

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES— April 2021

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 6:30 pm –8:30 pm

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

INVITED GUESTS

- **Opening of CWD building at 5802 Raymond (Stephanie Bradley-Wilson/Justice Castaneda):**
 - Stephanie shared her screen with the detailed floorplans of apartments. 11 units with offices on the first floor.
 - CWD starting receiving applications in March. It will be fully occupied and open on June 1.
 - Purchase of building at 5902 Raymond will not move forward.
- **SMAC Activities (Stephanie Bradley-Wilson):**
 - Southwest Madison Action Coalition (SMAC) is an outgrowth of the CBCR grant. SMAC is currently working on a governance structure.
 - They will continue to work to promote cohesion between local neighborhoods.
 - Received a grant in 2020. Survey in fall involving stakeholders in the area. Targeted housing employment, mental health and youth activities. A summit was held in January—groups reviewed issues that came out of survey. Housing group meets regularly.
- **Introduction of Officer Alyssa Souza; Update on Neighborhood Safety Issues; Community Safety Worker Activities (Officer Lucas Hale/Sheray):**
 - Alyssa Souza, the new Neighborhood Liaison Officer, was not able to attend the MNA meeting.
 - There was an armed robbery at Walgreens on Raymond on 3/16/21. No arrests have been made yet. Nothing was taken and no one was hurt. Otherwise, the neighborhood is doing well—even though we have had warmer weather (which often leads to an increase in crimes). Officer Lucas said that he has been spending more time in the neighborhood.
 - CSW Activities: Sheray reported on a recent de-escalation intervention that highlighted the value of the CSW program.
- **County Board Update (Matt Veldran):** The Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center is being opened up as a COVID vaccine site. Mike E. asked Matt to thank the public health director for all her hard work.
- **City Alder Update (Christian Albouras):**
 - Christian expressed his gratitude for being recently reelected as a city alder.
 - Housing: a new policy direction involved with changing an ordinance for permitted use. It is being postponed until May because of new alders starting. Lisa V. brought up the need for more affordable housing and senior housing. We are having a senior explosion. Christian said that senior housing will be very important in Madison/Dane County. Sheray reiterated that senior housing is not affordable. Christian says that there is a fast track to create more housing. Lisa V. agreed that is a laudable goal.

STANDING BUSINESS

- **March 2021 Minutes:** No comments. Approved.
- **Treasurer's Report (Lisa S.):** Budget was emailed. Lisa says that there is nothing more to report. No questions from board. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- **MHP Activities: Pop-up Vaccine Clinic (Sheray):** This was held on 4/1/21. It went well. Sheray says that she helps all people in the neighborhood—without regard to race. Many Black neighbors are hesitant about the vaccines and to wait and see how it works. Sheray has connections with UW Clinics—she can help others get an appointment.
- **Discussion of MNA donation to local organization—recommend MHP (Terry):**
 - Terry proposed the MNA Board make a \$1,000 donation to MHP. MHP serves individuals and families in our neighborhood. Lisa S. made a motion and Mike E. seconded the motion. No discussion, no objections. Unanimous decision. Sheray very thankful. Terry expressed our deep appreciation of Sheray’s work. **Action:** Terry will include an article about this in the June newsletter.
- **Safety Committee Report (Rebecca/Kristen):**
 - Rebecca said that an article on safety tips was placed in the current newsletter.
 - Kristin: Talked to the printer about neighborhood safety signs. If we order 100-200, the price will be lower. Terry asked the Board for comments on the purchase of signs. Kristin is also working with other neighborhoods to buy a portion of these signs. The signs will not be for sale, but we will accept donations to promote safety.
 - We need the Board’s permission to spend \$550 for signs. Discussion: Sheray thinks good idea. Lisa S. said it is not in our budget, but we have enough money to pay upfront. Lisa V. concerned about distributing signs evenly in the neighborhood. Mike moved that MNA authorize the purchase of 100 signs (or more if there is interest, depending on the President’s decision. Lisa S. seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Rebecca suggested a Google request form. **Action:** Rebecca will send out a link for requesting signs to neighbors. Signs are free, but we will accept donation of \$6.00. Terry out of town until 4/21. Form deadline will be 4/24/21.
- **Updating Online Directory (Gene):** He will do this on April 15. **Action:** Board members must update any new memberships.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Website—Hire Web Developer to work with Heidi (Terry):** Heidi has done a good job with the website, but the web developer (Scotty) could not continue and Arik was too busy. The website doesn’t represent us well—it needs to be updated. Terry is proposing that we rehire web developer Jackie McNelly (who developed our website) to work with Heidi. Jackie charges \$50/hr. Terry is proposing a maximum of \$500 to complete/redesign the website. Discussion: 1) How will the website be updated in the future? Heidi will serve as Web Master. 2) Role of website? Social media is the preferred method of interaction (e.g., Facebook). The website provides a “face” to MNA; is needed for grants; and stores important documents. The website is also useful for new people in the community when they need resource information. Mike motioned to commit no more than \$500 for Jackie McNelly to work closely with Heidi to update the web design for 10 hrs. of work at \$50/hr. Sheray seconded the motion. No objections. Motion was passed.
- **Food pantry Pop-Up (Mike):** Mike is working with Healthy Food for All to start a pop-up produce food pantry in our area delivered by a truck. Sheray thinks this is a great idea, but they should go to Teresa Terrace as well. We have to get word out. If interested, contact Mike.
- **April/May 2021 Newsletter Distribution (Mark):** Will send a PDF copy out to Board members. Rebecca will send out PDF newsletters on Meadowood All. Mark will deliver paper copies to board members for distribution.
- **Adjourn:** Terry thanked the Board for the many decisions made tonight. Next month, we’ll discuss picnic in August. Lisa V. made the motion, Sheray seconded to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:30 pm.