
DMNA Council Meeting Minutes for 04/06/22

IN ATTENDANCE

David Hoffert, Diego Saenz, Daryl Sherman, Kathy Engebretsen, Marie Trest, Brad Boyce, Michael Schneider, Tag Evers, Ann Sydnor, Tom Huber, Ann Clark, Lissa Koop, Dennis Trest, Shawn Schey, Josh Napravnik, Annie Balch, Mike Poterala, Pat Schmitt

PROCEDURAL

- Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.
- Approval of Agenda: there was a unanimous vote to approve the agenda.
- Minutes: there was a unanimous vote to approve the March 2nd meeting minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis reviewed DMNA's income and expenses for March.

Income included \$2.79 interest from Money Market; \$157.52 dues (\$60.00 membership, \$97.52 donation); and \$300 from the Friends of Lake Wingra Water Quality Grant and \$500 from the Westmoreland Water Quality Grant. Expenses included \$539.28 for our server (36 months web hosting), \$50 for a gift card, and \$210 for the Spring Hornblower layout. Our current membership total is 761. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

ALDER'S REPORT

Work is being done to update the city's exterior lighting ordinance, to be in accordance with the Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting from the International Dark-Sky Association. One requirement would be that all fixtures greater than 500 lumens (a forty watt bulb) shall be shielded. The ordinance will affect residential, commercial and government-owned properties. This resolution will be brought before the Common Council possibly as early as the May meeting. Tag supports the McGrath Development project on Olin Ave. which involves a 12-story, 200-unit mixed-use development project going up on the former site of The Wonder Bar. This project is actually in District 14, but it is very close to the border of our district. On the topic of sustainability, new requirements for buildings of 50,000 square feet and larger are being finalized in order to reduce carbon emissions. There was an accident on Monroe St. earlier tonight involving a person hit by a vehicle. More information is not yet available. Tag will take part in a deposition later this month as part of the Edgewood lawsuit. Affordable housing continues to be a focus, specifically how to support the mayor's Housing Forward initiative.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Annual meeting will be Sunday April 24 with Teri Venker as speaker – can anybody help with coordination. (*Marie volunteered to assist.*)
- Social Chair needed

AGENDA ITEMS

3010 GREGORY STREET

Mike Poterala and his architect Pat Schmitt attended the meeting. Mike is hoping to demolish the current home at this address and build a new two-story home. He recently filed a demolition permit for the current structure on the property. Also, someone has contacted him who is interested in moving the current house to another location in Madison. His plans meet all zoning requirements, including requirements for green space. It will be a much larger square footage house than others in the area. There was a good discussion and Q&A. Comments were generally positive.

SCIENCE THURSDAYS

Diego will reach out to Wingra Boats to see if it is happening this year. We have money allocated in our budget for it.

DISCUSS GOOD NEIGHBOR GATHERING

There is a request for DMNA to increase our contribution from \$250 to \$500 this year, as we are a well-funded neighborhood organization. The event date is September 11th. There was a good discussion about whether to increase our contribution. There is room in the budget for the increase. (e.g. Jazz in the Park is very unlikely to happen this year, and it has \$1,000 in the budget.) Diego mentioned that in the past the GNG was held on the same day as the Monroe Street Festival and a Badger home game, other events that DMNA residents likely may want to attend. David Hoffert made a motion that DMNA contribute \$500 to the Good Neighbor Gathering contingent on confirming there are no date conflicts with DMNA events. Kathy seconded. There was a unanimous vote to approve the motion. It was commented that DMNA should communicate to neighbors that we have made a financial commitment and are supporting the event. It would need to go in the June Hornblower, and then can also be included in DMNA News closer to the event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Sydnor.