

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
DMNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 23, 2025, via Zoom

I. Call to Order

President Dan Brophy called the Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Other Board members in attendance were:

Zachary Brunnert
Kristen Hansen, Vice President
Julia Laden, Treasurer
Latonya Reeves, Secretary
Craig Simonson

Board members Steve Arnold and Matt Monroe.

Executive Director Christie Rock Hantge was also present.

Other guests included:

Council Member Michael Rainville, Ward 3
Patrick Sadler, Ward 3
Daisy Vang, Ward 7, Urban Scholer Intern

II. Consideration of Agenda

Hansen moved and Reeves seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Brophy called for discussion. The motion passed.

III. Ward 3 Update

Council Member Michael Rainville and Policy Aide Patrick Sadler provided updates, including:

- Feedback from the recent safety meeting at MacPhail Center for Music.
- Summer safety priorities and reporting reminders.
- Updates on downtown livability initiatives and business outreach.

IV. Ward 7 Update

Urban Scholar Intern Daisy Vang introduced herself and shared updates from Council Member Katie Cashman's office, including:

- Implementation details of the Minneapolis Tourism Improvement District (TID).

- Updates on Ward 7 development activity, and engagement opportunities surrounding the development of the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

The Ward 7 Budget Engagement Survey is available at <https://forms.office.com/g/TwWS03a6tT>. Downtown residents and businesses are encouraged to submit a response.

V. Consent Agenda

Brunnert moved and Monroe seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the May 19, 2025, Board meeting minute, the Financial Report for May 2025, and the Executive Director Staff Report for May (Invoice #125). The motion passed.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Land Use Committee

President Brophy reported in the absence of Chair Laurie Rice:

- Received update on the Flour Exchange building office conversion project. Approved letters of support for three funding applications.
- Reviewed and approved a liquor license application Six15 Bar and Lounge.
- Reviewed and approved a liquor license application for Tropico.
- Met with CPED staff and Council Member Rainville prior to the LUC meeting to discuss the future development plans for 800 Washington Avenue South.

Reeves moved and Arnold seconded a motion to approve the letters of support for the Flour Exchange funding applications and the liquor licenses. The motion passed.

Next meeting is TBD pending applications.

B. Safety and Security Committee

President Brophy reported in the absence of Chair Howard Cohen:

- Summary of the Downtown Improvement District (DID) and MPD joint safety briefing.
- Plans to invite Metro Transit Police to a future meeting.
- Follow-up discussion on public safety concerns at the Central Library entrance.

Next meeting is Thursday, July 10.

VII. New / Old / Other Business

A. Business Engagement Work Group

- Finalizing a fall outreach event with Ward 3 and Ward 7 council members.
- Continuing efforts to transition East Town Business Partnership (ETBP) contacts into DMNA communications.
- Survey design underway to gather input from downtown businesses.

B. Civic Engagement Update

- Summary of the June 7, “DMNA Take a Kid Fishing Day.” President Brophy said it was a success and that the DMNA should definitely participate in next year’s event.
- Summary of the June 21, “DMNA Day at the Mill City Farmers Market.” Lots of good interaction with residents. Gave away a lot of DMNA swag.
- Planning underway for the Ward 3 City Council Candidates Forum in September. It will take place on September 18, at the River Hub at Graco Park. It is being planned in coordination with the Minneapolis League of Women Voters and the other Ward 3 neighborhoods.
- The Ward 7 City Council Candidates Forum is being planned by SW Minneapolis neighborhood organizations. DMNA will share information regarding date and location when it is available.
- Outreach to underrepresented residents is ongoing as part of the Equitable Engagement Plan.

C. National Night Out

- Fundraising has gained momentum but remains behind 2024 pace.
- President Brophy discussed pursuing a magician and DJ for entertainment to reduce expenses.
- Vendor coordination and sponsor outreach are ongoing.

VIII. Updates / Reminders regarding 2025 Events

- **DMNA National Night Out** – Tuesday, August 5, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at The Commons.

- **Ward 3 City Council Candidates Forum** – Thursday, September 18, River Hub at Graco Park.
- **DMNA 2025 Annual Meeting** – Monday, October 27, at Mill City Museum.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Laden moved, and Hansen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brophy called for discussion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2025.
