

MNA Board Meeting – January 2016

January 7th, 2016 – 7pm – 8:37pm

Attendees:

Janice Bauman
Mark Bauman
Terry Evanson
Linda Kubly
Dottie Loehrer
Patsy Ragland
Krista Ralston
Willa Schlecht
Lisa Schulz
Sally Stix
Sheray Wallace
Krista Wozniak

Guests:

Cheryl Andren
Vern Andren
Merle Bengston
Tom Brew – concerned neighbor
Dave Glomp
Officer Kraig Knutson
Dorothy Krause – Fitchburg City Council
Alan Kubly
Matt Phair
Kristen Schoepke

Next Actions:

Krista R	Add Adam and Laurie to mailing list

Upcoming Events

- Community Supper – last Tuesday of every month at the Community Center, with specific programs
- Senior Meal Program – Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Bingo – Feb 6th
- Vitense Mini-golf

December Minutes – holding off on approval since minutes were sent out late

Treasurer’s Report – no questions, unanimously accepted – Lisa did switch bank account to non-profit

Police Liaison Report

- Kraig Knutson replaced by Adam Kneivler starting 1/31 – same hours
 - Lt Hansen replaced by Lt. Laurie Schlecki 1/4/16
- Lock cars, close garage doors, turn on front lights, tell neighbors of absence, set up outages on police website!
- Involved neighbors contacted police and caught attempted thief this week
- Many recent burglaries here and in nearby neighborhoods – patio doors and back garage doors primarily
- Dave setting up meeting to discuss proactive security measures with MPD
- Dave and Merle have been contacted by multiple neighbors – liaison relationship seems to be working

Elected Officials – Matt Phair

- Budget was passed – yay
- More funding for youth employment for violence prevention – programs to employ ~60 teens
- Byrne Grant – Trying to locally staff an advisory council, and hire fulltime PM. Experienced MKE researcher.
- City Council mtg 1/6 – unanimously approved housing project on Tree Ln. for homeless families (<150 people)
- 2017+ - move to outcome based budgeting process – prioritize ideas rather than agencies

Neighborhood Rep Report

- Still need area 3, 5, 6, 14, 15 reps

- Area 8 – Janice – examples of good neighborhood observation
- Area 11 - Linda
 - NRT meeting 12/17 – Parks Dept. wants to do movies in the park during the summer
 - Byrne Grant for MPD – no changes happening in the next 18mos, but local job opening posted
- Area 12 – Patsy – some homes
- Area 13 – Sheray – New community newsletter – email Sheray with articles

President's Report

- More emails forthcoming from Krista – updated email lists, gardening tips, and school updates

Misc.

- Add to next agenda:
 - Donation Outreach in order to receive charitable contributions – Willa
 - Headcount for Vitense
- Bingo – How else can we make it fun? No callbacks, more/small prizes
- Vitense – Lisa says we're pretty much set apart from actually signing contract and giving them a headcount

Motion: MNA to sponsor community forum

- Proposal: MNA to lead forum to brainstorm ideas
- Community Suppers are already a forum that could be utilized to discuss safety issues
- Board should sponsor a forum about community strengthening, not focus solely on safety and cameras
 - Thematically, within an existing forum (aka Community Supper) but need strong advertising
- Matt Phair interested in logistics and organizing such an event, but still need an outside facilitation. Also suggested tying it into Byrne Grant.
- Should the MNA Board sponsor/support/organize a Meadowood community forum/s to discuss community issues, including strengthening and safety? (Format, content, location TBD) Willa seconded.
 - Unanimously approved
- Committee members
 - Sheray Wallace
 - Matt Phair
 - Krista Ralston – point person
 - Willa Schlecht
 - Terry Evanson
 - Kristen Schoepke – maybe – kschoepke@yahoo.com