
DMNA Council Meeting Minutes for 10/7/20

6:45 pm, Zoom remote call

IN ATTENDANCE

Carole Kantor, Ann Sydnor, Jason Bittner, Lisa Grueneberg, Michael Anderson, Marie Nitschke, Kathy Engebretsen, Tom Huber, Marcia Diamond, Ann Clark, Kendra Kreutz, Dave Leeper, David Hoffert, Marie Trest, Daniel Roe, Josh Napravnik, Dennis Trest, Peter Gascoyne, Shawn Schey, Mary ?, Sandy Stark, Brian Schneirow, Kelly Eagen, Daryl Sherman, Susanna Rasmussen Fischer, Diego Saenz

PROCEDURAL

- Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.
- Approval of Agenda: One agenda item relating to recruitment of a new ad coordinator for the Hornblower was added. Carole made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition and Josh seconded. All in favor. Agenda approved.
- Introductions - None
- Minutes: Carole made a motion to approve the minutes and Josh seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis reviewed income and expenses for September. Refer to the treasurer's report sent out prior to the meeting. Daryl made a motion to accept the report and Tom seconded. The report was accepted (all in favor).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The written report submitted by Rachel has been copied below with updates by the secretary, if any, in *italics* based on the verbal report given during the meeting.

The Edgewood Liaison Committee + president met with Edgewood leadership and VNA just prior to this meeting, so we should have an update to share with the group by then. Otherwise, I have taken on more responsibility with the District 13 Alliance for now, though will be seeking a permanent replacement for 2021.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Brian Schneirow request for support re: 502 Leonard Street demolition permit:** Brian and his wife Kelly Eagen shared their plans for building a new home. The existing home was recently demolished. Due to a misunderstanding, the demolition crew took down the entire house when they were supposed to leave two exterior walls existing. As a result, Brian and Kelly are now seeking a retroactive demolition permit, which involves going before the Plan Commission. They plan to build a larger house which Brian designed to be as energy efficient as possible and also to look like it belongs in the neighborhood. There was some discussion. A comment was made that it is important for some of the older homes to be brought up-to-date. Ann Clark made a motion that DMNA support the building proposal and demolition permit proposed by Brian Schneirow and Kelly Eagen at 502 Leonard Street. The motion passed with all in favor.

- **Budget request for Anti-Racism Committee (Marie Trest):** Marie made a motion that the Anti-Racism Committee purchase a microphone not to exceed \$60 in cost for use at their virtual committee meetings. Sandy seconded. There were two friendly amendments: 1) DMNA will purchase the microphone and it will be in possession of the anti-racism committee for now and 2) increase the approved cost to \$100. The motion and amendments passed with all in favor. Marie will work on buying the microphone.
- **Halloween best practices (Lisa + all):** Lisa shared the Halloween guidelines published by Public Health Dane County and will send them out via DMNA News.
- **Housing and emergency preparedness (Dave Leeper, Social Justice Committee):**
 - o The Social Justice Committee has secured Jim O'Keefe, a housing specialist with the city, to speak on Tuesday, October 27th at 4:30 p.m. on the topic of affordable housing in Madison. The meeting will be held via Zoom, with an invitation extended to all neighbors via DMNA News.
 - o The committee is also interested in how to help prepare our neighborhood for emergencies. It is prudent to prepare for emergencies ahead of time, e.g. encouraging people to store some basic goods. They have reached out to Charles Tubbs, Director of the Dane County Emergency Management Department. Feedback and comments were requested. Someone recommended looking at the national program Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- **Edgewood updates (Rachel, ELC):** The Edgewood Liaison Committee + president met with Edgewood leadership and VNA just prior to this meeting. There is not much new to report. Edgewood would like a compromise prior to the December Common Council meeting, while DMNA would like Edgewood to wait and measure the sound of day games when they resume. The committee is going to take two weeks to review the sound studies that have already been conducted, and the next meeting will be devoted to discussion about the sound concerns.
- **Hornblower recruitment (Carole):** The Hornblower is in need of a new ad coordinator. Recruitment efforts over the summer were not successful. If you know of anyone that might be interested, let Carole know.

ALDER'S REPORT

Rachel read some updates from Alder Evers, since he could not be present.

- The Mayor's Executive Operating Budget includes funding to keep the Monroe Street Library open 3 days a week.
- Oct 22 is the tentative date for a Community Conversation on Public Safety -- invited guests include Judge Everett Mitchell, Kaleem Caire, Rep. Shelia Stubbs, Anthony Cooper, MPD. More details to follow.
- I spoke with Chancellor Becky Blank last week -- attendance at the upcoming football game now limited to essential personnel only, no longer including families of players. Working with UW and MPD to make sure we keep a lid on tail-gating, house parties, and beer gardens. (Capacity at the latter has been restricted to seated only.)
- Prescribed burn along SW Commuter Path to take place Oct 19 - Nov 30.
- Lucky's project (1313 Regent St) was referred to UDC to improve the aesthetics.
- Updating the 2011 Sustainability Plan -- I'm on a subcommittee of Sustainable Madison Committee to do this important work. The goal is to make this actionable, a living document that will impact policy.
- I will be offering a capital budget amendment to increase the Affordable Housing Fund by \$500,000.

- High level conversations with Mayor's office, city staff, county supervisors and state officials to ensure we have an adequate emergency response plan in place to address our rising homeless population this winter.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Jason will be stepping down as Transportation Committee chair and has a few ideas for who may take over in his stead. Rachel proposed possibly combining the Transportation and Zoning Committees if no chair can be found in the short term. There was discussion. The transportation committee will meet to discuss further. Stay tuned.
- The Anti-Racism Committee is looking for sites in the neighborhood that are amenable to hosting a new mural. Contact Marie if you know anyone that may be interested.

Ann Clark made a motion to adjourn and Daryl seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.