
DMNA Council Meeting Minutes for 05/03/23

6:45 pm, Zoom remote call

IN ATTENDANCE

Diego Saenz, Catherine Jagoe, Carole Kantor, Brad Boyce, Daryl Sherman, Kathy Engebretsen, Lisa Grueneberg, Dennis Trest, Marcia Diamond, Tag Evers, Marie Trest, Michael Schneider, Tom Huber, Annie Balch, Sandy Stark

PROCEDURAL

- Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.
- There was a unanimous vote to approve the agenda with an addition.
- There was a unanimous vote to approve the April monthly and annual meeting minutes.

ALDER'S REPORT

- New Common Council was sworn in on April 18. Tag has met with them the last three Tuesdays and feels encouraged about the prospect of working together as he gets to know the new members.
- He just came from a Brittingham Park meeting. Neighbors there are concerned the park has become a magnet for people with alcohol and boom boxes, leaving trash. Tag and others are working to address that.
- Vilas and Greenbush are concerned about the scheduled removal of the dinosaur playground near the zoo; people have great affection for it but the play equipment is old and unsafe.
- Good news: a workforce housing project is being proposed for the parcel on Regent St where Jensen Auto was located. They will apply for a Conditional Use permit for a 5th story.
- Neighborhood House will be announcing a plan to redevelop their site, with 5 stories (4 of affordable housing)
- 1202 S. Park St lot has been vacant a long time. The plan now is to use it for young people transitioning out of foster care, dedicating 10 units for them and a mixed-use plan for the remaining units.
- Tag continues to work on Lake Wingra Heritage Plan, viewshed issues especially.
- Farmland Preservation Taskforce will post its final report on Legistar on Monday. It advocates expanded use of community gardens in city parks and small city-owned parcels.

- The City has filed its response to Edgewood's brief.
- Brad asked what the building going up next to The Fit will be. Tag said it will be a small synagogue for an orthodox community. They just had a small ground-breaking ceremony. Carole said the currently have a house on Regent St and they are a worldwide organization with a campus facility, and units in Milwaukee. They are a form of Orthodox Judaism but very worldly and open to involving people. She has had good interactions with them in the past. Tag said they invited the Mayor to their ground-breaking ceremony.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis reviewed DMNA's income and expenses for April.

Income: Total \$6.66

Expenses: Total: \$1,667.29

Current Membership: 796

The treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Dennis asked committee chairs to send this year's budget requests, otherwise he will carry forward the amounts allotted for last year. Also, we need to think about a recipient for the Capital Fund for this year. Carole asked when we should vote on the budget. Dennis replied the vote should happen at the June meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Doug, the president of VNA, contacted Diego to let us know that Kettleblack Kitchen on Monroe St is planning to expand and hope to request a full Class B license including liquor (they currently have a beer and wine license only). Diego says it doesn't sound controversial.

AGENDA ITEMS

- DMNA table at Wingra Boats Lake Blessing & Potluck, May 12, 5-7:30 pm – Sandy Stark. Marie will bring pies, plates and forks. Sandy will bring DMNA materials to display. Kathy has an information sheet for potential volunteers from Carole, and will bring 24 of those, plus 10 copies each of the two past Hornblower issues. Kathy says there is a white table in the storage trailer that we could use if none is offered by Wingra Boats. We used to have a DMNA banner that may still be in the boathouse—if not, it has disappeared. Lisa said she plans to be there and can help out as needed.
- Ann Clark as At-Large Member – Diego Saenz. Ann was accidentally omitted from the voting slate for At-Large Members at the Annual meeting in April. Her inclusion as a 6th At-Large Member for 2023-24 was approved by unanimous vote.
- 4th of July Parade – Lisa Grueneberg. This event was so successful last year that it has been easy to recruit volunteers again. Marie is on the committee too this year. Lisa is planning to repeat what they did in 2022. She moved we allocate \$800 from the Social Committee

budget to cover expenses for the 4th July parade and celebration. Seconded by Carole. Kathy asked if that includes the permit, which cost \$150 last year. Lisa said yes, although it may be less as the City offers a cheap once-a-year price to NAs that she may be able to get. We need a permit for insurance reasons. Dennis asked if the \$800 will come out of next year's budget? Lisa said that given the date of the event, the expenditures will likely be in both budget years. There was a friendly amendment to the motion by Diego that the allocation be split across budget years. The motion passed unanimously.

- Good Neighbor Gathering Request for \$500 – Brad Boyce. GNG is asking DMNA for a contribution, as they did last year. It was rained out in 2022, so the money was returned, and now they are asking for the same amount to be allocated again. The GNG is a D-13 sponsored festival to get the community together and forge bonds across the various neighborhoods in the district. It will be held September 10, on the same Sunday as the Ironman event. Diego said no vote is needed, we can simply list it as part of the D13 Alliance budget line item as in previous years. Jan O'Neill is the real driving force behind this event. Diego asked Brad to convey our thanks and support to Jan.
- Parks Committee Storage Trailer – Sandy. Currently the DMNA trailer is parked on Glen St, next to the MGE station, on MGE property. The area behind it is tended by Westmoreland Greenspace Committee, and they would like us to move the trailer off its current location. No one on the DMNA uses it now, except for the winter solstice event and July 4 supplies. No one wants to haul it around, and there is no obvious solution of another place to put it. Sandy suggested either donating or selling it. That brand of trailer doesn't lose much value, so Tyler Leeper suggests we advertise it on Marketplace, we may get \$1500 for it. Alternatively, we might share it with another organization, but it's not clear who—Westmoreland is not interested. Diego said it's nice for DMNA to have some storage space, e.g. to store the DMNA sign currently stored in Rachel and Josh's garage. Dennis said it's a problem that we don't have our own space to put the trailer on. Tyler is not willing to have it in the space behind the boathouse. The City will not let us park it in the cul de sac below the Glenway Children's Park because they have to plow. Sandy will ask Dave Leeper if he has any space at his house on Terry Place, although that seems unlikely. Dennis said we don't need a trailer but we do need storage—could we rent storage space? We have one shelf for our materials at Wingra School, but need more to hold History Committee documents. Dennis says we could have a budget item to rent storage space—but the closest one is out by Home Depot, which is not convenient. Carole said there are four realtors who advertise in the Hornblower who might know about alternative spaces. She will contact them and ask if they have any suggestions. Dennis mentioned Madison Theatre Guild, which has a long driveway next to Budd's Auto, and asked if we could rent parking space from them? The location would be convenient, across the street from Wingra Park. Sandy will contact the Madison Theatre Guild and City Parks Dept.
- Carole encouraged people to read the report she issued about the Hornblower editorship. She will serve only one more year as editor of the HB. We need to find a second co-editor to work alongside Jake once Carole finishes. Please think about people you know who might fit the bill. Carole will gladly talk to them.

Daryl moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Catherine Jagoe