

Minutes of the January 22, 2009
Downtown Neighborhood Association
General Membership Annual Meeting

Call to Order: President, Ms. Brooke Avila, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call: Board Members Ms. Brooke Avila, Ms. China Wong, Ms. Stacy Berenguel, Ms. Elizabeth Rudisill, and Dr. Michael Eberle were present. Membership Chair Ms. Meredith MacQuigg was also in attendance.

Discussion Topics

Presentations

Mr. Scott Harris, Executive Director of the Des Moines Riverfront YMCA, and Mr. Daryl Metzger, architect, conducted a presentation on the YMCA Downtown Project. The project is expected to begin in February 2009, and will house the new YMCA office. The space is available for retail, condo, and/or hotel occupancy. The new YMCA residences will be at the former interim jail (located at 9th and Cherry).

The Friends of Des Moines Parks spoke about the volunteer-based, non-profit organization, which was established in 1993 to preserve, protect, improve, and promote the use and recreational programs of Des Moines parks. The organization encouraged DNA members to join. Membership dues help pay for the Learn to Swim scholarship program, as well as the Family Nature Club. For more information, go to www.friendsofdmparks.org.

Mr. Carl Voss of the Des Moines Bike Collective conducted a presentation on the community-based co-op, which is located at 617 Grand Avenue. The organization's mission is to recognize, encourage, and facilitate the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation and recreation. The collective is accepting used bikes; these bikes have been utilized by those in need. The collective is also organizing this year's Bike to Work Week, which will take place in mid-May. For more information, go to www.dsmbikecollective.org.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Eberle presented DNA financials. He noted that the bank balance, as of December 31, 2008, is \$4312.17. The PayPal account balance is \$511.34.

2009 DNA Election Update

There were four candidates running for four open positions on the DNA board. Brooke Avila, Tina Johnson, Beth Rudisill, and Nino Toscano were unanimously ratified by the general membership.

Adjournment

Ms. Avila motioned to adjourn. Dr. Eberle seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

DNA will hold its next board meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 04, 2009, at the Liberty Building (first floor).