

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., Via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Introductions

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

Board members present included Dan Brophy, Kristen Hansen, Julia Laden, Mark Syputa, Latonya Reeves, and Craig Simonson.

Also present were Christie Hantge, DMNA Executive Director; Jason Garcia, Minneapolis Park Board Commissioner for District 4; Marty Carlson, Senior Policy Aide to Ward 7 Council Member Elizabeth Shaffer; and Patrick Sadler, Policy Aide to Ward 3 Council Member Michael Rainville.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Reeves moved and Laden seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Brophy called for discussion. Hearing none, the motion passed.

3. Ward 7 Update

Marty Carlson, Policy Aide to Council Member Shaffer, reported on the following:

- Planning for a community meeting related to scooters
- Budget planning for the 2027 fiscal year

4. Ward 3 Update

Patrick Sadler, Policy Aide to Council Member Rainville, reported on the following:

- Community meeting related to scooters
- DID residential expansion outreach meetings
- Efforts to support downtown businesses struggling due to Operation Metro Surge
- Public Safety Training Center

5. Minneapolis Park Board Update

Jason Garcia, Park Board Commissioner for District 4, introduced himself and shared a brief overview of his role representing downtown. Board members welcomed Commissioner Garcia and expressed appreciation for his participation and future collaboration.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the following:

- February Board Meeting Minutes

- February Financial Reports
- Executive Director's Report

Hansen moved and Reeves seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Brophy called for discussion. Hearing none, the motion passed.

7. 2026 Priorities and Planning Discussion

The Board continued its discussion of 2026 priorities and upcoming events. Topics included:

- Neighborhood Day planning,
- National Night Out activities
- Coordination with City and MPRB hosted events.

Executive Director Hantge noted that Neighborhood Day events will be registered with the city once plans are finalized. Brophy reported conversations with MPRB staff regarding National Night Out. They expressed interest in participating and doing some kind of activation or activity.

8. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026. The Board discussed the possibility of meeting in person, with flexibility to allow Executive Director Hantge to participate via Zoom if needed. Final details will be confirmed in advance of the meeting.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Brophy at approximately 6:55 p.m.