones seconded a motion affirming Kate Grutzmacher's ineligibility to run for the DMNA Board based on the interpretation of the DMNA's current Bylaws. Cichowicz called for discussion. The motion passed.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business,

Cichowicz moved and Jones seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cichowicz called for discussion. The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Chair

Secretary