

# MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES— October 2020

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 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	X	Christian Albouras	A
Mike Edmonds – 3	X	OPEN – 11		Matt Veldran—County Board	X
Tony Smick – 4	X	Arik Grundahl--12	X	Lucas Hale—Neighborhood Officer	X
Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner – 5	X	Sheray Wallace--13	X	Timothy Patton, Captain, MPD	X
Lisa Veldran – 6	X	Lisa Schulz, Treasurer	X	Sally Yaeger	X
Heidi Wiley – 7	X	Rebecca Kowalewsky—At large		Mike Alston-Comm Safety	X
Janice/ Mark Bauman – 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)		Jacob Kriegisch	X

**Welcome (Terry):** Terry welcomed everybody including the new Board members and guests. She invited Officer Hale and Captain Patton to give their reports first.

## INVITED GUESTS

- **Update on neighborhood safety issues (Officer Lucas Hale):** Officer Hale said that the state of the neighborhood was much quieter in the past month. No new issues.
- **Community Safety Worker Pilot Program (Captain Patton):**
  - As CBCR grant ends its time, remaining dollars from the walking patrols of two officers will be redirected to working on conflict resolution which, if not addressed, would lead to more police calls. Two individuals (Mike Alston and Sheray) have been chosen to work 20 hrs/week until the end of the year as Community Safety Workers (CSW). They have great ideas and are making a difference, working along side neighborhood officers. Seeking financial support from city and county through public health to continue the program into 2021.
  - Mike Alston (CSW): Mike has worked with MSCR 10 years in Meadowood. He knows the area—how to reach out to the community (Elver Park and Meadowood).
  - Sheray also has made lots of connections to neighborhood residents and knows how to provide resources. She says this is a positive program that is really needed.
- **Draft of City Police Budget (Captain Patton):** Budget just came out last night. All departments submitted budgets reflecting a 5% cut. The Mayor’s proposed budget contains better news because cut was smaller than predicted (one million dollar cut). However, this still has significant ramifications on the police. Capt. Patton asked for our input. They want feedback from the neighborhoods and council alders. What units will go away? Sheray thinks the mental health unit is really needed.
- **City Alder Update (Christian A.):** Not able to be present at meeting (teaching an MATC course tonight).
- **Matt Veldran (County Board update):**
  - County budget is tight this year. Alliant Energy Center will sustain a two to three-million-dollar loss this year—not being able to do bookings.
  - Covid testing continues at Alliant—lines are long. They are losing the National Guard’s help due to a funding issue. Cutting hours for testing on Sunday and Monday. Board members questioned why hours for testing are cut on two consecutive days? Matt: there is some movement of funding to keep that going.

## STANDING BUSINESS

- **Intro of Maggie Dugan (Area 1):** Maggie has lived on Denton Place for 28 years. Was nurse practitioner in Family Practice. Four kids all grown up. Lives with wife and two shih tzu dogs.
- **Intro of Rebecca Kowalewsky (member at large):** Rebecca has lived on Rae Lane since last January. Works at non-profit. Has a business background and is interested in writing grants. She hasn’t met many people in neighborhood due to Covid-19.
- **Intro of Jacob Kriegisch (potential board member, Area 11):** Jacob has lived on Malabar Lane for the past four years. Born in Milwaukee, but has lived in Madison for 15 years. Interested in learning how the board works.

- **September 2020 minutes:** No comments or corrections from board. The minutes were approval.
- **Treasurer's Report (Lisa Schulz):**
  - Membership dues are coming in. Lisa is getting several a week via Paypal. She encourages board members to drop off dues anytime in her garage drop box.
  - Sheray's grant account is down to \$38.00. She is in need of more money for helping neighbors. Hoping for \$10,000 from Exact Science.
  - Next month's meeting will consider a draft budget for 2021. (See link on Google Docs in Budget and Finance section). **Action:** Look over 2020 budget.
- **Police Liaison Information (Lisa V./Terry):**
  - Terry thinks that the idea of Community Safety Workers is terrific. Bedrock safety starts with us. Our connection with neighbors is one of the clearest things to keep our neighborhood safe. In the recent past, police liaisons were used to provide reports on crimes. Instead, we should use this position to help with communication between neighborhood and police on how to keep our neighborhood safe.
  - PFC survey for new police chief (Lisa V.): Three question survey is still open (on Nextdoor?). Next meeting on 10/12. Interview process for chief beginning in November. Goal is to have a new chief by end of year.
  - Encourage neighbors to watch out for each other. Good Neighbor Project (GNP). Maybe include article in newsletter. Difficult to reach out to others during pandemic. Per Terry, try to have names/numbers of two neighbors—check in on them.
  - Dudgeon-Monroe NA document—when to call 911: Terry thinks this is very good. It gives good recommendations of how to make judgement calls. She wants input from board. **Action:** Board should read it (attachment sent by Terry) and provide feedback. Put in newsletter/Facebook/website and/or make a handout. Terry wants a subcommittee to work with Lisa V. on neighborhood safety. If interested, send email to Terry.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **MHP Activities:** Lisa V. reported that Sheray spends a huge amount of time helping neighbors in the neighborhood. Sheray was also selected as a 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate for the Civilian Oversight Board. She would have full voting rights if members are absent. Lisa told Sheray that she should attend these meetings as an alternate. Terry is also nominating Sheray for the Reverend Wright Humanitarian Award. She'll write a letter of support for Sheray, commending her for her volunteer activities before and after Covid.
- **Mailchimp Discussion (Terry/Diane):** alternative to sending newsletter out by PDF.
  - Terry concerned about email update on Mailchimp—concerned that the newsletter will go into email Promotions instead of main email box. Diane suggested telling people to look in their Promotions folder before sending newsletter out.
  - Mark has seen what other neighborhood associations have done with Mailchimp—updating residents on Mailchimp weekly or biweekly. Mark wonders if we might just keep the current format and supplement with Mailchimp to alert residents in timely fashion with what is going on in the neighborhood. Terry said that is why we want it: she currently has to send out emails to 13 different areas—very time consuming. We need to educate ourselves on Mailchimp. Mark suggests doing it in addition to PDF version of newsletter. Terry agrees, but thinks we have to target our audience.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Terry wants to end meeting at 8 pm tonight, so the rest of the agenda will be carried over until next month.
- **Action:** Terry reminded board members to go on MNA website and read the board goals for this year. We will do updates on this next month.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.