

**Downtown Neighbors Association**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 4, 2014

**Present:** Claude Krawczyk, Andrew Wagner, Graham Baxter, Dawn Bloomfield, Lee Ann Kingston, Michael Sullivan, Stacie Snap, David Ray, Donald Nasgowitz, Ron Accuardi, Annette Wilson, Sheryl Waltman, Don Arenson, Mary Jungers, Sharon Woodhouse, Sherry Summers, Dave Reid, Jim Julka, Nancy O'Keefe, Stacie Callies  
**Absent:** John Kielich, Kim Morris, Jim Orth, Beth Weirick, Matt Dorner  
**Guests:** Katie Kimes, HTWA; Sara Geenen; Ald. Bauman; Jeff Polenske; Kris Martinsek

I. Call to Order

President Claude Krawczyk called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

II. Streetcar Presentation

Kris Martinsek gave a presentation on the proposed Milwaukee Streetcar. The board decided to consider scheduling another informational meeting in the future for all DNA members, but will leave that option open for now until streetcar planning progresses further.

III. Meeting Minutes

Don Arenson moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2013. Don Nasgowitz seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Stacie Callies reported the 2013 year end balance was \$2,973.39. Payment for the annual meeting was \$401.06 which carried over to 2014. The projected balance for the end of February 2014 is \$2,516.33. East Town, Westown, HTWA and BID 21 will all be asked to make another contribution for 2014.

V. Election of New Directors and Officers

Don Arenson moved to approve the election of Dawn Bloomfield, Michael Sullivan and Ron Accuardi as new board members. Sherry Summers seconded. Motion carried.

Claude Krawczyk asked if anyone was interested in serving as an officer, if not, we will keep the officers the same. Le Ann Kingston motioned to keep the slate the same. Ron Accuardi seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Events and Promotion Committee Report

Dawn Bloomfield is being added to the Events and Promotion Committee. No news was reported.

VII. Outreach Committee Report

Sharon Woodhouse is being added to the Outreach Committee. No news was reported.

VIII. Resident Advocacy Committee

Andrew Wagner is being added to the Resident Outreach Committee. No news was reported.

#### IX. Silk/Club 618

Ald. Bauman discussed the issue of Club 618 and Silk Nightclub. Club 618 can reopen on February 16. Silk is now negotiating with Club 618 to take over their space. After a lengthy discussion, the board chose not to take any position on the possible location of Silk at 618 N. Water.

#### X. Meter Parking Signage

Claude Krawczyk brought up the issue of the meter parking signage. He proposed the idea of making the signs read "FREE parking on Saturdays," Alderman Bauman thought this was a good idea and would talk with the DPW. The board agreed to underwrite the reasonable the cost of adding stickers to signs so they read "FREE." Claude Krawczyk will report back in April after Alderman Bauman contacts DPW.

#### XI. Auto Insurance

Claude Krawczyk brought up the issue of high auto insurance rates for downtown residents and questioned whether DNA could have any impact on this issue. Graham Baxter agreed to do some leg work and contact insurance agencies to see if anything can be done to decrease auto insurance rates for downtown residents. He will report back in April.

#### XII. Crime Data Distribution

Claude Krawczyk will distribute Crime Data to the board members. Urban Milwaukee will be showing crime data on their website.

#### XIII. New Business

- Claude Krawczyk brought up the idea of hosting a forum with all candidates for State Representative. The board supports this idea.
- The board planned to have the Lakefront Gateway Project at the April 2014 meeting.
- Graham Baxter will look into a 501-C Non Profit for DNA.
- Concerns about the Milwaukee Public Market remote lot were discussed.

#### XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:00 pm.

These constitute the official minutes of the Downtown Neighbors Association Board of Directors meeting held February 4, 2014 at the offices of the Historic Third Ward Association office, 219 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, WI 53202