

Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association

Minutes from Board Meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2009 Hennepin Center for the Arts Room 310, Minneapolis, MN

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Carletta Sweet called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Other Board Members in attendance included Gerry Ewald, Andy Hauer, Paula Klimek, Corey Kline, and Scott Parkin.

Guests in attendance included downtown residents Katalin Nagy and Michael Katch; and Alicia Bennett, Outreach Coordinator for Rebuilding Together Twin Cities.

Board member George Rosenquist and staff member Christie Rock were unable to attend.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Hauer moved and Parkin seconded a motion to move the Rebuilding Together presentation to the top of the agenda. The motion passed.

III. REBUILDING TOGETHER TWIN CITIES PRESENTATION

Alicia Bennett from Rebuilding Together Twin Cities presented information on that non-profit program that helps low-income homeowners repair their homes so they may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence. Ms. Bennett, the program's Outreach Coordinator, wanted to make DMNA aware of the program and asked whether downtown condo owners would be interested in the program.

The Board believes that while there are probably many downtown homeowners who meet the program's target audience, the rules, regulations and guidelines of our area's larger Condominium Associations would make it difficult for Rebuilding Together to have a significant impact.

It was suggested that some adjacent neighborhoods would more likely have condo owners who more easily qualify for assistance. However, the Board is open to putting information about the organization's volunteer opportunities on the DMNA website.

For more information about the organization visit: www.rebuildingtogether-twincities.org

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Nominations were proposed and voted unanimously for the following Board positions and Committee Chairs:

Board Chair:	Carletta Sweet
Vice Chair:	Scott Parkin
Secretary:	Gerry Ewald
Treasurer:	Paula Klimek
Land Use:	Andy Hauer
Crime & Safety:	<i>Tabled while George Rosenquist recuperates</i>

V. LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Andy Hauer presented the Land Use Committee report. The highlights included:

- The Hilton Garden Inn has been approved a new liquor license.
- Reggie Prim would like to do a presentation at the next DMNA Board meeting.
- Information from Lisa Goodman regarding public meetings for a Public Bicycle Sharing program in Minneapolis.
- An update on the Mill City Streetscape Gap Project.

VI. MARKETING

Scott Parkin presented an update on the new DMNA website which is now up and running. Scott is working with Paul Barber and the web designer to determine how to best change “control” of the site and keep the site up to date. He also suggested that the Board review the site’s content at next month’s meeting. Scott also wanted to especially thank Paul Barber for all his work through this process.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2008 BOARD MEETING

Ewald moved and Parkin seconded a motion to approve the December 12, 2008 Board minutes. The motion passed.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Hauer moved and Klimek seconded a motion to approve the December 12, 2008 Annual Meeting minutes. The motion passed.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

Hauer moved and Kline seconded a motion to approve and file the January 2009 Financial Statements as prepared by Christie Rock. The motion passed.

X. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / OTHER BUSINESS

Sweet asked for comment on selecting a DMNA representative to the February 21 NRP meeting. This person needs to be selected by January 31. After some discussion it was determined that most of the attending Board members had not seen the letter from NRP Director Bob Miller and needed more information before making any decisions. Sweet will forward the letter to the Board for an online vote.

[Subsequent to the instant meeting, Andy Hauer nominated himself for this position and was approved by his fellow Board members via email.]

Neighborhood resident Michael Katch also noted an upcoming SafeZone meeting to be held at St Thomas College.

Sweet distributed and updated Outreach and Collaboration list.

XI. Adjournment

Hauer moved and Ewald seconded a motion to adjourn the board meeting. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Chair

Secretary