

**Downtown Neighbors' Association**  
*Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2011*



The meeting was called to order by Claude Krawczyk at 7:09pm.

**In Attendance**

Sheila Aldrich, Don Arenson, Brad Bauer, Alderman Robert Bauman, Steph Bennett (My Dwelling, LLC), Dawn Bloomfield, Stacie Callies, Richard Cayo, Alexis Chesrow, Sami Cramer (Roots Salon), Carrie Diener (Bryant & Stratton College), Todd Fabos, Bart Griepentrog, Marian Hackbarth, Kristine Hinrichs, Jim Julka, Diane Kercheck, John & Mary Kielich, Bill & Lee Ann Kingston, Kevin Kleinman, Kathleen Kosnar, Claude & Sue Krawczyk, Harvey Kurtz, Ruth Lawson (Historic Third Ward), Anne Lewis, Jason Lusk, TJ Madsen, Mark McDonough (Calvary Presbyterian Church), Stephen McEvoy (Bryant & Stratton College), Marissa Miller, Kim Morris, Tom Mroczkowski, Ron & Lois Muetzel, Tom & Kathy Nackers, Donald Nasgowitz, Wade & Theresa Nemetz, Kate Nowicki (Verduras Tea), Jennifer Nowicki (Verduras Tea), Nancy O'Keefe (Historic Third Ward Association), Curtis Oquist, Liz & Jim Orth, Gregory A. Patin, Gregory & Kristy Pennington, Gary Petersen, Larry & Laura Potts, David Ray, Dave Reid, Kevin Renauer, Mark Robers (Therapy East Property), Stefanie Sager, Larissa Sevcik, Melissa (Missy) Kaye Shekoski (Bryant & Stratton) , Stephanie Sherman, Tony Silvia, Stacie Snap, Jane Somers, Joe & Rebecca Spasiano, Jeff Straw (Investment Concepts), Scott Stroh (Milwaukee Co. Historical Society), Kate Strzok (Broadway Paper), Cindy Tandler, Michael Theoharris, Mariiana Tzotcheva, Ruth Vonderberg, Sheryl Waltman, Dieter Wegner (Altec Roofing), Beth Nicols & Joe Weirick, Linda Wenzel, Laura Ricci & David West, Jan Wills, Tom Wilson, Annette Wilson, Lisa Wolff, & Stacy Zielinski (Sachen Imports).

**Welcome**

Claude Krawczyk introduced himself. He gave a brief overview of the work Milwaukee Downtown and the Responsible Hospitality Institute have recently done and how the Downtown Neighbors Association came out of that work.

The Downtown Neighbors Association (DNA) will be a membership organization. It is a non-stock corporation. No one will be taxed. Downtown residents in the three major districts – East Town, Westtown, and the Historic Third Ward – are eligible to be members.

As business improvement districts, these three neighborhoods have been primarily focused on business in the past. The DNA will focus on residents and residential concerns to bring a united force to downtown.

**Board**

Claude Krawczyk introduced current board members - himself, Kim Morris (East Town), Stacie Callies (Westown), Nancy O'Keefe (Historic Third Ward), Don Arenson (East Town), and Fred Tabak (Historic Third Ward – absent).

The board can consist of up to 19 members. There are five board seats available for each neighborhood. Claude called for nominations.

The following people came forward to be nominated:

Lee Ann Kingston – Historic Third Ward

Tom Wilson - Historic Third Ward

Jim Orth – East Town

Tony Silvia – Historic Third Ward

Ruth Vonderberg - Historic Third Ward

Tom Kielich - Historic Third Ward

Sheryl Waltman – East Town

Donald Nasgowitz – Westown

Jim Julka – Westown

David Ray (Realtor) – East Town Business

Dave Reid – East Town

Annette Wilson – East Town

Tom Nackers – Westown

Stephanie Sherman nominated Margaret DuPrey – Westown (absent)

Kate Strzok (Broadway Paper) - Historic Third Ward Business

Missy Shekoski (Bryant & Stratton College) – Westown Business

Claude Krawczyk moved to accept the slate of candidates as presented. The motion passed by acclamation.

### **New Business**

Tom Nackers thanked Claude Krawczyk for the work he has done on the DNA project.

### **Alderman's Report**

Alderman Bob Bauman spoke to the group and emphasized that the DNA is a great way to effectively organize communication. Often, resident concerns about licensing, land use, etc. are not heard at the Common Council level. This group will help correct that.

He stated that he is willing to attend all future board meetings to discuss issues and gather input.

Alderman Bauman recognized Sheila Aldrich, a former Milwaukee County Supervisor.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45pm and was passed unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, November 1 at 7pm at the Milwaukee Public Market.

Meetings will be held quarterly in January, April, July, and October.