

Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association Land Use Committee Charter

Purpose

One of the major functions of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association (DMNA) is to serve as the voice of and advocate for downtown residents with the City of Minneapolis, developers, and other stakeholders on issues affecting downtown land uses. The purpose of the Land Use Committee (LUC) is to support that organization priority by tracking, studying and providing a venue for citizen engagement on land use and public realm issues and projects in the downtown area.

Responsibilities

- Track downtown development activity and land use issues to facilitate timely DMNA involvement
- Receive public presentation of development proposals from developers and city staff
- Foster citizen awareness and engagement ~~and input~~ on land use issues
- Pay attention to the public realm and ~~(quality of life)~~ issues associated with development
- Inform decisions by researching and being aware of contemporary best practices in urban land development, livability, and the public realm enhancement
- Report on committee activities and make recommendations to the DMNA Board of Directors in taking official positions
- Make public presentations to the public decision making bodies on land use issues

Operational Goals and Processes

- In cooperation with staff maintain a tracking document for important downtown land use and other development activities
- Maintain constructive working relationship with staff of the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED), Public Works, Regulatory Services, the Parks and Recreation Board and any other relevant government agencies
- Keep the DMNA board of directors informed about Committee activities in a timely manner, either by verbal report at the next board meeting, or, if more timely communication is required, via written e-mail report to the board
- Have procedures that enable quick reaction, where necessary, in approval of official DMNA positions on land use and other development issues
- Ensure that a synopsis of LUC meetings are maintained and posted in timely manner on the DMNA website