

Meeting of the DID Board of Directors
Monday September 25, 2007
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Mike Allington, Rich Anderson, Patty Bain, Tom Chen, Kim Folta, Dave Johnson, Jeff Jorgensen, Kami Kuhlman, John Lewandowski, Mark Mercer, Kevin Merritt, Joe Moise Jr., Bob Ortmann, Vicki Quaites Ferris, Paul Rutherford, Ron Samuelson, Shelly Stokes, Jack Swanson, Scott Swanson, Susan Vann, Deb Skinner (OMBA)

Summary of Discussion:

Kami Kuhlman's report on her trip to New York for the International Downtown Association Convention -FYI to get onto the IDA website (IDA-downtown.org), Kami.Kuhlman@cbshome.com is the member name and KamiK is the password -Kami browsed through the website to show us what it is like

1. The Startup

-Amy, an important contact, is already helping midtown crossing and we should look into linking up with them

2. Retail

-Parking, how much shopping does a convention bring in, etc.
-We need to plan our light rail system very well so that it doesn't take away from businesses because other cities have had this problem

3. Homeless

-They discussed winning the fight on homeless by helping and getting them placed in homes -There was a study done and there are about six or seven key steps in helping the homeless that we could encourage

4. Riverfront

-Mark Mercer suggested connecting the North and South Riverwalks -Many people gave us contact information for help

-Please feel free to use Kami as a contact for committees. She got a lot of useful information for us.

-Bob Ortmann told us about a few small changes that are going to be made on the current website concerning tabs and links

-David Levy, Attorney from Baird Holme is here to answer questions concerning the bylaws

-Tom Chen went through the articles and questions were proposed and answered

- Paul Rutheford suggested that we have our personal insurance as a last resort for protection, following director's insurance
 - Jeff Jorgensen motioned that Tom Chen listen to the concerns about this issue and then motion to use the version of the bylaws with this provision included
 - Tom Chen asked the board if we would like to use the version of the bylaws that Paul Rutheford mentioned
 - Everyone consented
 - Paul Rutheford made the motion to adopt the version of the bylaws presented including the provision to place the association's insurance ahead of personal insurance in Article 8, as our permanent bylaws
 - David Johnson seconded the motion
 - Motion carried
 - Meeting temporarily adjourned
 - Meeting reopened under the newly adopted bylaws
- Discussion opened concerning the election of officers
- Nominations can be made for ten days starting today
 - Voting takes place beginning at the end of the ten days until two business days before our annual meeting, which happens to be our next meeting

Communications Committee

- This committee is working on mapping out a new website and seeking a good company to work with

Projects Committee

- Patty Bain has been trying to contact people from the city to find out about the budget for maintaining the trees and she hasn't had luck quite yet, but she's close
- Kim proposed that the representatives from each ward lead a tour to identify the maintenance hotspots -www.pps.org is a great resource for us to improve our public spaces
- Kim would like everyone to read the light rail proposal and decide if we would like to be involved in this plan

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is Tuesday October 30, 2007
at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce