

# MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES— November 2020

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:30 pm –8:00 pm

Maggie Dugan– 1	X	Terry Evenson--9	X	<b>GUESTS:</b>	
Miguel & Sammy Benson – 2	A	Gene Masters/ Diane Berry-10	A	Christian Albouras	X
Mike Edmonds – 3	X	Jacob Kriegisch– 11	X	Matt Veldran—County Board	A
Tony Smick – 4	X	Arik Grundahl--12	X	Lucas Hale—Neighborhood Officer	A
Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner – 5	A	Sheray Wallace--13	X	Stephanie Bradley-Wilson-CWD	X
Lisa Veldran – 6	A	Lisa Schulz, Treasurer	X	Kristen McCool—Cpt. Adv. Grp	X
Heidi Wiley – 7	X	Rebecca Kowalewsky—At large	X	Courtney Carlson--SMAC	X
Janice/ Mark Bauman – 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)			

**Welcome (Terry):** Terry welcomed everybody including the Board members and guests. She invited Christian to give his report first because he had to leave the meeting soon.

- **City Alder Update (Christian):**
  - City Budget: public meetings set up for Nov. 10-12. Resources are tight. Matters of public safety are important.
  - Violence in neighborhoods increasing: Christian has been intentional about meeting with folks of different neighborhoods. Greentree had violent situations occur. Christian hosted a neighborhood meeting with police—updates, frustrations aired, next steps were identified. Neighbors all need to be vigilant to prevent crimes of opportunity. Four general West Side discussions held with important city officials invited. Sheray reported that neighbors want to feel safe after experiencing recent violence on Balsam. Crimes need to be prevented before they occur. Residents are asking for cameras on Raymond and Russet. Mike asked about the role of the council in public safety. Should have had a better response when murders occurred.
  - Neighborhood concern about traffic safety: neighbors need to be empowered in decision making. Sheray said her neighbors are asking for speed bumps. Christian said that speed bumps on Balsam are being worked on. The city waived Phase 1 of a multi-step process.
  - Operating budget: Christian felt that too much is being cut from the budget for public safety, even with the increased violence. Concerned with manpower cuts. There is a proposal to add four more officers to the downtown area.
- **Southwest Madison Action Coalition (SMAC) –** transitioning from CBCR grant (Stephanie Bradley-Wilson):
  - CBCR winding down in 2020. They received an extension to 12/31/20. She is excited to transfer to SMAC, which will act like an incubator support. CWC will be a sponsor and disburse funds. She thanked Sheray and Mike (Community Support Workers) for doing a great job.
  - Building project at 5802 Raymond Rd: walls should go up next week. Some staff should be moving in during February. Progress is being made.
- **SMAC (Courtney Carlson):**
  - SMAC is trying to keep up the momentum that was built with the CBRC grant. The big hurdle is surveys. Landlord/owners surveys are being done. Good response from business owners. They are struggling to find ways to get feedback in a safe way from neighbors who are not homeowners. Sheray is willing to help by dropping off surveys in her packages to neighborhood families. Sheray offered to go back and pick up surveys or they could mail it. Courtney will email Sheray about this. Terry suggested going through the housing managements, but Stephanie said that people don't like to get the surveys from their landlords.
  - Concerned about youth activities. SMAC wants to focus and build on this. Focus: activity for kids, support for mental health, housing and employment in time of COVID.
  - SMAC wants to be a network hub for resources in the area. They are building a database just for Southwest Madison with names, numbers, and resources.

- **West PD Captains' Advisory Group report (Kristin McCool):**
  - Introduction: Kristin has lived in Meadowood since 2007. She has a ten-year-old.
  - She is happy to give us updates of meetings with the advisory group which include 12 people of various backgrounds from the West community. The 11/2 meeting was a meet and greet with lots of ideas bounced back and forth. Sheray also there. They need to hear feedback from the community. Kristen feels that crime has gotten worse with auto thefts and shots fired. Solutions need to be multi-layered. Need more people on the ground that are not police like what Sheray and Mike are doing with CSW. There needs to be more activities for teenagers. Kristin asked if the community center provides space to teenagers? Sheray said that MSCR does not meet the needs of teenagers—too many restrictions. Youth with behavior problems are not welcome.
  - Future topic (Terry): **Action:** We should invite an MCSR representative to a future MNA board meeting to discuss youth programming at the neighborhood center.

## STANDING BUSINESS

- **October 2020 minutes:** No comments. Passed and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report (Lisa Schulz):** report was passed and approved.
- **Police Liaison Information (Terry):**
  - Terry spoke with Chuck Kime and found the Police Liaison Group is not active. Rebecca volunteered to serve on an MNA Board Safety Committee; Sheray is a CSW and she and Kristen are on the Captain's Advisory Group. We have good communication with the WD Police and Christian is a good advocate with the city regarding safety. **Action:** Terry tell Lisa V. that the Police Liaison position no longer exists. Rebecca, Sheray and Kristen will work together to advocate for neighborhood safety issues and encourage neighbors to watch out for each other.
  - Dudgeon-Monroe NA document—When to call 911—decision on adding this to the website and promoting it to the neighborhood (Terry, BoD): Board Discussion: Maggie felt info was really good, but not much blank space. Writing should be at an 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. Who would rewrite this? Everyone is so busy. Maggie said if it's just a reference document, then that's fine. For distribution to neighbors, it would need to be simplified. A bigger discussion than just putting it on website. Sheray agrees that it should be simplified. Would this document be helpful for Sheray and the community she works with? Maybe better for homeowners. Janice said that she found the document to be very informative and helpful and advocated putting it on the website. No decision made at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **MHP Activities (Sheray, Terry):** Terry shared her screen and showed a video of Sheray with MHP. She is being honored by Exact Sciences. A Forward Spirit Community Recovery Grant of \$10,000 will be announced next week for Sheray's work. She is very excited and thankful.
- **Communication--Updating website (Terry):** Nobody has updated the website. We need to find someone to keep it up to date. Scotty Inzeo has volunteered to look at options for this.
- **2021 Membership Drive (BoD):** **Action:** Terry wants area reps to try harder to get memberships for their areas (try emailing neighbors who have been past members). So far, we are short of our membership goal by 120 families. We have taken in only \$2,272.00 so far.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **2021 Budget Review:** **Action:** Everyone needs to review the draft budget.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Janice Bauman