

**DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023**  
**Via Zoom**

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**I. Call to Order**

President Andy Gittleman called the Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Other Board members in attendance were:

Jim Bishop  
Abby Larson, Treasurer  
Pam McCrea, Vice President  
Carletta Sweet, Secretary  
Joe Tamburino  
Isaac Risseeuw

Steve Arnold and Dianne Walsh were absent.

Executive Director Christie Rock Hantge was also present.

Zoom guests in attendance included:

Howard Cohen, Bridgewater Lofts	Michael Rainville, Ward 3 Council Member
Sheila Gallagher, DMNA Safety & Security	Wendy Rubinyi, Bridgewater Lofts
Brody Honkanen, IncredibleBank	Ryan SanCartier, Ward 3 Senior Policy Aide
Stephen Letnes, River Towers	Laura Tiano
Randy Manthey, Carlyle Condominiums	
Josh Musikanton	

**II. Consideration of Agenda**

Gittleman presented the agenda which had no additions or changes.

*McCrea moved and Tamburino seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gittleman called for discussion. The motion passed.*

**III. Ward 3 Update**

Council Member Michael Rainville reported on the following:

- In his newsletter, he's put out a notice about the 4th of July. The MPRB Police is at full staff, which has resulted in significant safety improvements within the park system.
- 2nd Street South resurfacing project is moving forward. He does not know the start date yet.
- Public Works is looking at making 1st Street a one-way street to aid in parking and congestion.

- Looking to meet with Randy Manthey to talk about the scooters and making improvements to the contract for 2024.

Upon concluding his update, Council Member Rainville responded to questions and comments from the Board and meeting attendees. Board Member Risseeuw asked if the City could do what it can to keep the Pride Festival in the downtown community. Downtown Resident Stephen Letnes asked if there could be some artistic improvements made to the security barriers on either end of the Stone Arch Bridge. Council Member Rainville said that he will make sure that it's discussed with MNDOT as part of the plans for the future improvements to the bridge. Board Member Tamburino suggested that a security camera be added to monitor the area behind RiverWest and the Stone Arch Bridge.

For mor information about what his office is working on, visit

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/city-council/members/ward-3/newsletters/>.

#### IV. Consent Agenda

*Bishop moved and Tamburino seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the May 15th Board meeting minutes; the F2023 Budget vs. Actual for the period ending May 31, 2023; and the Neighborhood Coordinator / Finance Coordinator staff report for May (Invoice #101). The motion passed.*

#### V. Committee Reports

**A. Land Use.** In the absence of Chair Kevin Frazell, Executive Director Hantge reported on the following liquor license application presented at the June 6th LUC meeting:

- **The Puttery.** Located at 240 Hennepin Avenue South, this 70,000-square-foot space on the corner of Washington and Hennepin Avenues, is an adults-only mini golf venue, and offers upscale food and drinks along with three themed mini golf courses. This is the seventh Puttery location in the United States (<https://www.puttery.com/locations/minneapolis/>). They are pursuing an On-Sale liquor license which includes liquor, wine, and strong beer with Sunday sales and limited entertainment (<https://www.bizjournals.com/twincities/news/2023/07/18/puttery-north-loop-mini-golf.html>).

The LUC recommended approval of this liquor license application.

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 11th at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom.

**B. Safety and Security.** Safety and Security Committee Member Sheila Gallagher provided the Board with an update on the Safety and Security Summit. The Summit will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Mill City Museum. She reviewed the goals and objectives of the summit:

#### **Goals**

- Attract 150-200 attendees who want to participate in efforts to make downtown Minneapolis safer and more secure
- Share with the public what various departments and groups associated with the City of Minneapolis are already working on as it relates to downtown “Safety & Security”.
- Align the efforts of attending civic groups, elected officials, public safety agencies and the downtown public to focus on a few priority projects.
- Determine specific next steps on how downtown neighborhood organizations can support government and public safety agencies on these priorities.

***Objectives***

- Provide a forum for discussion, sharing of ideas and creative problem-solving
- Invite multiple downtown Minneapolis constituencies and stakeholders to participate.
- Gather at the Mill City Museum on October 3, 2023.
- Offer information tables to inform attendees of current efforts and future plans regarding downtown safety and security.
- Present a panel of key city leadership to address pressing needs and potential improvements.

Gallagher stated that they plan to invite the following leaders and community organizations to participate in the event either as panelists or to host information tables:

- Mayor’s Office
- City Council Members
- Downtown Organizations (DMNA, DID, Downtown Council)
- Public Safety Agencies (MPD, Hennepin County Sheriff, Transit Police, Park Police)
- Neighborhood Interest Groups (Safety Walk groups, Neighborhood Associations, Mad Dads, A Mother’s Love, Reclaim the Block, etc.)
- Representatives of Condo and Homeowner Associations

Gallagher also reviewed the summit format:

- Learning Open House
  - 5:00 – 6:00 pm
  - Participant informational tables
- Leader’s Summit
  - 6:00 – 8:00 pm
  - Moderated Panel Discussion
- Meet and Mingle
  - 8:00 – 9:00pm
  - Leaders and Neighborhood Groups available for informal discussion
- Breakdown and Clean Up
  - 9:00 pm

Finally, Gallagher reviewed the budget for the summit:

- MSM Main Space: \$250
  - AV (microphones, stage rental, etc.): \$2,500
  - Water Bottles/no water service: \$200
  - Miscellaneous Marketing Expenses: \$500
- TOTAL ESTIMATED Expenses: \$3,450  
RECOMMENDED BUDGET: \$4,000

Upon concluding her update regarding the summit, Gallagher responded to questions and comments. McCrea stated that it sounds like a good event, but she would really like to see measurable results that can be incorporated into next steps or a collaborative plan in which to move forward. Risseeuw would like to see more money for marketing.

*Bishop moved and Sweet seconded a motion to approve the budget for the Safety and Security Summit. Gittleman called for discussion. The motion passed.*

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 13th, 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bridgewater Condominiums.

**C. Civic Engagement.** Isaac Risseeuw reported on the following:

- **National Night Out.** Working to spread the word about the event to the residential community and recruiting volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and staffing the DMNA info table.
- **DMNA Day at the Mill City Farmers Market.** This took place on June 24th. They had good interaction with the market goers, and there were a lot of people from outside of the neighborhood who attended. They gave away a lot of DMNA branded items to residents. The next DMNA Day at the Mill City Farmers Market is September 16th.
- **Service Saturdays.** There were four volunteers at the June 24th Service Saturday event. They conducted a plant survey around the Sherwin Williams block. The next event is Saturday, July 29th. More information to come.

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 13th at 5 p.m., via Zoom.

**D. Historic Signage.** No report was given in Dianne Walsh's absence.

**E. Native Land Project.** McCrea provided an update on the status of the Native Land Banner celebration that was supposed to take place on June 16th at the Water Works Park Summer Market. She let the Board know that the MRPB canceled the event at the last minute due to them feeling like there would be a conflict between the summer market and vendors setting up for the Stone Arch Bridge Festival that weekend. The MRPB wanted to move the event to The

Commons. The Native Land Project Committee was extremely frustrated and saddened by this decision, which was made without their input. McCrea emphasized that it was an insult to the Native American people who had been invited and planned to participate in the event. Hantge reached out to leadership at the MRPB to express disappointment in their insensitive decision making, and they are meeting with the committee on June 28th to discuss a path forward.

**VI. President’s Report**

Gittleman provided an update on the National Night Out Celebration coming up on August 1st at The Commons. He noted that they have the entertainment secured and that there will be a caterer doing the food this year as opposed to relying solely on FS Residential employees.

**VII. New / Old / Other Business**

- **Fusus Update.** Board Member Bishop stated that a subcommittee of the Safety and Security Committee attended an informational meeting on Fusus at the MPD 1st Precinct on June 21st. Fusus is an intelligence platform that integrates and enhances all public safety and investigation assets. It includes security cameras with live feeds that are monitored by the MPD. The committee is trying to determine how the downtown residential community could benefit from joining Fusus and what role they could play in advocating for it.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Chair

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Secretary