

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DMNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 24, 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
Matt Monroe
Latonya Reeves, Secretary
Craig Simonson

Board member Steve Arnold was absent.

Executive Director Christie Rock Hantge was also present.

Other guests included:

Amy Britt, Mill City Farmers Market
Michael Rainville, Ward 3 Council Member
Elizabeth Shaffer, District 4 MPRB Commissioner

II. Consideration of Agenda

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

III. MPRB District 4 Update

Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer reported on the following:

- Plank sidewalk repairs on West River Parkway have been completed.
- Public hearing on Cannabis and Tobacco Policy on April 16.
https://www.minneapolisarks.org/project_updates/public-hearing-scheduled-april-16-for-draft-minneapolis-park-and-recreation-board-cannabis-and-tobacco-policy-and-thc-policy/
- The City of Minneapolis has entered into license agreements with Lime and Spin to participate in its Shared Bike and Scooter Program for the 2025 season. Bikes and scooters will be available for rent beginning Monday, April 7.

Shaffer also announced that she is not running for re-election.

IV. Ward 3 Update

Councilmember Michael Rainville reported on the following:

- 311 system has been updated to make it easier to report scooter and bike share program violations.
- Somali Elders will be patrolling the riverfront again this summer. He is working on getting them a six-passenger golf cart to make it easier for them to go from Gold Medal Park to Stone Arch Bridge to Water Works Park.
- The City of Minneapolis plans to begin a pilot program for traffic safety cameras. The pilot will start as early as August 2025. The cameras will provide automated enforcement of speed limits starting at about five locations. The city may expand to a max of 42 camera locations during the pilot period. The pilot may also expand to include enforcement of red lights. Public Works staff have identified 51 initial candidate camera locations. We will use public feedback to help determine the initial locations and any future additions. Please complete this short survey to provide feedback on the camera locations.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Wj_7C-roVE2wISsvkQxxX59kaXk9f2ROoGt82pdpBPdUNUtSQlBGRTRZN01aN1JBMEdRM0NMRVFFNS4u&route=shorturl. More information available at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/visionzero/actions-taken/traffic-safety-camera/>.

V. Mill City Farmers Market Update

Amy Britt provided an update on the 2024-2025 Winter Market and a look ahead at the 2025 summer market. She thanked the DMNA for its ongoing, generous support. Executive Director Hantge reminded the board that the DMNA committed \$2500 for the 2024 and 2025 market seasons. She noted that due to federal funding cuts they are losing a grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

For more information on the MCFM, please visit <https://www.millcityfarmersmarket.org/>

VI. Consent Agenda

Reeves moved and Monroe seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the board meeting minutes for February 24, 2025; FY 2025 Budget; Financial Report for February 2025; and the Executive Director staff report for February (Invoice #122). The motion passed.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Land Use Committee. In the absence of Chair Laurie Rice, Executive Director Hantge reported on the following:

- Letter of support for Lumber Exchange office conversion project as been submitted to CPED.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 1

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

- Almost all the safety whistles have been distributed. There are a few left at Open Book. Board Member Craig Simonson reported a positive result from the whistle project.
- DID-MPD Safety Update on Tuesday, April 29, at 5 p.m., at the Central Public Library. Please help spread the word to your residential buildings.
<https://www.thedmna.org/event/dmna-minneapolis-downtown-improvement-district-safety-update-on-tuesday-april-29/>

Next meeting is Thursday, April 13

VIII. New / Old / Other Business

A. Civic Engagement Update. President Brophy reported that this committee will meet on March 26. He has three neighbors at River Towers that are interested in helping. He brought 50 swag bags to the MPRB Downtown Chill event.

B. Business Engagement Update. This committee has not met yet. Hantge has a Doodle poll underway to find a date in April or early May. Board Member Matt Monroe announced that the East Town Business Partnership Board of Directors voted on February 27 to officially dissolve the organization.

C. National Night Out Update.

- Fundraising Update. President Brophy provided an update on the meeting with his sister, Virginia Brophy. She has been a big help. We have finalized the sponsorship request letter. He encouraged board members to add to the donor list and to start making asks. We need to have a firm idea of the budget by mid-to-late May to secure a food caterer and entertainment.
- Discussion regarding offering beer and wine. President Brophy asked for input on whether the DMNA should offer alcohol at the NNO event. He said that MPRB staff have inquired, because they serve alcohol at some of their events. Hantge noted that we do get quite a few kids who attend from the People Serving People family shelter, and that the RS Eden sober house is in Downtown West and a short walk to The Commons. We want the event to be inclusive and family friendly. She added that serving alcohol would come with increased costs for the MPRB permit, liability insurance, and we would need to have on-duty park police officers at the event. After some discussion, the board decided that we would not offer alcohol at this year's event.

IX. Updates / Reminders regarding 2025 Events

- DMNA-MPRB-DID Earth Day Clean up on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Mill Ruins and Water Works Parks
- DMNA Neighborhood Day event at Gateway Park on Saturday, May 3, 2025
- DMNA Take a Kid Fishing event on Saturday, June 7, 2025
- DMNA Day at the Mill City Farmers Market on Saturday, June 21, 2025
- DMNA National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, August 5, 2025

X. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Chair	Secretary