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| **Fargo Downtown Neighborhood Association Newsletter** |

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| **June 5, 2018** |

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| **We know it's been awhile, so let's catch up.*** **Paul Gleye** is our Board Chair and Carol Schlossman is our Vice Chair.
* We've added **three new board members**: Josie Danz, Cody Schuler and Murphy Anderson. Other board members include Arlette Preston, Kaye Schwartzwalther, and Kevin Riley.
* We've been front and center with the Liquor Control Board and City Commission since April, voicing our concerns about the **density of bars in Downtown**Fargo. Right now we have 54 bars within 1/4 sq. mile, over half are Class A (no food requirements) and not family friendly.
* The City Commission heard us loud and clear. The police **no longer need a “corroborating witness”** to charge a bar/license holder with selling to an already intoxicated person (which is illegal).  Read more about it on our website under [current issues.](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=383e821df2&e=e09618ce78)
* We met with Kilbourne Group to discuss the **parking ramp** planned for the 4th & Broadway block. We'd like to see green space, affordable housing, and public amenities incorporated into their design; and consideration it to host a police substation.
* The Downtown Community Partnership spoke with us about their proposal for an **open-container license** for DCP events.  The **test-pilot license was approved** by the City Commission through December 2018. Read more about the debate[here](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=89e83ee2d4&e=e09618ce78). The license allows individuals to "purchase alcohol from a DCP-approved vendor, be identified wearing a wristband, and move within the boundaries of their events”.
* We spoke with Nicole Crutchfield, City of Fargo Director of Planning & Development, about the progress of [Fargo GO30](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=87fc678e08&e=e09618ce78)& the [Downtown Master Plan](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=7be4e3e012&e=e09618ce78).
* At our last board meeting we opened a dialogue with Jan Eliassen, Executive Director of Gladys Ray Shelter and Veterans Drop Center. A**syringe service center** is opening soon downtown. We discussed what that will look like, how it will effect our neighborhood and how we can help.
* As you may know, **Main Avenue is getting a facelift**. Find more information [here](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=2d0643ee04&e=e09618ce78). Public input on the project is now closed, but we'll keep you up to date.

Visit our website at [www.fargodna.com](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=3de841cb14&e=e09618ce78) to learn more about what we've been up to.   **So, what's next?** * [Arlette Preston](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=4e881470f4&e=e09618ce78), board member and founder of our association, is running for **City Commission!** We are incredibly excited for her. Make sure to [vote](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=e66e65f002&e=e09618ce78)on June 12!
* We are urging a new ordinance to add **Place of Last Drink** to alcohol-related police calls. The question provides evidence and data on **over-consumption trends** that can be used to inform and then educate licensees regarding mitigating the impact of alcohol related behavior in our community.
* We are planning a **Downtown Fargo Home Tour** this fall! Do you want to help out or perhaps **even show your home**? Respond to this email with your interests.
* We are looking for **more board members**! If you are interested, please feel free to reply to this email.
* As always, we are keeping our eyes and ears open to the happenings of Downtown Fargo as it relates to livability. Stay tuned for monthly updates and board agendas. All of our board minutes can be found on our [website](https://squarespace.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f79c6f9033868d5e046485a&id=865b439a4e&e=e09618ce78)**.**

Whew! Thanks for following along. **We will be sending a monthly newsletter** from now on, hoping to make our communication with you much more frequent.Our June board meeting is next **Tuesday,** **June 12 at 5:00pm** at the Ford Building, 505 N Broadway, Mezzanine Conference Room. Feel free to stop by; it is open to the public!Until Next Time,The Downtown Neighborhood Association Board  |

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