Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: June 2026

1. 11 of 10 Board Members in attendance: Scott Woller, Andrew Morse, Louis Raymond, Ali Odenthal (virtual), Mary Binkley, Kyle Ingebrigtson, David Crary, Diane Merrifield, Matt Bruns, and Jeff Vranicar. Gwen Hollins is absent.
    a. Guests in Attendance: Council Member Michael Rainville; Christian Balden, Clean Water Fund

2. Meeting is called to order by Binkley at 6:03 pm

3. Binkley calls for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. **Raymond makes a motion, Ingebrigtson seconds the motion. The board passes the motion unanimously.**

4. CM Rainville update
    a. New four-way stop signs added to 6th Ave. N and N 4^{th} Street
        i. Grateful for the support from Public Works Department
    b. Washington Avenue Update – Blue Line extension project moving forward, which will include some updates to Washington Avenue. Community outreach opportunities have not occurred; CM Rainville's office is looking into getting these scheduled.
        i. Blue Line Extension Representative coming to speak at Planning+Zoning subcommittee meeting next month.
    c. Broken street bollards throughout the neighborhood
        i. Rainville's office following up repair of these

5. P+Z Letters of Support **(votes required)** – Merrifield/Bruns
    a. Dave's Hot Chicken open until 3am
        i. CM Rainville voiced concern about lack of police availability after 2am. Binkley discussed concerns from neighboring business about Dave's staying open until 3am, especially when it comes to crowd control. Trash management is also a concern. Planning+Zoning committee had initially approved the ask. The board acknowledged the need to support local businesses. Planning+Zoning committee will ask Dave's Hot Chicken back to the July Planning+Zoning

meeting for further review and discussion. **Binkley makes a motion postpone approving the Letter of Support until further discussion can be had, Merrifield seconds the motion. The board passes the motion unanimously.**

   b. Puttshack Patio Addition
      - **i.** Planning to add patio seating. Staff will bus outdoor tables. P+Z asked Puttshack to consider reviewing their plans for 7th Street tables to accommodate wheelchairs, as well as replacing nearby dead trees. **Woller makes a motion to approve Planning+Zoning's Letter of Support, Merrifield seconds the motion. The board passes the motion unanimously.**

   c. Pop-Up Bagels franchise opening at Saxon Building
      - **i.** Asking for lit signage at the top of building along with blade signs on the side of the building. No outdoor seating requested, no trash receptacle needs anticipated due to this. **Woller makes a motion to approve Planning+Zoning's Letter of Support, Crary seconds the motion. The board passes the motion unanimously.**

6. Business Engagement – Ingebrigtson
   a. Business Collaborative Re-Launch
      - i. Upcoming in-person and virtual meetings to promote re-launch. Current registration deadline to receive early-bird promo pricing is July 31st. Binkley added membership tiers to Business Engagement page of website.
      - ii. Next Business Social: July 16th
      - iii. Ingebrigtson working to send out postcards to reach North Loop business that are not at street level. Continuing to research pricing and mailing options. Will reach out to NLNA Board for with more information and request for budget approval when able.

   b. Wedding Fair/Corporate Event subcommittees
      - i. Initial kickoff event was successful. Next step is working with businesses to create resource guides.
      - ii. Next meeting: July 16th.

7. Community Engagement – Woller
   a. Open Loop – Binkley
      - i. Event was well-received by Realtors. For next event, Binkley wants to explore collaborating with local business for food/drink tokens or coupons to provide further promotion within the neighborhood.

        ii. Consider holding this event twice per year, will follow up with Realtors for additional feedback.
    b. North Loop Pop-Up Picnic – Woller
        i. July 8th at Third Street Park
    c. Aug. 15 Field Day – Woller/Ingebrigtson
        i. Receiving support from local gyms. Crary working to acquire permit.
    d. Swap Event, 7/25 at Hewing – Woller
        i. Continuing to solicit volunteers for the event
    e. NNO, 8/4 – Woller **(budget vote required)**
        i. Woller asks for a motion to spend up to $2,000 budget on event. **Crary makes a motion, Bruns seconds the motion. The board passes the motion unanimously.**
    f. Key to North Loop
        i. Originally scheduled to launch on Field Day, it's agreed it's a better fit for Annual Meeting 2027.

8. Parks – Crary/Morse
    a. Service Saturday time change for park projects
        i. Shifting park cleanup portion of Service Saturday to 10AM. Litter pick up portion will remain at 9:30AM. Binkley to update website accordingly.
    b. Zero Waste Initiative — Christian Balden, Clean Water Fund
        i. Applied for $50,000 Hennepin County Green Partners Grant for funding, should hear back on award soon. Additional grant proposals are being submitted.
        ii. No strong commitments from businesses or residences yet, Christian is continuing to meet with neighborhood representatives.
    c. Public Art – Raymond
        i. Art Car coming to Washington Ave in September, more info coming
        ii. City sewers/storm drain adoption program – has been successful in other neighborhoods. Could consider some sort of stencil to indicate which drains have been/need to be adopted.

9. May Financials – Vranicar
    a. Vranicar presented the balance sheet and income statement for review by the board**. Binkley makes a motion to approve the financial report, Ingebritson seconds the motion. The board passes the motion unanimously.**

10. Communications – Binkley

a. Much-improved website calendar
b. Meet Minneapolis updates
    i. Sending influencers to North Loop.
    ii. Able to share resources from Meet Minneapolis with North Loop businesses

11. **Binkley calls for a motion to adjourn. Raymond makes a motion, Woller seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**

12 The Board adjourns at 7:18 PM.