

## DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 *Via Zoom*

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Pamela McCrea called the Board meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

Other Board members in attendance were:

Max Erickson  
Andrew Gittleman  
Kevin Frazell, Vice Chair  
Tomek Rajtar  
Laurie Rice  
Carletta Sweet, Secretary  
Joe Tamburino  
Dianne Walsh, Treasurer

Staff member Christie Rock Hantge was also present.

Zoom guests in attendance included:

Elizabeth Bieging, Hennepin County  
Doug Flateau, Working Partnerships  
Ella Graham, MN GreenCorps  
Casey Hudek, Working Partnerships  
Joe Kreisman, Minneapolis DID  
Abby Larson, Encore  
Sybil Luft

Douglas Pearson, Centre Village  
Wendy Rubinyi, Bridgewater Lofts  
Ben Shardlow, Minneapolis Downtown Council  
Elizabeth Vandam, Oaklands on 9th  
Andie Whitaker, Working Partnerships

#### II. Consideration of Agenda

With there being no additions or changes,

*Rajtar moved and Rice seconded a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed.*

#### III. Minneapolis DID 2021 Safety Plan Social Worker Update

Joe Kreisman, Social Impact Manager at Minneapolis DID (<https://www.mplsdid.com/contact>), explained that back in 2020 they began discussions with Hennepin County about finding ways to expand street outreach and social work in downtown in coordination with all their other partners such as MAD DADS, YouthLink, Ambassadors, Livability Team. As a consequence, they adapted the Sequential Intercept Model ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequential\\_Intercept\\_Model](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequential_Intercept_Model)) that Hennepin County imbedded in police departments in some suburban communities ([https://www.hennepin.us/cjcc/-/media/cjcc/other-docs/Criminal\\_Justice-Behavioral\\_Health\\_Initiative\\_-5-year-Report\\_2020.pdf](https://www.hennepin.us/cjcc/-/media/cjcc/other-docs/Criminal_Justice-Behavioral_Health_Initiative_-5-year-Report_2020.pdf)) to focus exclusively in the DID zone in downtown, and in March 2021, James Seals was hired as a full-time Outreach Social Worker

([https://www.mplsdid.com/news\\_article/show/1168731](https://www.mplsdid.com/news_article/show/1168731)) and he's been out every day since then building relationships and filling in some of the upstream gaps they've had to help make downtown a more welcoming place for everyone. He's been spectacular in filling that role and one of the things DID has done to support the work is purchase a DID-branded transport van. The only previous transport was in the back of a squad car, so they wanted to make sure there was a community friendly and socially conscious way to help folks get to where they wanted to be; that's been a spectacular change and Seals has been doing transports multiple times every week for months.

Elizabeth Bieging from Hennepin County Behavioral Health added Seals has been working downtown doing outreach in the 120+ blocks of the DID zone since March and focusing on working with people to meet their basic needs. Over the course of the last 7 months, they have found a lot of the work he's doing is relational and it's taking time for him to get to know people and build relationships with them before they're able to take the next step to either find a place to live or connect with mental health or substance abuse services. Seals has spent a lot of time with the people downtown during the day learning about what's important to them and helping to bridge the gap to get them to the services and support they're looking for; DID walks alongside them no matter where they are on their journey.

As Seals has made these connections and built relationships, just this past couple of weeks he has helped a person staying in a bus shelter for a long time get to appointments at Hennepin Healthcare, go on interviews for housing and now they have a place to live which is connected to providers at HH that can provide case management and support; and just this morning he brought someone into the Behavioral Health Center at 1800 Chicago Avenue where they were given a healthcare coordination who will work with them for up to 60 days to get them connected with long-term support.

From June to August 2021, Seals had a total of 222 people that he had contact with in downtown of which 1/3 identified needs related to substance abuse, 1/4 identified needs related to mental health, 3/4 were experiencing housing instability or homelessness, 42 of the 222 he has engaged with in ongoing services and support, and he's providing some case management services to people who are willing to engage in more services. When she goes out with Seals, she's always amazed at how many people he knows and able to tell her about their interests, so he's the right person for the job.

Kreisman noted Seals regularly attends the 1st Precinct's staff meetings with Inspector Bill Peterson (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/police/police-chief-administration/>) and a variety of other downtown partners, and they've tried to blend his ability to build relationships with doing transports and taking people to services, responding to calls from law enforcement partners through the WhatsApp (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WhatsApp>) and from downtown partners through RadioLINK (<https://www.mplsdid.com/safetycommunications>), and he's working with Health Care for the Homeless (<https://nhchc.org/hennepin-county-health-care-for-the-homeless/>), so they're constantly struggling to figure out how to make sure they best utilize his skills and talent and get positive outcomes for everyone downtown.

Lastly, Kreisman and Bieging responded to questions from the Board, and placed in chat the DID Safety Communications Center contact for those with further questions, 612-322-1111.

#### **IV. Twin Cities Hospitality Relief Worker Program**

Casey Hudek, Campaigns Manager for the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation ([https://www.minneapolisunions.org/cluc\\_about.php](https://www.minneapolisunions.org/cluc_about.php)), the umbrella organization for unions in Minneapolis and core partner of Twin Cities Hospitality and Event Workers' Relief Fund (<https://www.twincitieshospitalityfund.org/>) for which Working Partnerships (<http://workingpartnerships.org/>) is the fiscal sponsor, came to give an update and restate their gratitude for DMNA's support of this program (i.e., \$20,000 in May 2020, \$44,000 in March 2021, for a total of \$64,000).

Hudek shared a video on how WP vastly expanded its relief and emergency programming in response to the pandemic by operating the TCHEWRF; it's led by both the Minneapolis and St. Paul Area Labor Councils, both ALC Community Service Programs, Hospitality Union Affiliates, and Workers Center Partners. This nationally recognized program has provided direct financial assistance, wraparound services and referrals to local resources, and information and technical support around safety and a voice in the workplace for all workers regardless of their union status. This program helped workers cope with COVID in their workplaces, homes, and among families. Hospitality and event workers continue to be in need so the program continues. Since March 2020, they've helped over 1,500 workers with assessments and referrals; made over 1,100 direct grant payments to over 900 individuals in the metro area; found over half of the workers who participated were not eligible for unemployment, had no health insurance, and self-identified as food insecure. In addition, they've found many of the non-union workers they served have since go on the demand fairness from employers upon return to work or are seeking new jobs and putting a premier on greater pay, protections of benefits, and voice at work.

Doug Flateau, Executive Director at WP (<https://workingpartnerships.org/about-working-partnerships/staff/>), thanked the DMNA's support noting it's instrumental to the operation of their program, and explained the video was for the 2021 Minnesota AFL CIO Virtual Convention (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K201Su9GI2g>) but the people they helped were both union and nonunion in the hospitality industry, and because of the DMNA's help many families were able to stay stable.

Andie Whitaker, AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison at WP ([http://www.minneapolisunions.org/mlr2019-11-15\\_whitaker.php](http://www.minneapolisunions.org/mlr2019-11-15_whitaker.php)), also shared her thanks and gratitude.

Then in response to Rice's request to characterize the current environment (e.g., the status of back to work, regaining employment) compared to 3, 6, 9 months ago, Hudek believes there has been a lot of improvement. They're better than they were 3 to 6 months ago, but he worries folks are unclear about the long-term repercussions in their industries. Some of the largest hotel employers are not fully back and the pandemic is not over.

Flateau agreed and added if he compared it to the economic downturn a few years ago, after the recovery began, they were still getting people who were in need coming through their program which could've been due to individual hardship situations or end of other support programs. Then you layer on the COVID crisis and people are still getting it, so from his perspective it has gotten better/less than they saw from the beginning but they're still working with people in need of support and for those who didn't qualify and aren't back at work then they're still in trouble.

Lastly, Hudek shared an October 7th video by the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank of its survey of

frontline workers in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area to gauge their experiences in today's economy and their hopes for the future ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQStFW\\_AyyI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQStFW_AyyI)).

#### V. **Oakland Apartments Legacy Grant Application**

Elizabeth Vandam, author and historian of architecture, advised she met the October 8th deadline (<https://www.mnhs.org/preservation/legacy-grants/events/13001>), and now it's just a waiting game. It was reviewed by Todd Mahon, State History Services Manager (<https://www.mnhs.org/preservation/about>) and it'll be 8 weeks before the outcome, so she won't have anything new to tell us in November and she'll see us in December. The MNHS should announce grant recipients for this round in December. If she was not successful this round, she'll try again in the first quarter of 2022.

Following up on Vandam's offer to conduct a tour, Frazell asked her to pick a date then he'll extend an invitation to both Board and Land Use Committee members. Vandam will connect with the owner John Kistler and let Frazell when he's available.

#### VI. **Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District Tree Census**

Ben Shardlow, Director of Urban Design at the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/benshardlow/>), introduced Ella Graham, MN GreenCorps Member (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/ella-graham-008096197/>), recent graduate of St. Catherine University, and AmeriCorps VISTA (<http://www.mcnvista.org/>) through a different program that is focused on downtown green 40 hours a week for the next 11 months, a level of capacity they've never had. She has been phenomenal to work with over the last month.

Shardlow advised they're here to present on next week's event, the annual Downtown Tree Census (<https://www.mplsdid.com/treecensus>), and the new approach they're able to take that is facilitated by the work done with the support of the DMNA. First, he recognized they had another great year of watering young trees downtown in partnership with the DMNA in an exceptionally hot and dry summer and they're glad to be able continue that effort.

Second, he discussed the new approach with tree tags. In the past they placed small plastic tags on young trees in downtown to call out the new trees. Now they've taken that a step further by treating downtown as an arboretum in the making by tagging *every* street tree in the four downtown neighborhoods (CLPC, DMNA, EPNI, NLNA) with metal arboretum-style tree tags which has a unique ID number and species to better report maintenance issues and as a major tool for community engagement around the Tree Census.

Graham explained she's super excited to work on community engagement activities like the Downtown Tree Census which will be held on Monday, October 25th through Sunday, October 31st. Volunteers will collect data on the health and growth of downtown street trees so they can track their growth and performance from year to year. There are 4,500 trees with tags and that's too many for just her and Shardlow to collect data on so they rely on volunteers, then she'll analyze the data to determine which types grow best. The schedule is flexible, volunteers may go out any time of day, any number of days, no specific time commitment. To participate, go out into downtown and find a tree with a tag and text the word "Census" to the number listed. After texting, volunteers will get to engage with the automated text

system and follow the prompts. She'll be working on this all next week, so if we have any questions, she can be reached at [egraham@mplsdid.com](mailto:egraham@mplsdid.com).

## VII. Consent Agenda

*Rice moved and Gittleman seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the September 20th Board meeting minutes; F2021 Budget vs. Actual for the period ending September 30, 2021; and the Neighborhood Coordinator / Finance Coordinator staff report for September (Invoice #081). McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed*

## VIII. Land Use Committee Report

In Committee Chair Kevin Frazell's absence, Sweet reported on the following projects presented at the Tuesday, October 5th meeting:

**A. Marquette Hotel + Windows on Minnesota On Sale Class A Liquor License with Sunday and 2 AM Sales Application** by Whitney Anderson Gillings (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/andersonwhitney1/>), Licensing Specialist at Blue Bonnet Consulting (<https://www.bluebonnetconsulting.com/>). Triton Hospitality Group purchased the 1972, 12-story, 281-room hotel at 710 Marquette Avenue South (<https://finance-commerce.com/2021/10/new-firm-buys-marquette-hotel/>) linked to Minnesota's tallest building, the architect Philip Johnson-designed IDS Center, where Minneapolis's central gathering place, the Crystal Court, recently underwent a renovation (<https://ids-center.com/crystal-court-ids-center/crystal-court-renovation/>). THG plans to invest in property and guest-related improvements and the new management, Evolution Hospitality, is seeking a liquor license for both the hotel which includes Jolliet House and Marquette Lounge (<https://themarquettehotel.com/dining/>), and the upscale event facility Windows on Minnesota (<https://www.windowsonminnesota.com/>). No significant changes to the operation are anticipated.

The LUC unanimously recommended providing a Letter of Support for the On Sale Class A Liquor License Application with Sunday and 2 AM Sales.

**B. Levy Restaurants' Expansion of On- and Off-Sale Liquor License Application** by Amy Byrne, Associate at Madigan, Dahl & Harlan, P.A. (<https://www.mdh-law.com/attorney/byrne-amy-m/>). They're applying for an expansion of their existing liquor license into the premises formerly held by Cargo Food Authority on the street level at 600 1st Avenue North (<https://www.bizjournals.com/twincities/news/2021/01/19/cargo-food-authority-in-target-center-is-bankrupt.html>), and they plan to build a door for direct access into the Target Center for an On-Sale only area.

LUC Vice Chair L.B. Guthrie disclosed he was involved in the negotiations for Levy Restaurants to take over the catering at the Target Center (<https://www.bizjournals.com/twincities/blog/sports-business/2013/05/target-center-bringing-in-new-caterer.html>).

The LUC recommended providing a LOS for the expansion of the On-Sale but tabled the Off-Sale until the end of the meeting because they requested clarification of its necessity.

Later in the meeting after Byrne did some research online, she found in the statutes the City can grant either or both On- and Off-Sale liquor licenses and specifically for the Target Center. She

reiterated that Levy Restaurants already has been granted that application in the Target Center, they're asking to expand what they already have and they have no interest/plan in Off-Sale.

After much discussion, the LUC restated support for providing a LOS for the expansion of Levy Restaurants existing On-Sale liquor license application but not the Off-Sale.

- C. Red Lake Nation College Without Borders LLC Proposed Downtown East Campus** by Chief Dan King, President (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/dan-king-96b921a3/>). King prefaced his presentation by advising they have made some recent property purchases in Downtown East for a total of \$4.2 million: the Tiger Oak Media building at 900 South 3rd Street (<https://finance-commerce.com/2021/09/red-lake-nation-college-buys-downtown-minneapolis-building/>); and 910-912 South 3rd Street from Tom Laird who brought his Digital Billboard Permit Application before the LUC recently.

As background he explained in 2011 RLNC (<https://www.rlnc.edu/>) did a market study and discovered the average attainment of a 4-year degree was 29% in the USA and 1.5% for the RLN (<https://www.redlakenation.org/>). For Natives they don't have an education gap, they have an education *canyon*, so they need people in all fields. This educational canyon gap is a result of a lack of access on the reservations and institutional barriers in the cities and it's a culture shock for them to go to a mainstream institution, so their culture-based mission is to educate, provide an entire support system, and instill the seven Ojibwe values.

The mission for the Minneapolis campus is to provide higher education and job training for Red Lake tribal members living in the Twin Cities. Currently about 8,000 members are living in the area and a total of 50,000 in the Twin Cities, one of the largest Native urban areas in the country. They serve this unique market niche that nobody else is serving on the higher end. They have a 140-year plan, so this a well thought out project where they plan to be for a long time but they're looking for community partners.

The project plan for creating a 21st century Downtown East campus involves combining 900 South 3rd Street (which doesn't require much work due to a recent renovation) to 912 South 3rd Street by demolishing 910 South 3rd Street and building a connecting glass wall and adding a third roof top with the two (grandfathered?) billboards. They are still in the planning stages, and Cunningham Group (<https://cunningham.com/>) is the architect. They currently offer classes at the Red Lake Nation Embassy (<https://www.facebook.com/RLNATIONEMBASSY/>), the new \$35 million facility.

They intend to start classes in the Tiger Oak Media building in January of 2022; demolition, reconstruction, and renovation of the other two buildings during the spring of 2022. They hope to fully occupy the combined property by the fall of 2022.

The LUC unanimously recommended providing a LOS for the concept as presented of the Red Lake Nation educational facility and encouraged the developer to return with more focused site and building plans and clarification of what is needed from the City in the permitting process.

- D. Hennepin Center for the Arts Certificate of Appropriateness Application** by Kelly Mastin, Project Manager at Miller Dunwiddie Architecture (<https://millerdunwiddie.com/people/>). The repair and

restoration work for this project at 516 Hennepin Avenue includes the removal and replacement of non-original aluminum storefront windows at five openings on the first floor (three on Hennepin Avenue and two on Sixth Street), installment of an accessible door in one of the storefront windows, and infill of a non-original exterior concrete stair from 6th street to the basement. The new windows will be prefinished, aluminum-clad wood windows with custom painted metal panels below the windows. All finishes are to match existing paint colors determined by testing. The spacing of the window mullions, entry door design, and metal panel design is based on original drawings and photos.

The LUC unanimously recommended providing a LOS for the HCA CoA.

- E. RBC Gateway Mixed-Use Development Update** by Rick McKelvey, Senior Vice President of Residential Development at United Properties (<https://www.uproperties.com/our-team/>). Before he began, LUC Vice Chair L.B. Guthrie disclosed RBC was a former client of his. Kelvey has been working on this site since the fall of 2014 when they submitted their response to the City's RFP and standing in the Mill City Museum 3 years ago presenting their vision for this former vacant parking lot, so it's been a long time coming and he's thrilled to be here only a few months away from their office component opening on February 1, 2022 and then the grand opening in June 1, 2022.

Then he shared the latest and greatest internal and external images of the development, one of which he's proud because it looks like an early rendering, and the building stack of five components: the podium base where fun things happen, 16 floors of office space with RBC Wealth Management as anchor tenant, 8 floors of 224 Four Seasons hotel rooms, and 6 floors of 34 Four Seasons condominium units, all of which is stacked above 3 stories of below grade parking (<https://www.rbcgatewaympls.com/>).

He also shared some of the exciting things that are coming up over the next year. The skyway connections and public spaces will be opening in February, the hotel and ballroom will go live in June, and the residential units will start to be occupied in September.

- F. Stone Arch Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update** by Randy Manthey who participated in MnDOT's Wednesday, September 15th Zoom call (<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/stonearchbridge/index.html>). Manthey commented the presentation was vague, they're still doing an investigation to determine the scope of the repair work, and they don't have a schedule or budget. The bridge is owned by the State which is responsible for its structural integrity, and there's a shared responsibility with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board which is responsible for maintenance and operation of the surface. Work will not begin until the Third Avenue Bridge project is complete and open to bicycle and pedestrian traffic (<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy65andthirdavebridge/index.html>).

*Sweet moved and Rajtar seconded a motion to approve the four above-mentioned Letters of Support. McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed.*

## **IX. Chair's Report**

McCrea reminded everyone of the DMNA 2021 Annual Meeting coming up on Monday, October 25th at 6

p.m. via Zoom (<https://www.thedmna.org/event/dmna-annual-meeting-on-october-25-at-6-p-m-via-zoom/>). Hantge who closed applications yesterday advised there are four community members running for three seats: Abby Larson, Douglas Pearson, Jim Bishop, and Tomek Rajtar who is running as an incumbent.

McCrea said by our next meeting we will be sadly saying goodbye to Vice Chair and LUC Chair Kevin Frazell and Community Engagement Committee Chair Max Erickson, both of whom have done a huge amount of service for the DMNA. It's been a pleasure to serve with them and she's looking forward to roasting them next Monday night.

Frazell then gave his bittersweet farewell by noting he's been on the Board for 6 years and he's loved every minute of it. Not only was it a chance to give back and serve the community he loves but also a chance to be a part of a great group of people, the existing Board as well as the prior people who came and went over the 6 years. He was always impressed by the professionalism, knowledge, expertise, and passion that everybody brought. More often than not, it seemed like we pretty much agreed on things and those times when we didn't, we did so respectfully and listened to each other. If more groups could work as effectively together as we did the world would be a lot better place. He would be remiss in not giving Christie a lot of credit for the support she's given; it's easy to underestimate how important that staff role is to make sure things keep flowing smoothly. He'll try to stay in engaged through the Land Use Committee and maybe get involved in the Civic Engagement Committee, so he'll keep serving in other ways because he's a huge believer in passing some of this stuff on to not only new people but the next generation. He personally reached out to Abby and Doug and said they would make great Board members and much to his delight they stepped up; they'll contribute to the community and connect us to new people, places, and groups. Thanks for all we did to support him and make his life richer for the time he served with us.

McCrea then asked the Board to go into a brief executive session to discuss the personnel contract once the instant Board meeting adjourns.

## **X. Civic Engagement Committee Report**

Committee Chair Max Erickson reported on the following:

- A. Municipal Election Joint Community Forums.** They have wrapped up the three forums conducted in partnership with the NLNA: one for two of the Charter Amendment proposals on the November 2nd ballot, Question 1 Government Structure, and Question 2 Department of Public Safety (<https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/results-data/election-results/2021/ballot-questions/>); and one for the Ward 3 City Council Candidates Forum (<https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/results-data/election-results/2021/>).
- B. Neighborhood Identification Signage.** Signs are up demarcating Downtown East and Downtown West, the officially recognized neighborhoods in downtown, as well as the Gateway District and Mill District, two sub-neighborhoods identified by the CEC. Everyone was encouraged to walk around and see them.

This morning Pixelwerx notified Committee Chair Wendy Rubinyi that there was a cost increase of \$1,102.50 over the original bid on the hardware needed to install the Mill District and Gateway District banners. This will be close to \$30,000 that the DMNA has allocated to this project, and it will



not have funds to pay for this moving forward, so it will need to fundraise for approximately \$1,000 to pay the City for maintenance and permits. He noted strong leaders are needed for the CEC both as Chair and Board Liaison to ensure the projects we've set a great foundation for will move forward.

- C. Green Minneapolis Cleanup Event.** This volunteer litter cleanup event on Saturday, October 9th at the Vikings Longhouse was successful (<https://www.facebook.com/GreenMinneapolis>). There were over 100 volunteers (the goal was 50-75) and they picked up 130 bags of trash, just shy of 4,000 lbs. Mayor Frey and MPRB President Jono Cowgill spoke at the kickoff, and many local businesses, organizations, and downtown residents were involved.

David Wilson, Chair of Green Minneapolis, passed on his thanks to the DMNA for its partnership.

- D. Volunteer of the Year Award.** At the suggestion of McCrea, they are reintroducing the Volunteer of the Year Award at this year's Annual Meeting. The winners and the nominators will participate in the meeting. Erickson has ordered and mailed the awards directly to the winners.

*Erickson moved and Gittleman seconded a motion to approve the increased hardware costs associated with the banner project. McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed.*

The next meeting of the Civic Engagement Committee is TBD.

## **XI. Strategic Planning Task Forces**

- A. Branding.** Walsh noted the Historic Signage Project has been a moving target. They had the PDFs done and the next step was meeting with 16 owners to get approval on signs, location, etc., which was accomplished last week. Then one of the owners of 2 of the buildings threw a wrench into the works wanting a different method of attachment to which Walsh refused. Now they're waiting to see if they're going to be part of the program; if not they need to move quickly and get changes to the video. They're interested but they just need to convince top management by mid-week so they can have the video ready to go by next Monday.

It has been fun meeting with the owners. The DMNA is doing one sign per building and one owner will pay for two additional signs and the attachments because they think it's such a wonderful project. Walsh has photos of the 10 building owners she's met with and their signs, and Christine Anderson has photos for those she's met with to establish a record for the project and get buy in; they'll have something to show at the Annual Meeting. Thereafter, they will address branding giveaway items they may want to acquire going forward.

- B. HOA Advisory Group.** No report. The next meeting is on Thursday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. The agenda includes a public safety update by 1st Precinct Inspector Bill Peterson.

## **XII. New / Old / Other Business**

**A. Annual Meeting.** Board members on the agenda discussed what information and materials they would be presenting. McCrea asked if anyone has additional ideas to make the agenda special to please let Hantge know. Because Hantge currently has only 36 people registered, she beseeched us to recruit people to join us by posting the flyer in our community mailrooms and emailing them to our HOAs.

**B. Neighborhoods 2020 Policies and Procedures**

*Frazell moved and Tamburino seconded a motion to approve the following policies and procedures in connection with the Neighborhoods 2020 applications:*

- [Whistleblower Policy](#)
- [Expense Reimbursement Policy](#)
- [Board Development Policy](#)
- [EE Policy and AA Plan](#)
- [Records Retention Policy](#)
- [Member Hiring Policy](#)
- [Member Grievance Policy](#)
- [Gift Acceptance Policy](#)
- [Audit Policy](#)
- [ADA Policy](#)
- [Language Access Policy](#)

*McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed.*

For a complete list of the Neighborhoods 2020 requirements, please see the [Neighborhood Organization Recognition Requirements Checklist](#).

**C. Neighborhoods 2020 Applications.** Hantge noted that she submitted the Citywide Neighborhood Network Fund application and the Equitable Engagement Fund application and Work Plan on October 15th, and all three documents are posted on the Board Portal. She strongly encouraged everyone to read them if they have not already done so. The Equitable Engagement Work Plan is very aggressive and it will take everyone's help to implement the strategies outlined within it in 2022. She then asked for the Board's approval as part of the submission requirements.

*Gittleman moved and Sweet seconded a motion to approve the Neighborhoods 2020 applications. McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed.*

For more information on Neighborhoods 2020, please visit <https://www2.minneapolis.gov/government/departments/ncr/neighborhood-programs/neighborhoods-2020/>.

**XIII. Next Board Meeting**

Monday, November 15th at 5:45 p.m., via Zoom.

**XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to executive session to review and discuss Hantge's professional services contract (found on the website under Board Member Only).

*Gittleman moved and Erickson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed at 7:58 p.m.*

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Chair

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Secretary