

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—February 2022

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 6:30 pm –8:00 pm

Maggie Dugan– 1	A	Terry Evanson—9	X	GUESTS:	
Miguel & Sammy Benson – 2	A	Maureen Murphy –10	X	Christian Albouras	X
Mike Edmonds – 3	A	Jacob Kriegisch– 11	X	Matt Veldran—County Board	X
Tony Smick – 4	X	VACANT—12		Lucas Hale—Neighborhood Officer	A
Lisa Kaas – 5	X	Sheray Wallace—13	X	Alyssa Souza—Neighborhood Liaison Officer	X
Lisa Veldran – 6	X	Lisa Schulz, Treasurer	A	Officer Berghum	X
Heidi Wiley – 7	X			Sheri Carter	X
Janice/ Mark Bauman – 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)		Yannette Figueroa Cole	x

WELCOME

Terry welcomed all attendees.

INVITED GUESTS

- **Police Report (Officer Souza):** Introduced Officer Bergum who is covering south of Raymond three days/week noon to 8 pm. (Officer Hale injured in snowmobile accident—out for a month). There have been some mental health issues where CSW was helpful. Shots fired on Leland and Raymond, but no one hurt. Body cameras: pilot put on pause in North Madison in order to get more community involvement. Please come to scheduled meetings that Captain Patton has set up regarding cameras. Sheray said that she would also be setting up a meeting with the police oversight board to hear community conversation about this.
- **Alder Updates (3 alders presenting):**
 - Yannette Figueroa Cole: She is looking forward to getting to know us all. Her priorities for the city are community service, traffic control, and speeding in Area 10 (number one complaint). She has been working closely with Jason Freeman and traffic engineering. She has a good relationship with Chief Barnes. From Puerto Rico, but has lived in US for the past 30 years.
 - Christian Albouras: He is also from Puerto Rico. Values: public safety, lowering crime, access to jobs and resources. Prioritizes high quality food, childcare, good jobs to improve public safety. He wants to keep Madison a strong hub for talent & jobs. Updates: Captain Patton’s strategic plan is to address the issue of hazardous driving—especially on Beltline and Whitney Way. Two other issues have been stolen autos and shots fired.
 - Sheri Carter: She is currently Area 14 alder and a long time Madison resident. She is president of Porchlight Board and wants more affordable housing and a smooth transition to housing/jobs for the homeless. Wants to bring more mid-level manufacturing jobs back to Madison. Ensure people are paid a living wage. Concerned about public safety issues, evictions, schools, and mental health. She is a supporter of neighborhood associations.
- **County Board Update (Matt Veldran):** Matt is up for reelection. Running unopposed. Thanked those who supported him by signing nomination papers.
 - Reports that the town of Madison will be absorbed into the city this year.
 - New jail plans: Two proposals are going out to bid. Currently 24 million dollars over budget. Need more deputies, pushing up operational costs. County Board rejected proposal for videos for family visits—inmates need face to face visitation. Need to resolve the jail situation before elections.
 - Alliant Energy Center: Concerned about its financial health. The director abruptly resigned (concerned about issues with union workers, hiring outside agencies). Alliant Center is an enterprise fund which generates its own money, but it has been behind for years (it used to be a cash cow when Badgers played there). With Covid, there is a push to put at least 50% of the Alliant Energy Center onto tax roll.

STANDING BUSINESS

- **December 2021 Minutes:** No comments. Approved.
- **Treasurer's Report (Lisa S. not present):** Sent by email. No comments. Terry shared her screen of the final draft of the 2022 Budget. No comments. A vote was held for approving the budget. Thumbs up or down on screen. Unanimous vote to accept. 2022 Budget was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- **MHP Activities:** Sheray thanked Maureen and her neighbor, as well as Lisa Kass for helping with wrapping presents and their help during the Christmas Party event. It was a great success, good food, and the kids were really happy. Med Review at library with Fitchburg Pharmacy: anyone struggling with their meds can come Mon./Wed./Friday to her office at the library. Also, lots of Covid information and info about testing. Residents often don't have technology to upload info for eviction prevention.
- **Virtual Bingo-Saturday, Feb. 26, 7 pm. (Terry):** Email was already sent out to all of Meadowood. (Google email list is working—messages no longer going out to spam). Good response with new memberships. Thanks to everyone who has signed up to get prizes. Please put prizes that you acquire on the Google spreadsheet. Mark will be the caller. **Action:** Heidi will send out info on the 25th for downloading to join by Zoom. 17 people so far (50 last year). **Action:** Terry will send out another reminder a week before the game.
- **2022 Goals & Event Planning from January 2022 Retreat (Terry):** No comments. Everything looks good and we will let it stand as it is. Terry thanked all those who attended the retreat to help give MNA a direction for the future.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Hammersley Road Rebuild:** Terry is wondering how important this is to our association since it includes just 6 houses from the MNA area. Mostly this will affect those in Orchard Ridge and Greentree. Starting at Rae Lane/Brookwood, instead of current four lanes, two of the lanes will be replaced with a grass median and a mixed use pedestrian path (huge advantage to homeowners as city will build and maintain it all--instead of sidewalks). Informational meetings on 2/3 and 2/4. For us, it will be just an inconvenience during the construction.
- **Collaboration with Meadowridge Library (Terry):** Mal Higgins, a Community Engagement Librarian at our library would like to explore options working with us in the future. He will be invited to the March 2nd MNA meeting. Terry is wondering if anyone would like to organize a blood drive at the library. **Action:** Lisa Kass is interested and agreed to talk to Rick Thomas at Good Shepherd about their blood drives. Terry will send Rick's contact info to Lisa.
- **Online MNA Directory (Terry):** With Gene's new MNA database, when clicking on the directory under Utilities, it will give an updated PDF of the whole MNA. Unfortunately, only the MNA Board can see this. Heidi said she fixed this so that the link to the constantly updated PDF directory it is now on the website (the web address is on the back of membership cards). This is a terrific resource to get to know our neighbors. Thanks to Heidi for doing this—a constantly updated MNA directory!
- **Adjourn:** Terry invited the MNA Board to make any more comments. None forthcoming. See you at Bingo game! The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.