

**DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES
February 26, 2015**

- I. Call to Order. Chair Tina Smith called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m. at the Mayo Civic Center, Riverview Room, Suite C, located at 30 Civic Center Drive SE, Rochester, MN 55904.
- II. Roll Call. In attendance were Chair Tina Smith, Bill George, R.T. Rybak, Commissioner Jim Bier, Mayor Ardell Brede, City Council Member Ed Hruska, and Jim Campbell.
- III. Adoption of Agenda. Council Member Hruska moved approval. Mr. Rybak seconded.

Ayes (7), Nays (0), Motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Minutes. Chair Smith requested approval of Minutes from the meeting of January 29, 2015. Council Member Hruska moved approval. Mr. George seconded.

Ayes (7), Nays (0), Motion carried.
- V. Public Comment Period. Chair Smith invited members of the community to provide comments.

John Kruesel distributed a packet that contained historical landmarks noted as of great importance to the community. He noted in particular the Chateau Theater, the City's first public clock, and the granite memorial amphitheater.

Barry Skolnick made comments about transportation. He expressed concerns for those who are disabled and fragile and stated that transfers between buses and the circulator within the various proposed systems needs to be easier for these riders.
- VI. Chair's Report. Chair Smith reported that the 2015 Report to the Legislature was submitted by the due date of February 15, 2015.
- VII. DMCC 2015 Budget. Chair Smith stated that the final 2014 budget numbers are not available as of the date of this meeting, and would be provided at a future meeting.
- VIII. Resolution A: Working Capital Loan Agreement with City and EDA. Chair Smith asked Kathleen Lamb and Commissioner Bier for an explanation of Resolution A. Ms. Lamb explained that this is authorizing the Chair and Treasurer to enter into a working Capital Loan Agreement with the City and the DMCC and the DMCC and the EDA. Commissioner Bier and Council Member Hruska stated that they had reviewed the Agreement and recommended approval. Commissioner Bier moved approval. Mayor Brede seconded.

Ayes (7), Nays (0), Motion carried.
- IX. Development Plan: Discussion of Transportation Issues. Chair Smith invited David Fields (Nelson Nygaard), Charlie Reiter (Olmsted County and City of Rochester), Kay Bieniek (Olmsted County), Tony Knauer (Olmsted County) and Doug Holton (Mayo Clinic) to participate in a panel discussion regarding transportation. Chair Smith opened the discussion requesting comments and questions from the Board regarding the Transportation Plan section of the proposed Development Plan. She reminded those in attendance of the DMCC mission statement, and posed key questions for consideration by the Board: are the transportation strategies outlined in the Plan going to achieve the desired outcome; what is the role of each entity; and where should the DMCC begin?

Mr. Rybak commented that a game-changing strategy was needed, and asked about Mayo's parking situation. Commissioner Bier stated that if an investment was to be made in a circulator, it would be critical to have high usage, and to make it an enjoyable experience.

Mr. George stated that there had been good input from Mayo and its employees with respect to parking, but no data from patients or visitors. Mr. Holton reported that Mayo had just completed a parking survey which would be submitted to the DMCC at its next meeting. Council Member Hruska commented on the scope of the challenge due to the backlog of parking demands.

Discussion ensued with respect to bike usage, extending the proposed circulator route west of Highway 52, and the need to look creatively at the street car proposal. Mr. Campbell asked for more information about the barriers on 2nd Street. Mr. Rybak and Mr. George commented that the proposed central station in Civic Center Drive should be re-thought in order not to interrupt that route.

Chair Smith asked the parties to comment on the proposed Access Authority. Mr. Reiter, Mr. Holton, and Mr. Knauer agreed that it was a critical concept.

- X. Economic Development Agency. Chair Smith invited Jeff Bolton, EDA Board Chair, and Lisa Clarke, Interim Executive Director, to present the EDA report. Mr. Bolton reported that he had spent the last month meeting with city officials, city council members, and city staff understanding the various positions on the DMC plan. The EDA organization has moved forward with their staffing plan and work plan which will continue as a top priority for the EDA. The EDA continues to work closely with the City to create an efficient process. Mr. Bolton expressed Mayo Clinic's commitment to the Destination Medical Center initiative and that Mayo is prepared to deliver on the vision and the capital investments required. Ms. Clarke spoke of the collaborative efforts moving forward such as the workforce development groups, the marketing meetings to create one brand, the neighborhood group meeting, and the City Comprehensive Plan group.
- XI. City of Rochester Update: Chair Smith invited Gary Neumann to present an update. Mr. Neumann reported meetings between all parties have been going well. The comprehensive plan update is in progress. The City is currently revising the W/MBE program. The City is actively involved as a member of the workforce development program. Finally, the City's Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Development Plan and the Plan has been advanced to the City Council, which will hold a public hearing March 23, 2015.
- XII. Next Meeting. Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Civic Center at 9:30 a.m.
- XIII. Adjournment. Council Member Hruska moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. Mr. George seconded.
- Ayes (7), Nays (0), Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Clarke
Secretary