

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, August 28, 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:

Steve Arnold

Jim Bishop

Abby Larson, Treasurer

Carletta Sweet, Secretary

Isaac Risseeuw

Dianne Walsh

Pam McCrea, Vice President and Joe Tamburino were absent.

Executive Director Christie Rock Hantge was also present.

Zoom guests in attendance included:

Howard Cohen, Bridgewater Lofts, DMNA Safety & Security

Kevin Frazell, DMNA Land Use Chair

Gabrielle Grasse, Manager of the APICII Team at Hotel Ivy

Isa Marshall, Bluebonnet Consulting

Susan Traul, DMNA Civic Engagement

II. Consideration of Agenda

Gittleman presented the agenda which had no additions or changes.

Walsh moved and Sweet seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gittleman called for discussion. The motion passed.

III. Ward 3 Update

Council Member Michael Rainville was unavailable to provide an update.

IV. Consent Agenda

Walsh moved and Sweet seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the June 26th Board meeting minutes; the F2023 Budget vs. Actual for the periods ending June 30, and July 31, 2023; and the Neighborhood Coordinator / Finance Coordinator staff report for June (Invoice #102) and the Neighborhood Coordinator / Finance Coordinator staff report for July (Invoice #103). The motion passed.

V. Committee Reports

A. **Safety and Security.** Committee Chair Howard Cohen provided an update on the Safety and Security Summit that will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Mill City Museum. He emphasized the importance of Board attendance and participation. Then he reviewed the Summit goals:

- **Attract** 150-200 members of the public 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
- **Determine** specific next steps on how downtown neighborhood organizations can support government and public safety agencies on these priorities

Cohen also reviewed key Summit elements:

- DMNA Sponsored Community Event Addressing Safety and Security in Downtown Minneapolis
- Free and Open to the Public (Goal of 150-200 attendees)
- Information tables hosted by 10 community groups committed to safety and security in Minneapolis
- Panel of 10 Leaders addressing priorities and actions related to downtown safety panel moderated by Jason DeRusha, former WCCO Anchor and current radio personality
- Opportunity for community networking and community building
- Opportunity for DMNA to identify major issues for future action

He noted the confirmed panelists:

- Mayor Jacob Frey
- City Council Member Michael Rainville
- MPD Chief Brian O’Hara
- MPD 1st Precinct Inspector Bill Peterson
- MPRB Police Chief Jason Ohotto
- MPRB 4th District Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer
- Metro Transit Police Chief Ernest Morales
- Hennepin County Sheriff Dawanna Witt
- Minneapolis Downtown Council President Steve Cramer
- DID Director of Safety Initiatives Shane Zahn

He noted the confirmed community organizations that will have info tables:

- Be That Neighbor
- Safety Walking Groups (Mill District and North Loop)
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation
- Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association

- Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc.
- North Loop Neighborhood Association
- Citizens for a Loring Park Community
- East Town Business Partnership
- Downtown Improvement District (DID)
- Mad Dads
- A Mother's Love
- 21 Days of Peace

Widespread marketing and promoting of the event will start on September 5th. Please help spread the word and plan to attend.

The next committee meeting will take place on September 11th.

B. Civic Engagement. Committee Chair Susan Traul reported on the following:

1. Outreach at MPRB and MDC events. Civic Engagement Committee members have been attending MPRB and MDC events at The Commons and Water Works Park to share information regarding upcoming DMNA events.

2. City Council Candidates Forums. Two upcoming events. Please help spread the word.

- Ward 3 forum is on Thursday, September 21st, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Central Public Library
- Ward 7 forum is on Thursday, September 28th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis

3. DMNA Day at the Mill City Farmers Market. The next DMNA Day at the Mill City Farmers Market is September 16th.

4. Service Saturdays. Larson provided an update on the Service Saturday event that took place on August 26th. She said there were more people who participated this month. The next event will take place on Saturday, September 30th.

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 12th, at 5 p.m., via Zoom.

C. Historic Signage. Walsh reported that all 20 building narratives have been completed and the signage approved by the building owners. She anticipates having the signs fabricated by the end of September and installed prior to the DMNA Annual Meeting. She will be sending the building narratives to Hantge to upload to the DMNA website within the next few days.

D. Land Use. Committee Chair Kevin Frazell reported on the following On Sale license application presented by Isa Marshall from Bluebonnet Consulting (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/isa-marshall-037877125/>) and Gabrielle Grasse (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/gabriel-grasse-815b1218b/>) at the August 8th LUC meeting (<https://www.bizjournals.com/twincities/news/2023/08/08/hotel-ivy-new-restaurants-breva-masa->

[agave.html?utm_source=st&utm_medium=en&utm_campaign=ae&utm_content=MN&j=32337220&senddate=2023-08-08; https://www.startribune.com/new-restaurants-announced-for-hotel-ivy/600297223/](https://www.startribune.com/new-restaurants-announced-for-hotel-ivy/600297223/)):

- **Breva and Masa/Agava.** The LUC recommended approval of the liquor license applications for the two new bar and restaurants located at Hotel Ivy.

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VI. President’s Report

Gittleman provided a brief summary of the 2023 National Night Out Celebration. He estimated that there were between 2,300 and 2,400 attendees based on food consumption.

Gittleman reminded the Board about the 2023 Annual Meeting, which will take place on Monday, October 23rd, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Mill City Museum. He has secured entertainment and catering.

VII. New / Old / Other Business

- **Strategic Planning.** Larson asked that the Board undertake a strategic planning process after the new Board is seated in October.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Chair

Secretary