



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

July 29, 2026; 6 to 7:15pm

1. 10 of 11 Board Members in attendance: Scott Woller, Andrew Morse, Ali Odenthal, Mary Binkley, Kyle Ingebrigtsen (virtual), David Crary, Diane Merrifield, Matt Bruns, Gwen Hollins, and Jeff Vranicar. Louis Raymond is absent.
 - a. Guests in Attendance: Council Member Michael Rainville; Jo Vos, NLNA Planning+Zoning subcommittee Co-Chair; and 3 Renaissance on The River Residents.
2. Meeting is called to order by Binkley at 6:00 pm
3. Binkley calls for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Woller makes a motion, Crary seconds the motion. The board passes the motion unanimously.
4. Community Engagement
 - a. Local Resident Concerns
 - i. Residents report concerns around the bike lane and sidewalk along the Riverwalk. Reviewed that land is managed by MPLS Parks Board. The long-term goal is to separate the bike path and walking paths so that they are separated by a lane of grass. Timeline is uncertain as the Parks Board is currently looking for funding. Residents are eager for a short-term solution.
 - ii. Residents also inquired about progress on the West Hotel project. This property has been sold to a private equity firm, and the funding is currently disrupted. Discussed that NLNA regularly follows up with developers without response.
 - iii. Late night safety concerns near the train tracks were also discussed. Residents note a tear in the wire fence near the Federal Reserve. CM Rainville will follow up to get this repaired. Encouraged residents to utilize 311 so concerns can be logged and addressed appropriately.
 - b. CM Rainville update
 - i. Rabbit Hole
 1. Facilitating conversation between CM, Rabbit Hole staff, and Inspector Beth Mota later this week to discuss increasing late night disturbances from patrons/motorcycles/cars congregating nearby after bar close.

2. Suggestions by MPD include blocking off Security Warehouse parking lot entrance to Washington Ave on Fridays and Saturdays starting at 9:00 PM, considering towing options, and adding additional security from Rabbit Hole. Metal gates/stanchions could be used on Washington Ave to keep people from spilling into the road. Garbage cans should be arriving soon, which will help with increased trash.
 - ii. Dave's Hot Chicken
 1. MPD and CM recommended against approving a 3:00 AM closing time on Friday and Saturday nights. CM and NLNA acknowledge that staying open later would allow for increased revenue. There was additional discussion surrounding establishments who serve alcohol vs those who do not (Dave's Hot Chicken).
 - iii. Bike/Scooter Management
 1. Improving, continue to report errant scooters and bikes to 311.
 - iv. Community Budgets
 1. Mayor's budget meeting is scheduled for August 12th, budgets continue to shrink.
 2. CM inquires about bringing the city budget team to an NLNA meeting in late September. NLNA receptive to this.
5. P+Z Letters of Support (**votes required**) – Merrifield/Bruns
- a. Dave's Hot Chicken open until 3am Fri-Sat
 - i. Binkley makes a motion to vote on approving Planning+Zoning's Letter of Support. No votes in support, 10 votes in opposition. The letter of support is not approved.
 - b. Flight Club liquor license
 - i. Binkley makes a motion to approve Planning+Zoning's Letter of Support, Merrifield seconds the motion. The board passes the motion unanimously.
6. Community Engagement – Woller
- a. SWAP report
 - Approximately 100 people dropped off around 1200 items.
 - 70% of items were swapped, and the remainder was donated to Salvation Army.
 - Hewing Hotel was a great partner to host this event!
 - Planning Art Swap to include print to fine art.
 - b. Field Day
 - August date cancelled due to low registration and volunteer interest.

- May consider rescheduling this to spring/summer of 2027.
- c. NNO Volunteers, Promotion, and Social Media
 - To be hosted at North Loop Green with pizza, salads, and drinks provided.
 - Woller to cover social media as Binkley is unable to attend the event.
- d. September Pop-Up Picnic
 - Planned for September 9th at Third St Park.
- e. Fall Events Review – Binkley
 - Looking for ways to replicate “Open Loop” event concept in other spaces
 - “Open Loop – Gym” will be hosted by Basecamp on September 19th
 - Other themes could be dogs, workspaces, wedding spaces, etc.

7. Business Engagement – Ingebrigtsen

- a. Business Collaborative Membership Update
 - i. Eleven businesses currently signed up, continuing to get new engagement.
 - 1. Membership discount of 20% will extend through the end of July.
 - ii. Wedding/Corporate Events Subcommittee
 - 1. Continuing to engage businesses.
 - 2. Planning to create a Resource Guide for community distribution.

8. Parks – Crary/Morse

- a. Third Street Park
 - i. Construction to begin late Fall 2026
- b. Dog Park
 - i. Approvals are moving forward, still waiting on state approval to use the land. Expecting this approval in the coming months.
- c. Zero Waste Launch Event
 - i. Taking place August 22nd at Fulton Taproom
 - 1. Open to the public

9. June Financials – Vranicar

- a.** Vranicar presented the balance sheet and income statement, including Q2 city reimbursement, for review by the board.

10. Communications – Binkley

- a.** Hennepin County Commissioner Candidate Forum
 - i.** Forum was well-received, will plan to host again
- b.** Q2 report to City Neighborhood Staff
 - i.** Binkley requests for Board Members to submit their volunteer hours for April-June 2026.
- c.** Vacation reminder
 - i.** Binkley will be away July 30th – August 10th

11. Binkley calls for a motion to adjourn. Odenthal makes a motion, Morse seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

12. The Board adjourns at 7:22 PM.