

**DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024**

***Via Zoom***

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**I. Call to Order**

President Dianne Walsh 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  
Abby Larson  
Carletta Sweet  
Latonya Reeves

Board member Isaac Risseeuw was absent.

Executive Director Christie Rock Hantge was also present.

Zoom guests in attendance included:

Ella Graham, Minneapolis DID  
Steve Lindenberg  
Randy Manthey  
Tiffany Orth, Move Minneapolis  
Laurie Rice  
Patrick Sadler, Ward 3

**II. Consideration of Agenda**

Walsh presented the agenda which had no additions or changes.

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

**III. Ward 3 Update**

Policy Aide Patrick Sadler reported on the following in the absence of Council Member Rainville:

- Community meeting regarding the liquor license application for the Bazemnt on February 21. No decisions have been made regarding this license at this time. He thanked the community for coming to the meeting and providing feedback.
- Early voting center is open. More information on the 2024 elections is available at <https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/>.

- Urban Scholar applications are available on the City website:  
<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/urban-scholars/partners-work-placements/urban-scholars-request-form/>

#### **IV. Minneapolis DID Update**

Ella Graham from the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District Sustainable Greening Team provided an update on the DID's 2024 Greening Projects. She began by providing some background information, including a map of the DID boundaries and the history behind the establishment of the district back in 2009. She also reviewed the DID's sustainable greening goals and strategies.

**Goal:** Foster community engagement and stewardship of green infrastructure

**Strategies:**

- Build and grow relationships with partners.
- Offer resources and ideas for partners to feel supported in their greening work

**Goal:** Grow tree canopy

**Strategies:**

- Advocate for better infrastructure for trees (during street reconstructions)
- Get water to trees in their root establishment period
- Build our DID team working on tree canopy in creative ways.

**Goal:** Pursue environmental justice

**Strategy:**

- Expand tree planting and watering efforts with grant funding.

Graham thanked the DMNA for supporting the DID's greening work over the years, including the tree watering program. She noted that it costs \$30,000 to water 200 + trees from May to October. She stated that the watering crews report dead or dying trees so that they can inspect them sooner. She reviewed a map that showed the mortality status of the downtown urban forest. There are currently 1,549 lives trees in downtown Minneapolis. She concluded her presentation by talking about the DID – DMNA partnership on Service Saturdays. She also responded to questions. A board member asked who is responsible for planting the trees, and she stated that it was the MPRB.

For more information regarding the DID's greening work, please visit

<https://www.mplsdid.com/green>.

#### **V. Move Minneapolis Update**

Tiffany Orth from Move Minneapolis introduced herself and provided an update on the work of her organization. She stated that their mission is to improve air quality. They focus on commuting. They work closely with downtown employers. She highlighted the many transportation options for commuting to work in the downtown community, including Commuter Rail, LRT, Busses, Uber/Lyft, car share, bikes, scooters, etc. She noted organizations that partner with Move Minneapolis including Move Minnesota, Metro Transit, Commuter Services, Commute Solutions, etc. Orth also reviewed their 2024 Strategic Priorities:

- Conduct locally based outreach to commuters and residents.

- Expand awareness of Move Minneapolis' mission and services amongst downtown employers.
- Targeted pilot projects to explore how to best affect and encourage behavior change amongst in person only workers, hybrid workers, and residents.

She also reviewed their Residential Outreach Plan:

- Identify how they can best reach and support downtown residents.
- Collaborate with property managers to improve amenities and resources.
- Provide education and encouragement for residents who are already interested.

Orth then invited the DMNA Board to identify someone to serve on the Move Minneapolis Advisory Board. She explained that this group is charged with Advising on the strategic direction of Move Minneapolis; attending and amplifying Move Minneapolis events and programming; championing Move Minneapolis; and supporting short term projects and tasks. She concluded her presentation by responding to questions.

After some discussion, DMNA Board Member Steve Arnold volunteered to serve on the Move Minneapolis Advisory Board. Hantge will connect Arnold and Orth via email.

For more information on Move Minneapolis, please visit <https://moveminneapolis.org/>

## VI. Consent Agenda

*Reeves moved, and Bishop seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the November 27th Board meeting minutes; the F2023 Budget vs. Actual for the periods ending November 30, 2023, December 31, 2023, and January 31, 2024; and the Neighborhood Coordinator / Finance Coordinator staff report for November (Invoice #107), December (Invoice #108), and January (Invoice #109; 2023 MN Charitable Organization Annual Report, 2023 IRS Form 990; and the 2023 CNNF-EED Annual Report. The motion passed.*

## VII. Committee Reports

**A. Land Use Committee.** Committee Chair Laurie Rice reported on the following:

- 1010 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. CUP to increase the minimum height for signage. This is the former Strutwear Knit building, which is actually in the Elliot Park neighborhood but on the border of Downtown East and Downtown West.
- Stone Arch Rehabilitation Project. MNDOT provided an update on the plans to repair the Stone Arch Bridge over the next two years. They reviewed the impacts to pedestrians. Committee members inquired about whether the project includes repairs to the bridge deck and pedestrian lighting. Through some investigation by Hantge, MPRB made repairs to broken lights and is looking into repaving the bridge deck. More information on the project is available at <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/stonearchbridge/index.html>.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Resurfacing Project. Larry Matsumoto from the City of Minneapolis provided an update on this project. City staff will resurface the streets in this area in 2024. They replace the top layer of asphalt pavement to extend the life of a street. The new pavement should last at least 10 years. Project staff will hold a pre-public hearing:
  - Tuesday, March 26th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

- o Elliot Park Recreation Center, 1000 East 14th Street, Minneapolis.

More information available at

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/11th-ave-s-resurfacing/>.

*Sweet moved and Walsh seconded a motion to approve the LUC letter of support for 1010 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Walsh called for discussion. The motion was approved.*

The next LUC meeting is on March 5.

- B. Safety and Security.** There was no Safety and Security Committee Report. The committee meets again on April 1.
- C. Civic Engagement.** Larson reported that the committee has not yet met this year. They are planning to meet on March 19. They are recruiting new members as many of last year’s members have decided not to continue. Once the committee starts meeting, the primary focus will be the 2024 National Night Out event scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, at The Commons. They are also considering an event for Neighborhood Day on May 11. Larson also reported that she is working with Ella Graham from the DID to plan the 2024 Service Saturdays which will be a mixture of cleanup and greening projects. They will start in April and go through October.
- D. Historic Signage.** Committee Chair Dianne Walsh reported that the committee met on February 22. They are starting to identify buildings that could be candidates for signage.

**VIII. New / Old / Other business**

- **Mill District Mapping Project.** A collaboration of Mill District businesses has been meeting under the convening of Ryan Companies. They have created a static map of the Mill District business community that has been added to the DMNA website. Hantge would like to create an interactive map that provides links to the business’ website. Vivid Image has quoted a cost of \$900 to \$1000.

*Walsh moved and Bishop seconded a motion to allocate funds to the interactive Mill District map for the DMNA website. Walsh called for discussion. The motion passed.*

**IX. Adjournment**

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

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Chair

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Secretary