

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023

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I. Call to Order

Treasurer Abby Larson called the Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Other Board members in attendance were:

Steve Arnold
Jim Bishop
Dan Brophy
Kristen Hansen
Carletta Sweet
Latonya Reeves
Dianne Walsh

Board member Isaac Risseeuw was absent.

Executive Director Christie Rock Hantge was also present.

Zoom guests in attendance included:

Gregg Brandow
Howard Cohen, Chair, DMNA Safety and Security Committee
Joe Kreisman, Minneapolis DID
Hailley Lurfald
Randy Manthey
Jason Meister
Council Member Michael Rainville, Ward 3
Ryan SanCartier, Ward 3

II. Consideration of Agenda

Larson presented the agenda which had no additions or changes.

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

III. Ward 3 Update

Council Member Michael Rainville reported on the following:

- Updated Ward 3 boundaries.
- Proposed changes to the 2024 Bike and Scooter Share Program licensing agreement.

- City Council approved adding \$150,000 to the Warehouse District Live program. It has proven to be an effective crime reduction strategy.

IV. Minneapolis Downtown Improvement Street Outreach Update

Joe Kreisman, the social impact manager for the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District provided an update on the street outreach work they did in 2023. He began by thanking the DMNA Board for their generous contributions to street outreach work. In 2023, the DID used the DMNA funds to support Mad Dads, 21 Days of Peace, and the Hennepin County social worker position. He highlighted the following:

Street outreach teams intervened and engaged with clients in:

- 489 arguments
- 58 physical fights
- 21 property damage incidents
- 23 self-harm interactions
- 116 persons in crisis
- 52 property crimes

Street outreach teams provided the following services and resources:

- 600 shelter and housing referrals
- 26 food and water assists
- 1012 essential need items
- 243 referrals to the Behavioral Health Center
- 81 warm hand-offs to our Hennepin County Social Workers
- 341 referrals to Downtown Community Storage

Kreisman concluded by stating that the DMNA's financial support directly impacted the work that the DID's street outreach teams were able to do to engage with folks in need downtown, to build a safe community for everyone downtown, and to further the trust and perceptions of safety downtown that we all experience.

For more information on the work of the Minneapolis DID, please visit <https://www.mplsdid.com/>.

V. Executive Committee Elections and Committee Liaisons

A. Secretary. *Larson moved and Bishop seconded a motion to nominate board member Carletta Sweet to the position of Secretary. Sweet accepted the nomination. Larson called for further nominations. There were none. The motion was approved.*

B. Treasurer. *Walsh moved and Sweet seconded a motion to nominate board member Abby Larson to the position of Treasurer. Larson accepted the nomination. Walsh called for further nominations. There were none. The motion was approved.*

C. President. *Bishop moved and Sweet seconded a motion to nominate board member Dianne Walsh to the position of President. Walsh accepted the nomination. Walsh called for further nominations.*

There were none. The motion was approved.

D. Vice President. *Larson moved and Walsh seconded a motion to nominate board member Isaac Risseeuw to the position of Vice President. Risseeuw was absent but had previously indicated that he would accept the nomination. Walsh called for further nominations. There were none. The motion was approved.*

VI. Committee Liaisons

A. Civic Engagement. Risseeuw will serve as the board liaison for the Civic Engagement Committee. Larson and Brophy will participate on the committee.

B. Land Use. Sweet will serve as the board liaison to the Land Use Committee. Arnold, Brophy, and Walsh will participate on the committee.

C. Safety and Security. Bishop will serve as the board liaison to the Safety and Security Committee. Brophy and Reeves will participate on the committee.

VII. Consent Agenda

Sweet moved and McCrea seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the September 25th Board meeting minutes; the F2023 Budget vs. Actual for the periods ending September 30, 2023, and October 31, 2023; and the Neighborhood Coordinator / Finance Coordinator staff report for September (Invoice #105) and October (Invoice #106). The motion passed.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Land Use Committee. Committee Chair Kevin Frazell was not available. Hantge reported that the following letters of support have been submitted to the City:

- Goodale Theater (formerly the Shubert) – Certificate of Appropriateness application for nonmetal doors for east facing facade.
- Abiitan Mill City – On Sale Liquor license application.
- Rand Tower Hotel – On Sale Liquor license application.

Walsh moved and Sweet seconded a motion to approve the LUC letters of support. Walsh called for discussion. The motion was approved.

The next LUC meeting is on December 5.

B. Safety and Security. Committee Chair Howard Cohen reported on the following:

- The Safety and Security Summit on October 3 was very successful. He is working on the summary report for presentation and discussion at the next committee meeting.
- The committee is continuing to evaluate the Minneapolis Security Camera registration program.
- The committee meets on December 6.

C. Civic Engagement. Nothing to report. The next meeting will take place in January of 2024.

D. Historic Signage. Committee Chair Dianne Walsh reported that there are now 52 historic signs on buildings throughout the downtown community. Peter Zenner is working on a video that highlights the signs that were installed in 2023. Once available, Hantge will post it on the DMNA website.

IX. New / Old / Other business

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Chair

Secretary