

**Downtown Neighbors Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Who's on Third?, 1007 N. MLK Dr.  
April 26, 2022, 5:30 pm**

**Board Members Present:** Lisa Proeber, President, Paul Schwartz, Vice President, Cindy Lindquist, Secretary, Joe Birdsall, Danielle Coterel, Matt Dorner, Tim Frautschi, Lynnea Katz-Petted, Deb Lampe-Revolinski, Steven Michalowski, Eric Paulsen, Jim Plaisted, Phil Sarol, Eddie Sturkey, Michael Sullivan and Windsor Wrolstad

**Board Members Absent:** Stacie Callies, Treasurer, Mike Bartel, Elyise Brigman, Tom Erd, Brigid Jacobs, Claude Krawczyk, Kelly Rodenkirk, Tony Silvia and Mary Voght

**Guests:**

Alderman Bob Bauman, ADA Kelly Hedge, District 1 Community Liaison Officer Molly Plumley, Bethany Clark, and Donny (last name unknown)

DNA President Lisa Proeber called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Cindy Lindquist provided the January 2022 meeting minutes to the board prior to this meeting. Joe Birdsall moved to approve the Secretary's Report. Lynnea Katz-Petted seconded. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Stacie Callies provided written financial reports to the board indicating \$7,820.60 on hand as of 3/31/22. Last quarter's receipts included the yearly contributions from Westown Association (\$500), Historic Third Ward Association (\$500) and Milwaukee Downtown (\$1,000). There were no expenses. Tim Frautschi moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Paul Schwartz seconded. The motion was approved.

**Board Changes:**

New board candidate Deb Lampe-Revolinski (Westown resident) was introduced. Lynnea Katz-Petted moved to approve Deb's nomination to the board. Phil Sarol seconded. All approved.

Lisa will be reclassified as a Historic Third Ward resident. Currently, all board positions are filled. Bethany Clark is a Third Ward resident that will participate on the Quality of Life Committee as a general member.

**Guest Speakers:**

ADA Kelly Hedge prosecutes chronic offenders and works closely with District 1 police and acknowledged the issues with problematic juveniles. We are all encouraged to report any relevant observations and consistent issues to her and Officer Plumley. Shots fired should be immediately reported to 911.

District 1 Community Liaison Officer Molly Plumley provided recent crime statistics. Of particular concern are the number of firearms being stolen from cars and then used in violent crimes. Police resources are thin and local beats are not currently being handled by bicycle patrols. It's best to voice specific police deployment issues to Captain Campbell at one of MPD's quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be in September. DNA and its partners can share safety tips with their networks.

Lynnea Katz-Petted is DNA's liaison with MPD for Crime & Safety issues and possible initiatives.

Alderman Bob Bauman reported that council activity has been slow due to the recent campaign and election process. A new mayor and new common council president have been elected. The city's multimodal team is working to devise a policy regarding scooters and ideas for their management if they are permitted to return. Meeting attendees had varying opinions on the subject. Several streets are earmarked for redevelopment (Wells, Van Buren, Water) in order to make them safer for all users. Stakeholder input will be sought

through upcoming public meetings. Expansion of The Hop has been stalled due to the lack of funding. The section from St. Paul to Highland is fully engineered and could theoretically be built this summer. The north and south expansions outside of downtown are 5+ years out. Alderman Bauman will be available for a public forum to be hosted by DNA in September.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Outreach Committee (Windsor Wrolstad – chair):**

DNA’s Facebook page continues to add followers. This committee needs help with our various outreach platforms.

#### **Quality of Life (Joe Birdsall - chair):**

The Quality of Life committee has met several times and has generated ideas for possible DNA initiatives. Supporting the Dog Park fundraising remains a priority activity. Other improvements for under the freeway (possible skate park?) will have to wait.

Downtown clean-up event – June 11 – Cindy and Phil to organize. Watch for details soon.

Promoting and expanding the availability of NML’s playground at the Summerfest grounds – Lisa and Tim

EV charging stations – Big shoutout to Claude and Lisa for staging a great informational event took place in January. Future EV related activities will need a champion to move forward.

DNA Pledge/Cash Mob-in prior years, DNA contacted local businesses and residential properties. In exchange for an agreement to support DNA’s goals, the property would get a “DNA Approved” sticker. Members would be encouraged to patronize these establishments. Impromptu gatherings, i.e. Cash Mobs, would be directed to meet up at these local businesses. To reinstate, we need a volunteer to take this on.

The next committee meeting will likely occur in mid to late May. All are welcome.

#### **Events Committee (Phil Sarol –chair):**

Events generally originate with the Quality of Life committee, which are then publicized by the Outreach committee, and can involve formal presentations or social mixers. The March 22 mixer went well with 26 attendees. A neighborhood clean-up is in the works for June 11. Public safety may be on the agenda for the July 26 board meeting or the September 13 forum. The Events committee can use help with planning and executing these and other functions.

Lisa suggested combining Outreach and Events with Windsor and Phil as co-chairs.

#### **New Business:**

Eddie Sturkey announced that Bastille Days is on (yay!), with the Storm the Bastille run scheduled for July 14. Some form of Jazz in the Park will start on Thursdays the week after Bastille Days and go through September. Cathedral Park renovations are ongoing. The Saturday market will start June 18.

Dog Park-Fundraising is progressing and shovels could be in the ground this year. Matt Dorner announced multiple upcoming events to build support. Watch for Wine and Wag in the Third Ward on May 22. The Brewers will host Bark at the Park on June 7. There will be a Dog Park booth at Pet Walk MKE at Veterans Park on June 18. If you can help at the Dog Park booth for awhile, please contact Matt.

**Adjourn:** Danielle Coterel moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Schwartz seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 26, 2022, 5:30 pm, Ward 4, Pritzlaff Building

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Lindquist