



# April Board Minutes

Wednesday, 4/2/2025 ♦ Central Library Meeting Room 1

## Attendees

- Meeting called to order at 6:08pm
- In attendance: Jennifer Bright, David Jennings, Deb Madison-Levi, Julie Feirer, Christine Comito. Absent: Luke Ifland, Jordan Locke
- 5 community members, Mayor Boesen, Councilman Simonson, Sgt McKinney, Sgt Hempstead, Channel 5 camera

## Community Presentations

- Sgt. Mark McKinney, Des Moines Police Department re downtown crime report
  - Last 30 days calls for service down, cases down, arrests down. Good news trending in the right direction. Good that people call police when needed, low arrests mean people are behaving. Intro Sgt Jason Hempstead as new downtown police representative. Sgt McKinney got a new assignment, to Metro Star SWAT team.
  - Showmemyhouse.com has police contact info for neighborhood, also on city page
  - Des Moines PD app on apple/android. Lots of info available. Crime tips, accidents
  - Neighbor asked about drug dealing at Cowles Commons. Dealing with issue before it becomes problematic. Welcome to sit on benches all day, just no drinking, drugs, acting out.
  - Package thefts-- please make police report, more reports help prosecute, prevent other theft.
- Tony Filippini, planning and development manager, DART
  - Looking for community feedback on DART Network Redesign over 2025. Neighborhoods have changed substantially over the past 20 years. Region grows=more need. How do we serve these areas? Tony shared 2 concepts--ridership (higher frequency, but smaller network) and coverage (more routes, longer waits)
  - More presentation meetings coming in April for public input. In May, DART will design a proposal, in August DART will present it to community. By December the commission will approve a new system, 6 months to get it started.

- Discussion on whether DNA needs to have its own survey of members for DNA to take a stance or strongly encourage our members to take the DART survey that exists: [ReimagineDARTdsm.com/survey](https://ReimagineDARTdsm.com/survey). DNA will send a short member survey end of April so as to take a stance after encouraging everyone to take DART Survey

## Standing Reports

1. Approval of Minutes | March 2025 -Deb Madison-Levi moved to approve the Minutes; David Jennings seconded and the motion carried.
2. Treasurer's Report -read by David for JordanLocke listing out income and costs.
3. Membership Report -provided by Luke, who is attending citizens engagement opportunity  
Membership up 4% in February, 2 new business members: The Haunt (working out details for discount for members) and Khouri Management who own Fleming Bldg and manage Kirkwood and are interested in downtown issues. Ongoing conversations with Orchestrate Hospitality and Hotel Fort Des Moines
4. Socials: March 25 at ElBait shop and special event at Fong's soft opening.  
Social & Learn April 23 at The Shop (former social club) talking about Festivals in Des Moines  
Hub Spot reserved Sept 20 for a neighborhood party with the Party Pod 10am-dusk

## New Business

Neighbor asked about survey results about what neighbors want from DNA. We received few responses.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.