

Downtown Neighbors Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Present: Don Arenson, Stacie Callies, Jim Julka, Mary Jungers, John Kielich, Lee Ann Kingston, Claude Krawczyk, Kim Morris, Don Nasgowitz, Nancy O'Keefe, Jim Orth, David Ray, David Reid, Sheryl Waltman, Annette Wilson, Graham Baxter

Absent: Tom Nackers, Melissa Shekoski, Kate Strzok, Sherry Summers, Fred Tabak, Beth Weirick, Tom Wilson

I. Call to Order

President Claude Krawczyk called the meeting to order at 6:08pm. He introduced Graham Baxter, who works downtown at Northern Trust and said Graham would like to become involved with the DNA. The Board then voted Graham unanimously to the Board, filling a Third Ward vacancy.

II. Meeting Minutes

Mary Jungers moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013. David Ray seconded, and the motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

Stacie Callies reported we had a balance of \$3,619 in the bank at the end of March, 2013. We received the \$2500 in yearly contributions from the Westown Association, East Town Association, BID 21 and Historic Third Ward Association. Stacie presented the board with two quote for printing the DNA window clings. The board voted to spend up to \$750 and discussed consolidating them into one cling.

IV. Events and Promotion Committee Report

Lee Ann Kingston reported that the committee had not met but were going to set up a meeting to discuss events for the summer. Stacie suggested that the committee consider having another event at River Rhythms. Claude said that piggybacking on existing events would be a lot easier for us to plan. We could consider doing similar DNA events at Jazz in the Park or Ayre in the Square.

V. Outreach Committee Report

Mary Jungers (chair) stated she created a DNA MKE Google group discussion group. The group will allow us to have interactive discussions with anyone who is a member of the group. She sent invitations to all of the board members to sign up and said a few have done so already. She urged everyone to tell people to like us on Facebook and Twitter.

VI. Resident Advocacy Committee Report

Don said no formal meeting but has regular communication with the police and alderman.

VII. President Message

Claude brought up the letter that was circulated to the Board on April 19 for approval via email. A majority of the board voted in favor of sending the letter to the State of Wisconsin Legislature to support maintain the City of Milwaukee Residency Requirement for City employees. The four executive directors all abstained from voting on the issue. Jim Julka questioned whether or not it was appropriate to have an open forum on the issue so that the board could better understand both sides of the issue similar that was done to the NID project. Claude said that due to the short turnaround time for submitting the letter to Madison it wasn't possible and there really wasn't a clear cut advocate for each side to attend. Jim asked if this was appropriate based on our by-laws to vote via email. Claude said he would look into.

Claude asked the downtown directors that if they have not discussed the Pledge of Cooperation with their boards they should move forward with doing so. Stacie said her board had a lot of questions regarding the enforcement of the pledge and before they could support it they would need more information regarding the enforcement. Claude said he agreed to rejoin the Westown Board and would be willing to attend any board meetings as a DNA Representative to explain the pledge.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:30 pm.

These constitute the official minutes of the Downtown Neighbors Association Board of Directors meeting held April 23, 2013 at the offices of the Historic Third Ward Association office, 219 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, WI 53202