



## DNA Board of Directors Meeting Notes

6 pm, November 4th, 2019

Covo, 401 Pine Street, St Louis, MO 63102

**Present:** Mike Willis (chair), LaShana Lewis (Vice Chair), Dan Pistor (Secretary), Melanie Fries, Alex Hurst, Taylor Jackson.

**Not Present:** James Page (Treasurer)

**Meeting was called to order at 6pm.**

### **Minutes:**

Everyone reviewed the minutes. All approved.

### **By-Laws:**

Alex made some adjustments by adding different classifications to types of memberships by incorporating family and hardship memberships. There were no objections to the bylaws as written. Melanie moved to recommend the adoption of bylaws to members. LaShana 2nd. All approved. Dan said we have to post them to membership a week before the meeting in which we vote. We also need to decide if the vote is all or nothing or vote on each amendment. We agreed to vote as all or nothing. We then discussed absentee voting which isn't covered by our current or proposed Bylaws. There is a time constraint so nothing was decided regarding absentee voting. LaShana said she will make the Bylaws available if anyone wants to edit.

### **Board Vacancy:**

LaShana mentioned that Mike has resigned as Board Member and Chair. Alex said we can appoint a new Chair at any time since it isn't addressed in our Bylaws. He said we can either appoint a new Chair tonight, at the next meeting, wait until the next slate of Directors, or the Vice Chair becomes the acting Chair. Dan moved to appoint LaShana as acting Chair, Melanie 2nd. All approved. We also have a board vacancy. Since Mike's seat is up for re-election in January we will wait until the election to fill it rather than appointing someone to serve for less than 2 months.

### **Board Elections:**

Four seats are up for re-election. Melanie, James, and Dan retain their seats through 2020. LaShana would like to wait until James is present before we get too far into this discussion.

### **Membership and Development:**

James met with Rob and Melanie to hammer out the 2018 actuals. They met with Eddie Popherer with St Louis Parking. Melanie has a potential 5k pledge and has 2 meetings with other potential donors next week. They have 20 reasonable contacts for potential donors.



**Safety:**

Dan mentioned the advocacy letter that is still in draft stage and encourages everyone to review. He also said there are some red flags regarding a current liquor license application. The committee doesn't tell people to sign or not to sign but will send to the Building Captains what was presented at the meeting, other findings, and any red flags that we encounter. Dan did distribute information on a specific applicant where red flags surfaced. If anyone says that DNA is trying to block a license that is not the case. A member may be protesting a license but that doesn't mean DNA has a stance. We need to set up another meeting with the Mayor. Dan will send a description of the safety committee to Development so they can properly speak about our efforts when discussing with potential donors. Dan mentioned our interest in Board Bill 107 regarding redistricting police districts. James will be having a discussion with the sponsors of the bill.

**Building Captains:**

Taylor said she will send an up to date list of Building Captains to Dan. She also said that Captains want to hold meet and greets in their building to engage membership and make them aware of DNA. She is working on an event kit for that purpose and also wants to know what the budget allocation is if DNA wants to reimburse. She is also working on getting someone to take over the program. The Building Captain meeting will be combined with Safety next month.

**Events:**

Melanie said there is a discussion to be had regarding events and possibly get away from some of them if we can come to a consensus that frames events as more outreach or networking. Dan says there is a lot of value the organization and members gain from the monthly Happy Hours. LaShana thinks we still need the committee but the focus could be changed at the next Board Retreat. Desiree is stepping down so we need to recruit a new Chair.

**Urban Spaces:**

They are meeting on Nov 13th at the Library. So far 2 or 3 people are showing up. There was no meeting in October.

**Holiday Party:**

The only thing DNA is responsible for is food. James and Mike were working to get the event together. It will be December 6th from 6-10pm. We should count on 450 people for food. The event will be combined with Covo and they are handling advertising, drinks, and music.

**Town Hall:**

James is still working on the speakers and the agenda. Facebook videos have been added to the meeting minutes section on the website for Town Halls.

**Open Discussion:**

Some Town Hall discussion took place in regards to inviting the new NSO and State Rep. LaShana said her Board of Freeholder spot is still in limbo. Dan mentioned the slide he sent to Board Member regarding the presentation for Citizens for a Greater Downtown St Louis.



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**Melanie made a motion to adjourn, Alex 2nd, all in favor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:29.**

