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# *DMNA Council Meeting Minutes for 09/07/22*

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6:45 pm, Zoom remote call

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Diego Saenz, Catherine Jagoe, Dennis Trest, Kathy Engebretsen, Daryl Sherman, Carole Kantor, Tom Huber, Marie Trest, Annie Balch, Tag Evers, Marc Gartler, Michael Schneider, Ann Clark, Lisa Grueneberg, Sandy Stark, Dave Leeper

## **PROCEDURAL**

- Call to Order: 6:46 p.m.
- There was a unanimous vote to approve the agenda with one deletion and two additions.
- There was a unanimous vote to approve the August 3rd meeting minutes.

## **ALDER'S REPORT**

Edgewood update: the trial had been scheduled for mid-October, but Edgewood filed a “Compel to Discovery” motion, requesting a lot more documents and a delay in the trial date. The judge granted the delay but said that it was only because of court scheduling needs. He has not ruled yet on the Summary Judgment requested by City. If he does not grant it, the trial will proceed later this winter. In the meantime, when games take place, Tag recommends that neighbors document noise and activities.

Transit Oriented Development: Tag has invited City staff to a Zoom meeting on this topic for D13 residents, given the concern in the Vilas and Greenbush neighborhoods about TOD Overlay District increasing housing density and parking along BRT lines. Some areas will allow 4 storey-buildings instead of 3, for example.

Common Council update: the council approved the Raemisch Farm rezoning and development proposal last night. Tag voted against this, but it passed 15-3. Raemisch Farm is 64-acre area of farmland bordering Sherman and Packers Ave. A developer will build 72 single-family homes and some townhouses there, with a small amount of land set aside for farmland, parkland and open space. Tag stressed the practical, economic and social importance of preserving urban farmland wherever possible.

Animal Ordinance change: Tag supported a city ordinance to ban the breeding of puppies and kittens for research and experimentation. UW and Scientific community and Chamber of Commerce opposed this so the proposal has been withdrawn and will be rewritten to focus on puppy and kitten mills.

Q & A: Ann Clark asked if we need a separate TOD meeting. Tag said no; it's a D13 meeting that we are all invited to at 6:30 on September 14 via Zoom. Link is on Tag's blog.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dennis reviewed DMNA's income and expenses for August.

Income: \$6,573.17 DMNA + \$3,445.09 GNG = \$10,018.26 total

Expenses: \$540.20 DMNA + \$1,279.90 GNG = \$1,820.10 total

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Edgewood College's Liquor License is going to change as they are switching to a new food service company. On September 15 there will be a 3pm informational meeting. We don't know what kind of change is involved. Tom, Daryl or Marc will arrange to attend.
- The Good Neighbor Gathering on September 11 at Brittingham Park needs more volunteers, especially for the District 13 Alliance Welcome Table, one-hour or two-hour slots beginning at noon. There are many other opportunities as well. Older children (12+ over) could help circulate feedback forms, for example, starting at 2:00pm. And from noon on, we would love to have children greet incoming attendees and direct them to the D13 Alliance Welcome table. Clean-up begins at 5:00. Last year it took under 30 minutes!

Please get the word out to attend and if you can volunteer, email Abbie at [abbie@newculturechurch.com](mailto:abbie@newculturechurch.com).

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **2023 DMNA Directory**

- Catherine requested an estimate from the company that does the Hornblower, AlphaGraphics. It came in higher than we have budgeted for. It is \$3,538 for 900 copies, \$4,330 for 1200 copies. She has approached Thrivent on Monroe St about possible sponsorship of the directory, in return for a substantial donation, e.g., \$1,000. They are interested but have not committed. Catherine asked the Council to decide on whether to distribute copies to all residents or to limit them to DMNA members only. Consensus was that it is too labor-intensive to limit the directory to members only. Dennis pointed out that we need 1600 copies if we are to distribute to all residents. Catherine is concerned with the cost difference between the \$3,100 currently budgeted for the directory and the actual cost, which may be in the region of \$5,000. Diego and others said that DMNA does have funds to cover the difference, and the directory is an important service, so we should go ahead.

### **Hornblower Graphic Design Contract**

- The new graphic designer, Steve Abercrombie, and the new Hornblower printer, Alphagraphics, have worked smoothly to generate the Fall HB. It should be arriving in mailboxes this week (arriving Sept 6-10).
- In 2018 we were concerned about DMNA paying significant amounts of money to contractors. We had a resolution specifying that if a professional service is provided and the

cost over the year is over \$1,000, there needs to be an agreement between DMNA and the contractor. Bridget O'Meara, the previous graphic designer, has left and Steve is the new designer. He does not charge any more than Bridget did. He has worked extremely well. Ann moved acceptance of the contract, seconded by Tom. Contract was approved by unanimous vote.

- Ad campaign for HB for year with Bobbi Shrank is going well; it has raised 86% of its annual goal. Anticipates making close to full goal.

#### **Requests for Flag Volunteers (Michael)**

- Crosswalk flags—thanks to Ann and Tom this summer for getting volunteers to provide flags. The crossing flag project is all volunteer-run. If you are talking to anyone interested in getting more involved, encourage them to volunteer to help out with the flags. Ann said the volunteer at the crossing at Glenway has moved, so a replacement is needed right away.

#### **At-Large Members**

Confirmed members for 2022-2023 are Marie Trest, David Hoffert, Tracy Lewis, Marcia Diamond, Brad Boyce. Diego will email past members to ask if they want to continue, and will specify that if so, they should attend the meetings.

Tom moved and Marc seconded approval of those five members. Accepted by unanimous vote.

#### **Membership Committee Report**

Last week 2 volunteers helped to assemble materials for the Block Captain envelopes. Kathy has distributed almost all of them, despite having 2 Area Rep vacancies. There are still 4 vacancies for Block assignments. Kathy hopes for a response or two from the Hornblower but failing that will need Council members &/or members at large to help out. If we are to create and print a new directory, we can't afford to have a database with incomplete or outdated information. This method of soliciting dues will *only* work with willing volunteers.

Ann Clark moved to adjourn. Carole seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Catherine Jagoe.*