

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022

Via Zoom

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I. Call to Order

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

Other Board members in attendance were:

Jim Bishop
Andrew Gittleman, Vice President
Laurie Rice
Carletta Sweet, Secretary
Joe Tamburino

Board Members Abby Larson and Treasurer Dianne Walsh were absent.

Executive Director Christie Rock Hantge was also present.

Zoom guests in attendance included:

Martha Archer, Mill City Farmers Market	Randy Manthey, The Carlyle Condominiums
Andrea Brennan, Minneapolis CPED	Ryan SanCartier, Ward 3 Policy Aide
Amy Britt, Mill City Farmers Market	Wendy Underwood, Catholic Charities

II. Consideration of Agenda

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

III. Catholic Charities at Elliot Park Project Update

Wendy Underwood, Vice President of Social Justice Advocacy and Engagement

(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/wendy-underwood-mba-8354942/>), advised she came to share an update on their new Elliot Park project that will be opening this spring and summer (<https://www.cctwincities.org/building-for-the-future-catholic-charities-at-elliott-park/>).

First she described their services which are primarily for adults and includes an extensive deeply affordable housing program (<https://www.cctwincities.org/all-services/>). Currently, they have over 900 apartments across the Twin Cities, and with the opening of this new project they'll add another nearly 100 deeply affordable apartments for people who have experienced long-term homelessness or other needs that require supportive services, replacing their long-time Exodus Residence at 819 2nd Avenue South, the lease of which was coming to an end and the owner sold it to Aeon who will refurbish it into another development of deeply affordable apartments (<https://www.startribune.com/st-anthony-aeon-st-olaf-catholic-church-join-on-largest-affordable-housing-project-in-downtown-mpls/600064587/>). This fact encouraged them to find another location that would allow them to support more people and provide a greater diversity of services. They

were able to purchase an existing site, the former Augustana Care Center, by selling several properties in the Twin Cities including their long-time Administration Center at 1200 2nd Avenue South [the historic Architects and Engineers Building (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architects_and_Engineers_Building)] across from the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Then she described their new campus, location for the services offered, and timelines for moving in:

- *The Frey Center*. Because shared services staff has been without a workplace for a couple of years, they'll be the first to begin moving into their new administrative headquarters in May at the building's main entrance at 1007 East 14th Street where for the first time they'll consolidate all shared staff and provide workspace for over 250 including the Executive Team.
- *The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation Recuperative Care Center*, which can be accessed through a separate entrance east of the main entrance, will provide short-term respite individual rooms for 30 people experiencing homelessness who need additional time to recover after being released from a hospital.
- *Hennepin County Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic*, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) which can be accessed through a separate entrance to the west of the main entrance, will offer health care to primarily building residents and other community members in the neighborhood.
- *Endeavors* (<https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/docs/YtFXt6E8VE6iGRsPGVo3iA.pdf>), which can be accessed through a separate private entrance for residents on 11th Avenue South, will provide permanent homes for more than 170 homeless single adults, veterans, and people with complex medical conditions and they'll move in the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

They are about to receive their Certificate of Occupancy and because of the type of housing they'll need to be at full occupancy by the end of October. There are several ways to be a part of Endeavors and Catholic Charities of Elliot Park community that they'll promote throughout the neighborhood. You may contact Mary Bachman, Director Volunteer Resources, at 612-204-8415 or mary.bachman@cctwincities.org.

Thereafter, she responded to various questions about security (all sites and programs have 24/7 security presence, they also use cameras and work closely with the MPRB, MPD, EPNI, major local partners, and residents who sign a Good Neighbor agreement); how many on waiting list (there are hundreds and hundreds who are waiting and it's rising, so in EP they've made permanent supportive housing versus transitional housing in downtown where they can rent as long as needed); and method of referral (residents come through a coordinated entry via Hennepin County which takes a lot to qualify).

IV. Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development: Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategies

Andrea Brennan, Director of CPED (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/andrea-brennan-85597417/>), was invited to give a broad high-level understanding of the work the City is doing to support inclusive economic recovery from both the impacts of the pandemic and the significant damage sustained in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd and all the civil unrest.

City Policy Framework

All the work the City is doing in economic recovery is based upon mostly very recent City Council approved policies, e.g.: Minneapolis 2040 (<https://minneapolis2040.com/>); Strategic Racial Equity Action Plan (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/strategic-racial-equity-action-plan/>); Cultural Districts (<https://www.minneapolis.org/cultural-districts/districts/>); Resolution declaring racism a public health emergency (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/media/content-assets/www2-documents/departments/resolution-declaring-racism-a-public-health-emergency-in-the-City-of-Minneapolis.pdf>); Northside and Southside Green Zones initiatives (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/coordinator/sustainability/policies/green-zones-initiative/>); and recent adoption of a Community Preference Policy (<https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/15189/Community%20Preference%20Ownership%20Housing%20Policy.pdf>)

Impact of Crises

There were 55,507 COVID 19 cases as of December 3, 2021; and as of December 21, 2020 they dealt with over 100 homeless encampments, over 144,000 residents who were unemployed, over 1,700 businesses were ordered closed, and sustained conservatively over \$350 million in damages to private property.

Collaboration in All Phases of Emergency

As they talk about how they respond to emergencies, there is a “response and relief” cycle in which they’ve spent a lot of time in 2020 and most of 2021, and later in 2021 and now in 2022 they’re truly moving toward the recovery cycle. The approach they’ve taken is to partner with community stakeholders.

During 2020 after the unrest, Mayor Frey’s Office convened a group of stakeholders from community cultural corridors, the Community Now Coalition, many of whom were directly impacted by the unrest and pandemic, and this group made eight recommendations (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/minneapolis-forward/community-now-coalition/>) to the City Council on how to approach the recovery work which were critical in informing the investments the City made in the 2022 budget and the first round of The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Rescue_Plan_Act_of_2021).

Pandemic Response

Right out of the gate the City wanted to respond to the economic impacts of the pandemic and created a couple of emergency programs right away. They knew there would be some kind of state and federal responses but until that happened, they wanted to provide some emergency housing, food assistance, and support to businesses. The groups predominantly served were Black African American and Latin Hispanic households where there were the greatest disparities that existed before the pandemic.

Working in partnership with Hennepin County and other partners, they have pulled together more resources than ever before to address these issues in decades and as a result they are currently operating the largest and safest emergency shelter system that has ever existed in Hennepin County. In this collaborative homelessness response, the City adopted a new Emergency Shelter Ordinance (<https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/File/2020-00939>) which allowed them to fund Avivo Village in the North Loop (<https://avivomn.org/avivovillage/>) and Homeward Bound (<https://www.aicdc-mn.org/programs>) that is culturally specific to serve the Native community. They also adopted the Single Room Occupancy Ordinance (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/business-services/planning-zoning/amendments/adopted-proposed/recently-adopted/single-room-occupancy-housing/>) that allows for the new development of SROs.

Brennan then enumerated the plethora of emergency assistance programs to serve and support small businesses, e.g., provided \$1.5 million in forgivable loans; waived 1,509 licenses totaling more than \$1.59 million in savings; increased annual allocation for business district support to \$900,000; granted \$100,000 to the hospitality fund in partnership with the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation; and granted \$25,000 to Springboard for the Arts for tailored technical assistance for artists.

Civil Unrest Response

Then she enumerated the plethora of actions taken to reduce barriers to rebuilding and assist businesses access resources, e.g., waived over \$170,000 in license, permit and utility fees; reassessed damaged property resulting in over \$42 million in reduced property values and \$1.6 million in reduced taxes; applied directly to the Metropolitan Council for \$1.2 million in LCDA grants ([https://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/LCA-Programs/Livable-Communities-Demonstration-Account-\(LCDA\).aspx](https://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/LCA-Programs/Livable-Communities-Demonstration-Account-(LCDA).aspx)); worked to ensure the SBA recognized Minneapolis as a disaster area which opened up new business funding (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/minneapolis-forward/operating-safely/information-for-business-owners/>); spent \$950,000 for debris removal at 7 properties; waived demolition and land use application fees and expedited approvals for rebuilding.

The City received \$270 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds but decided not to use them all for revenue replacement and decided instead to use it as follows: \$31 million for housing and homelessness; and \$38 million for economic rebuilding. Of the \$69 million for these two categories, it went into about 35 programs some of which she highlighted:

- ***Housing and Homelessness***
 - i. \$4 million to Minneapolis Homes (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/housing-development-assistance/home-ownership/minneapolis-homes/>).
 - ii. \$3 million to Minneapolis Guaranteed Basic Income for a 2-year pilot (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/basic-income/>).
 - iii. Ongoing affordable rental and ownership housing production, preservation, and stability.

- ***Economic Rebuilding***
 - i. \$500,000 to Build Wealth Minnesota Equity Pool (<http://www.buildwealthmn.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/buildwealthmn/>).
 - ii. Commercial Property Development Fund (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/commercial-property/>).
 - iii. Cap on commission fees charged to restaurants by food delivery companies ([https://www.convenience.org/Media/Daily/2021/Dec/14/4-Minneapolis-Caps-Food-Delivery-Fees Foodservice](https://www.convenience.org/Media/Daily/2021/Dec/14/4-Minneapolis-Caps-Food-Delivery-Fees-Foodservice)).
 - iv. Ongoing employment and training (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/workforce-development/minneapolis-employment-training/>) is more critical than ever before to ensuring workers are able to reenter the workplace, and that youth and adults have access to career pathways that lead to livable wage employment.
 - v. Ongoing public art (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/business-services/planning-zoning/city-plans/public-art-long-range-planning/> and <https://www.facebook.com/MplsArtsCulture>). The big reveal in December 2021 was the opening of the new Public Service Center featuring 17 new commissions (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/contact-us/building-locations/public-service-building/> and <https://www.startribune.com/new-public-service-building-in-minneapolis-consolidates-city->

[offices/600043693/](#)) and the restored Great Seal of Minneapolis (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/clerk/city-seal/>).

Brennan advised there's a lot more that they're doing in recovery work, and despite what she's heard about declining property values and destruction estimated at \$315 million, they have now issued building permits with a valuation of \$175 million for the properties that were damaged. Recovery is happening, assessed values in 2022 continue to be higher than they were in 2021 and 2020, the tax base and market values continue to increase and they're seeing investment in recovery areas.

Thereafter, she responded to a few questions from the Board.

Tamburino: Did they have any work with Hilliard Heintze (<https://www.jensenhughes.com/>), a security risk management firm the City contracted to conduct a review of the City's response to the riots (<https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCAV2/26623/2020-Civil-Unrest-After-Action-Review-Report.pdf>)? They all have a greater awareness of how economic development, housing stability, workforce, investments, and public safety are all inextricably linked, but in her capacity she's not responsible for public safety and can't speak to the after-action report. Do they have any action plans to protect all the tens of millions of investments in the event of future riots? As part of his transition to a second term, Mayor Frey established three working groups – Government Structure, Economic Recovery, and Community Safety – and they're still working on their recommendations.

McCrea: Is there money in economic development to help businesses relocate along Washington Avenue (e.g., the Periscope spaces at 915, 921 and 1001; Faribault Woolen Mill, Northern Coffeeworks and other retailers who occupied 1023-1029) and 2nd Street (e.g., in the Izzy's building space at 1100)? There are investments and projects being proposed and they're starting to hear from developers who are interested in acquiring existing vacant commercial properties for office space that is more desirable for today's office workers as well as retrofitting into residential. There is a fair number of developers who are exploring opportunities to make this kind of investment in downtown.

V. Mill City Farmers Market

Martha Archer, Executive Director, who was joined by Amy Britt, the new Development Manager (<https://millcityfarmersmarket.org/our-team/>), first explained what they've been experiencing these last few years which have been the most challenging in their history. They continue to experience the effects of climate change and last summer they had the worst drought in 30 years. They continue to recognize and appreciate the importance of local food, their role in supporting that in our neighborhood, and supporting farmers' and makers' livelihood. She thanked the DMNA for its continued support which enables them to lean into their mission even more than before with innovation and creativity while providing a safe marketplace downtown, indoors in the winter and outdoors in the summer.

Archer then gave a "by the numbers" overview of the activities and programs that occurred in 2021, and described what activities and programs are planned for 2022, some of which are seeking sponsorship. There are a few remaining winter markets, and they open for summer on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Hantge advised she and Archer will be getting back to the Board with a couple of potential dates to have a community booth to spread the word about DMNA and distribute branding products.

VI. Consent Agenda

Rice moved and Tamburino seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the February 28th Board meeting minutes; F2022 Budget vs. Actual for the period ending February 28, 2022; and the Executive Director's report for February (Invoice #086). McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed.

VII. Land Use Committee Report

In the absence of both the DMNA LUC Chair Kevin Frazell and Vice Chair L. B. Guthrie, DMNA Board Liaison Laurie Rice reported on the following projects presented at the March 1st meeting:

- A. Off the Rails On-Sale Liquor License Application.** Mike Mulrooney, owner of Pog Mahone's at 903 Washington Avenue South, is seeking a liquor license application for a new bar and restaurant he's locating in the former Bus Stop Burgers and Brewhouse space at 620 South 4th Street in Downtown East. They are in the early stages of opening this restaurant and are currently working on menu items that will offer an array of exciting options. They also plan to make some minor cosmetic changes to the space to create a new identity and atmosphere. He reviewed the proposed hours of operation and noted that they are still going through the Minneapolis Police Department review process.

The LUC recommended providing a Letter of Support for this liquor license application

(<https://www.thedmna.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/DMNA-Letter-of-Support-liquor-license-application-for-Off-the-Rails-1.pdf>).

- B. 806 Hennepin and 930 Hennepin Billboard Conversion Application.** Mark Stevens, Real Estate Manager at OUTFRONT Media (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/stevensmarka>), is seeking to convert two static billboards located at 806 and 930 Hennepin Avenue into dynamic digital. Displaying photos of each, he stated the 806 Hennepin billboard is in the back parking lot of the Hampton Inn & Suites Minneapolis, and the 930 Hennepin billboard is located on top of a building. The signage is within the Downtown Opportunity Business District and the Downtown Entertainment Area and digital billboards are an allowable use at these locations, but they require a nonconforming use application.

The new dynamic billboards will operate within the limitations established by the Zoning Code related to luminosity and frequency of message changes, and the conversion will not create any adverse off-site impacts such as traffic, noise or parking congestion. The conversions will ultimately replace the existing static billboards with new and modern digital billboards that fit the developing character of the neighborhood.

The LUC recommended providing a LOS for the conversion of the two billboards at 806 and 930 Hennepin Avenue South, and asked Stevens to come back at a future date to provide an explanation on how the billboard credits program works and what billboards were eliminated to allow the conversion of the two existing static billboards into dynamic digital (<https://www.thedmna.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/DMNA-Board-letter-of-support-OUTFRONT-MEDIA-conversion-of-billboards-on-Hennepin-Avenue-1.pdf>).

- C. 25 Washington Avenue Mixed-Use Project Update.** Neil Reardon, Partner at ESG Architects and Engineers (<https://www.esgarch.com/neil/>), reminded the Board this project is located on the former Dolphin Staffing Building site (<https://finance-commerce.com/2021/03/north-loop-tower-seeks-ok/>) and it has

been before the LUC under the names of 17 Washington and 21 Washington; they have now settled on 25 Washington. There have been no changes to the project since it received its Land Use approvals in March 2021 and it has been in a dormant phase except for coordination with the completion of the 270 Hennepin project, so they're here for informational purposes only.

What prompted this visit is they submitted an interim parking application to the Business, Inspections, Housing & Zoning (BIHZ) Committee for the existing 19-stall surface parking to remain after demolition, which is going on now, until the planned construction of the new building begins in spring of 2023. Although there's an allowance for a 5-year temporary application, they're only seeking just over a year because there's no high demand for parking, specifically in this location. There will be a slight reconfiguration of stalls and a temporary seeded sod area. This was approved by BIHZ on February 15, 2022 (<https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/MarkedAgenda/BIHZ/3036>).

During Q&A, Reardon advised it will be used by the Lerner Publications Building (<https://www.emporis.com/buildings/302936/lerner-publications-building-minneapolis-mn-usa>) and McKesson Building (<https://ackerberg.com/properties/details/mckesson-building/>) which are on the block and the primary users at present, not 270 Hennepin (<https://270hennepin.com/>) but they do use some of the others stalls that are connected through the paved drive area. It works well on the enforcement side because when someone parks after hours it's easy to ticket and tow them and the ownership, CA Ventures and Harlem Irving, has that process in place, and they lease to the owners of Lerner and McKesson. This temporary parking is to fulfill the existing obligations to the office users, not to generate revenue.

Reardon will take to the owners Randy Manthey's suggestions to animate and activate the grass area – e.g., use it as a pre-advertising opportunity to call attention to the future building, play with lighting à la Grain Belt sign to treat it as a gateway to the North Loop – that will generate a positive community gesture, then he'll bring back their feedback. He'll also bring back information on the parking signage, and top of building lighting specific

- D. 2022 Scooter Share Program Update.** Randy Manthey explained Ward 3 CM Rainville and District 4 Park Commissioner Shaffer stated they're working on three things to: (1) limit the number of scooters in the downtown riverfront; (2) establish a curfew when using them in the downtown riverfront consistent with pre-existing curfews and once reached to shut them off; and (3) limit the speed in the riverfront to a maximum of 10 mph. If they can get those 3 things in addition to enforcing the rules of both the city and state, we'll have a much safer and appropriate scooter program in 2022.

Hantge received and shared a copy of the RFP for scooter operators and stated we're waiting to hear back on who the City selects for this season, and they also hope to obtain a copy of the license agreements. Scooter operations will start in mid to late April depending on the weather.

Gittleman moved and Bishop seconded to approve the two above-mentioned Letters of Support from the March 1st Land Use Committee meeting. McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed.

The next Land Use Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

VIII. President's Report

National Night Out. Scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd (<https://www.thedmna.org/event/dmna-2022-national-night-out-on-tuesday-august-2-at-the-commons/>). This has become frustrating due to the lack of Civic Engagement leadership. Douglas Pearson has resigned as its Chair and from the Board of Directors because he recently took on a new position at work and doesn't have the time to commit to the organization right now, so we need to figure out what to do about this position. Hantge will review the Bylaws to determine what is permissible to fill Pearson's seat until the next annual meeting in October and she'll place the topic on the next Board meeting agenda.

IX. Ward 3 Update

McCrea prefaced the update by asking for the top three priorities they want to accomplish in 2022 so that the DMNA can speak in the same voice and help facilitate through its organizational structure reaching them.

In the absence of Council Member Rainville who was still at the Planning Commission meeting (<https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Board/MarkedAgenda/CPC/3104>), Policy Aide Ryan SanCartier discussed the following topics:

- A. Public safety is one of their primary focus, and they've gotten good reviews from 1st Precinct Inspector Bill Peterson about getting business owners and residents to the roll calls ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roll_call_\(policing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roll_call_(policing))), many of whom were amazed at the dearth of officers available. If interested in attending, just contact their office (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/city-council/ward-3/contact-ward-3/>).
- B. Beginning in the first week of April they will resume normal in person office hours. To find out the locations, subscribe to their newsletter at https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/MPLS-311a2d6?wgt_ref=MPLS_WIDGET_71.
- C. Let him know if we want to have a regular public safety update by Inspector Peterson or Crime Prevention Specialist Renée Allen. McCrea advised he comes to the HOA meetings and if the DMNA were to reactivate a Public Safety Committee, Jim Bishop would be the person who would coordinate it. Hantge reassured SanCartier that Peterson is always responsive to her requests to provide updates whenever needed and she'll continue to contact him when the need arises.
- D. Regarding more community policing resources, he noted it's a problem in surrounding departments including in suburban and rural jurisdictions and despite being a larger jurisdiction, they don't pay as well and it's on Rainville's mind. No single solution in public safety will solve all the problems but hopefully multiple components can and get wins where they can right now, so it's a priority to look at legitimate money in the City's budget for real policing alternatives.
- E. The industrial spaces he's looking at are mixed-use production in Northeast which provides a lot of low barrier-entry, high-quality jobs, and a housing component for the artist community.

- F. Regarding what the DMNA and its constituents can do to move Rainville’s three priorities forward in 2022, he noted for:
1. Getting people to officer appreciation roll calls. *Rainville will continue to invite the community via newsletter and Facebook for as long as he can but they don’t have a numbers goal yet as it’s dependent on the level of interest.*
 2. Formalizing the block clubs. *That’s a budget item that they’re going to figure out and they haven’t begun talking to the Mayor’s Office yet, and as the budget season picks up around August, he suggests we get a word to his office that it’s something we support. There’s also the Blueprint Approved Institute (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/business-services/doing-business-with-the-city/city-rfp-bids/bpia-rfa/>) that we can apply for.*
- Hantge noted the BPAI is closed, we’re not eligible, and we have the capacity within our neighborhood network to facilitate the establishment of block clubs. We could use NRP funds in our Crime and Safety Strategy, and Equitable Engagement Funds.
3. Fundraising activity to staff the office at the Vicinity. This will be more of a private activity, not a CM’s role, but it’s still one of his priorities.
- G. Regarding the plan for 311 (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/311/>) which does not address behavioral (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/community-safety/focus-areas/alternatives-police-response/behavioral-health-response-teams/>) or safety issues but is more service oriented, he’ll have to ask staff. Meanwhile, dial 911 when we require an immediate response, and use the 311 app for City services.

X. President’s Report (Continued)

National Night Out. McCrea advised there are many volunteers who are willing to perform specific tasks but there is currently no one to lead, including herself, so she sought suggestions for someone who could take on this role. Gittleman suggested putting this before the HOA Advisory Group.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Branding. In Dianne Walsh’s absence, McCrea advised she has been removing the scooter signage from the sidewalks because when wet they peeled and floated into the storm sewer, and those remaining are fading.

Manthey explained he was advised by the City that this was an inappropriate program for a neighborhood organization and they haven’t provided support for its implementation, so going forward this committee won’t be proceeding with this project.

B. HOA Advisory Group. In Dustin Sprouse’s absence, McCrea reported the March 8th meeting (<https://www.thedmna.org/event/dmna-hoa-advisory-group-meeting-on-tuesday-march-8-at-530-p-m/>) was great. It took place in person at the Bridgewater Lofts with 21 HOA Presidents, and both Mayor Jacob Frey and

Council Member Michael Rainville who spoke about their priorities especially around public safety. The plan is to meet monthly with every other meeting held via Zoom and those held in between will be in person to get more participation. The April 12th meeting will be via Zoom, and the meeting in May will be in person and likely to be held at The Carlyle Condominiums (<https://www.minneapolisluxurycondoliving.com/>). The Four Seasons Hotel has also volunteered to host and include entertainment by Chef Gavin Kaysen (<https://press.fourseasons.com/minneapolis/hotel-news/2022/introducing-gavin-kaysen-restaurants/>) and a tour.

XII. New / Old / Other Business

- A. Vacant Board Seat.** Hantge will review the Bylaws to determine what is permissible to fill Doug Pearson's seat until the next annual meeting in October and she'll place the topic on the next Board meeting agenda.
- B. Use of Equitable Engagement Dollars for Street Outreach.** Having received an update from Shane Zahn at the January 24, 2022 Board meeting, Hantge will invite the Minneapolis Downtown Council-Downtown Improvement District leadership to provide an update and talk about their plans for the summer of 2022.

During the discussion, McCrea and Tamburino expressed the need to reinstate laws against loitering (<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/06/22/antiquated-lurking-loitering-laws-have-long-history-in-twin-cities/> and <https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/06/why-repeal-minneapolis-lurking-and-spitting-laws-succeeded-time/>). Hantge noted the DMNA has at the most \$45,000 available that the MDC-DID can decide into which program it should go. Current action one can take for loitering can be found at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/report-an-issue/loitering-and-suspicious-activity/>.

C. Use of NRP Dollars for Pianos on Parade

Because Hantge advised Meghan Gustafson, Director of Events and Programming at the MDC, that the DMNA couldn't give \$10,000 as it has done in the past because under the new funds this program isn't viewed as an equity and inclusion strategy, she recommended redirecting a minimum of \$2,500 from NRP funds and she'll work with City staff to determine if that is workable.

Gittleman moved and Tamburino seconded a motion to approve a \$2,500 contribution to the MDC's 2022 Pianos on Parade program. McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed.

- D. Scooter Share Program.** According to an email Manthey received from District 4 Park Board Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer, she took the resolutions passed by the Board and is working with MPRB staff on specific implementation opportunities, i.e.: a geofence so scooter rides can't end after midnight; reducing the number of scooters that can be placed at both ends of the Stone Arch Bridge; limiting scooter speeds on all MPRB land at 10 mph. He thanked Hantge for distributing the draft license agreements; she'll continue to monitor until they become a working agreement. Working in tandem with CM Rainville, Commissioner Shaffer will ask for enforcement this summer.
- E. Public Safety.** Bishop reported he continues to monitor what's going on in the North Loop. There's a Neighborhood Safety Block Club with 25 individuals who have shown interest and they're planning to

start walkabouts in April or May (<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2022/04/18/north-loop-minneapolis-crime-patrol/>). He is waiting to hear back from CM Rainville to guide the best plan of strategy, and he'll be formally asking the HOA to help identify who within the DMNA would be interested in participating.

XIII. Next Board Meeting

Monday, April 18th at 5:45 p.m., via Zoom.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business,

Tamburino moved and Bishop seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. McCrea called for discussion. The motion passed at 8:08 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2022

Chair

Secretary