

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 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 approximately 5:32 p.m.

Other board members present included Dan Brophy, Kristen Hansen, Julia Lofton, Latonya Reeves, Cindy Schulz, Dawn Selle, Leo Spott, and Mark Syputa.

Also present were Christie Hantge, DMNA Executive Director; Ward 3 Council Member Michael Rainville, Ward 7 Council Member Elizabeth Shaffer; and several community members.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Brophy asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda.

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

3. Ward 7 Update

Council Member Shaffer provided an update on a forthcoming City Council vote related to data center regulation. She explained that she is bringing forward legislation to study data center regulations over a six-month period, in collaboration with CPED staff and several council colleagues, including Council Member Rainville.

Shaffer expressed concern about a proposed data center moratorium, noting that the term “moratorium” can send an unintended message that the City is not open for business. She emphasized the economic benefits of appropriately scaled data centers downtown, including job creation and significant increases in property tax valuation, citing the former Sleep Number building as an example.

She noted that there has been limited transparency regarding the moratorium proposal, as formal language had not yet been submitted for review. Shaffer stressed the importance of distinguishing between small-scale data centers that fit within existing downtown buildings and large hyperscale facilities and encouraged thoughtful regulation rather than a blanket pause.

She concluded by sharing information about the public meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 25, at 5 p.m., at the Public Service Center building located at 505 4th Avenue S.

4. Ward 3 Update

Ward 3 – Council Member Michael Rainville

Council Member Rainville reported on the following:

- Ward 3 Summer Safety Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, at 6 p.m., at The Depot Renaissance Hotel. Featured speakers include:
 - Minneapolis Police Department's Interim Police Chief Bill Peterson
 - Allan Klugman. Director of Traffic and Parking Services with the City of Minneapolis. He will talk about scooter safety and enforcement, and ways to report violations.
 - Somali Youth Link and the Somali Mothers. They will talk about the safety patrols they do in the mill district five nights a week.

<https://www.thedmna.org/event/ward-3-safety-update-on-june-30-at-6-p-m-at-the-depot-hotel/>
- Ward 3 Community Meeting on the City Budget on Wednesday, June 17, at 6 p.m., at The Depot Renaissance Hotel. <https://www.thedmna.org/event/council-member-rainville-ward-3-community-meeting-on-the-city-budget-on-june-17/>

4. Pianos on Parade Update

Meghan Gustafson from the Minneapolis Downtown Council provided an update on this year's Pianos on Parade program. She noted that this year's event will take place during the month of August.

Key Event Details

- **Dates:** August 1st – August 31st.
- **Hours:** Available for public play daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Theme:** "Bloom Where You Live," featuring designs heavily inspired by flowers and Minneapolis's resilience.
- **Scheduled Performances:** Catch curated sets from local musical talent and students, with special performances largely scheduled for Thursdays between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

For an exact, interactive map of all 2026 piano locations once they are placed in August, you can visit the Minneapolis Downtown Council Pianos on Parade Finder:

<https://www.mplsdowntown.com/pianos/>

Gustafson requested that the DMNA Board consider being a sponsor again this year.

Brophy made a motion to contribute \$1000 to this year's Pianos on Parade program and Mark Syputa seconded the motion. Brophy called for discussion. The motion was approved.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- April Board Meeting Minutes
- April Financial Reports
- Executive Director Reports for March and April

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

6. Old, New, and Other Business

- **MDC-DID Residential Inclusion Survey** - Board Member Mark Syputa provided an update on the MDC-DID Residential Inclusion Survey. He encouraged board members to complete the survey and share it within their respective residential buildings. Executive Director Hantge has included in in the e-newsletter, posted it on Facebook and the DMNA website.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mplsDIDresidentialinclusion>

- **National Night Out Updates.** President Brophy reviewed the status of fundraising efforts. He strongly requested that all board members participate in fundraising for this year's event. Executive Director Hantge reviewed event logistics already in place including porta potties, tables and chairs, and insurance. The board needs to make a final decision about food, entertainment and children's activities soon. The board will meet again on May 28 and June 16 to discuss National Night Out. Hantge will send out calendar invites with the Zoom meeting login information.

7. Adjournment

Spott moved and Schulz seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brophy called for discussion. The most passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **6:15 p.m.**