

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Open Book

1011 Washington Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Board Chair Gerry Ewald called the board meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Other board members in attendance were:

Andrea Christenson
Nick Cichowicz
Andy Hauer
Eric Laska, Treasurer
Wallace Swan, Secretary
Carletta Sweet
Jesse Winkler, Vice Chair

Staff member Christie Rock was also present.

II. Consideration of the Agenda

Hauer moved and Swan seconded a motion to approve the October 8, 2013 board meeting agenda. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

III. Consideration of August 13, 2013, board meeting minutes

Sweet moved and Cichowicz seconded a motion to approve the August 13, 2013, board meeting minutes. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

IV. Consideration of September 10, 2013, board meeting minutes

Sweet moved and Cichowicz seconded a motion to approve the September 10, 2013, board meeting minutes. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

V. Consideration of Financial Report as of October 2013

Christenson moved and Swan seconded a motion to receive and file the October 2013 Financial Report. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

VI. Consideration of October 2013 staff report

Swan moved and Laska seconded a motion to receive and file Rock's staff report for the period 09-07-13 to 10-04-13. Ewald called for discussion. The motion passed.

VII. Old business / new business / other business

- ***Congratulations to outgoing board member Andy Hauer.*** Laska recognized and thanked Hauer for his many years of service on the DMNA Board and its predecessor, the Downtown Minneapolis Residents Association's Board. The entire board echoed Laska's sentiments, and also thanked Swan and Laska for their years of service to the organization. Everyone encouraged the trio to stay engaged in the downtown community in some way.
- ***DMNA Housing Task Force Update.*** Laska noted that he recently completed the "Statement to Developers" document that emerged from discussion at the August board meeting. The statement asks housing developers to respond to / address certain questions when making presentations to the DMNA Board. Some of the questions include the following:
 - How many units (by percent and raw number) are and are not Class A market rate?
 - How many units have 1 bedroom? 2 bedrooms? 3 bedrooms, etc.?
 - What family friendly amenities are provided?
 - Is there skyway access?
 - Is there any ground level Retail space?

Laska has shared the document with Ewald and Rock for their review and suggestions. The refined document will be presented to the entire board at a later date.

- ***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.
 - ***Downtown 2025 Committee to End Street Homelessness.*** Laska advised that he has been receiving emails from this committee and they are starting a new schedule that he'll forward on to any interested board member as the DMNA has a seat on this committee.
 - ***Downtown Elementary School Initiative.*** Laska advised that this initiative is going well; they have received 225 responses to the survey thus far. He'll be updating the Minneapolis Downtown Council's 2025 Plan Residential Task Force on October 9th.

He also explained that due to increasing enrollment, the Minneapolis Public Schools has proposed a 5-year Enrollment Plan to strengthen schools through enrollment strategies and the possibility of changing school attendance boundaries. Right now there are three zones and within each zone is a subzone. They are proposing to move Downtown East and Downtown West out of Zone 3 that goes to south Minneapolis to Zone 1 that goes north and northeast with a potential of creating a new Subzone 1G so that downtown kids (i.e., Downtown East/West and Elliot Park) would then go to the soon-to-be un-mothballed Webster Elementary School or Sheridan Elementary School. North Loop would be under the new Subzone 1C, separate from the rest of downtown, and their kids would go to Bethune Elementary School. Laska then announced that there is a community meeting scheduled on Monday, October 14th, 6:00 p.m. at Northeast Middle School. For more information, visit <http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/five-year-enrollment-plan.html>.

- *Annual Meeting Candidates Forum.* A brief discussion ensued about the structure and timing of the forum. Rock advised what she had recommended to the candidates and what assistance she would need throughout the annual meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Chair

Secretary