

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—March 2022

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 6:30 pm –7:50 pm

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

WELCOME

Terry welcomed all attendees and introduced Lieutenant Richardson from the West District.

INVITED GUESTS

- **Police Report (introduction of Lt. Richardson):** Lt. Richardson started his current position in the West District in September, after working in multiple roles (patrol officer, neighborhood officer, CPT team) with MPD. Originally came from Michigan in 2004. Lieutenant Richardson supervises all uniformed officers in the West District from an administration standpoint. Terry asked if it is still a goal to have officers attend community functions. Yes, absolutely! Community partnerships are very important. He feels MNA is doing a great job. He recommends knowing our neighbors, talking with each other.
- **County Board Update (Matt Veldran):**
 - There is very little going on this time of year due to the election season. Elections are being held on April 5. There is no spring primary for Supervisory District 4 represented by Matt.
 - New county jail proposal: Waiting for a final estimate. Trying to add \$16 million more to the cost. This proposal will need to be passed tomorrow night. It has been a long process.
- **Alder Update: (Christian Albouras):**
 - A contentious policy issue at council which resulted in funding allocations adopted yesterday supporting many organizations—mostly Latino and undocumented.
 - Hammersley construction project: This directly affects six Meadowood neighbors that live on Hammersley. People want parking pockets on the western boundary of Hammersley. Orchard Ridge wants a left turn eastbound on Whitney Way and parking. Christian admits that this is a hard issue for him to navigate as an alder. He supports the need for parking, but questions the need for the left turn. It is a pedestrian safety issue. He asked for Board members’ opinions: Lisa K. said that now instead of doing a left turn, people are doing a U turn on Whitney Way. What is the difference? Tony said that now that traffic has been slowed down, it is easier to do a U turn. Lisa S. asked what about parking on one side and a bike path on the other? Terry said that she just avoids driving east on Hammersley. As a pedestrian, it is not safe to walk there. Maggie wants a bike lane and no left turn (because of hill).

STANDING BUSINESS

- **February 2021 Minutes:** Approved with no comments or questions.
- **Treasurer’s Report (Lisa S.):** Report was emailed to board.
 - Lisa is requesting in April that we talk about making donations to other organizations. **Action:** Terry will add this to the agenda for next month. Terry also mentioned that the organization Mellowood is not in Meadowood anymore, as Couch Assad has moved.
 - Lisa reported that she met with an accountant today. The MNA budget is more complicated because we received more than \$50,000 in grants for MHP in 2021. Terry said that it is wonderful what Sheray is doing, but it complicates taxes for us.

- Lisa also reported that Sheray is waiting for another \$29,000 from the city for rental assistance. Sheray is also working on an EPA environment justice grant from the federal government for Covid relief, but that grant money will be funneled through UW instead of us.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Bingo Event:** 78 cards were played in the Bingo game. It went well. Terry thanked the Board for help collecting prizes for this. Thanks to Heidi for donating 2 beautiful cutting boards from her family business! There were leftover prizes, which can be used for about half of the needed door prizes for the August MNA picnic. **Action:** Janice will give leftover prizes to Lisa K., as she is the picnic organizer.
- **MHP activities:** Sheray not here to report. Lisa S. said that Sheray keeps plugging along, doing what she can—even though she hasn't received any money from the city in the past couple of months.
- **Discussion about having our April meeting in person:** Terry's preference is to meet in person. Maureen and Maggie support this unless something changes with COVID. Masks: per city directive, it is up to us who wants to wear masks. Public health states that the virus is still circulating, so if you are a vulnerable person with age and health conditions, you should mask. Lisa S. says that she won't be available at the next meeting.
- **Any help needed for Garage Sale--May 20/21?** Janice is working with Maggie. The main issues of organizing are monthly postings on Nextdoor Meadowood about the upcoming community garage sale, advertising on MNA website, Facebook page, etc., and making a calendar with all the sale locations. **Action:** Janice will contact the surrounding neighborhood association contacts to let them know of the date and if they would want to join us. Terry will send their email contacts. Janice was also wondering how to make a map of the area with pins of the participating homes in the neighborhood having sales. Heidi said that she could help with that and get it on the Meadowood website.
- **MMM (Tony & Maureen):** Tony reports that on March 25, the website will be open for venue registration. The next week after that, artists can start posting to play. Sara left behind a lot of good notes to follow for organizing this. Terry is wondering if there is grant money that the city may offer for artists. How long will it last? 2-4 hours? Tony and Maureen will get together and discuss. They will also be talking to Sheray about the community dinner that day. Terry says that this is one of the most successful activities to get the neighborhood involved.
- **Membership News:** Terry is emphasizing that we should be going to new neighbors, introduce ourselves and give them a free membership. One of her new families in her area came to the Bingo game with their free membership. We need to raise enthusiasm. Also, please remember to update the database so that we can ensure people are getting their newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Collaboration with Meadowridge Library (Terry):** Mal Higgins will be coming to the April MNA meeting to discuss ideas with the board.
- **April/May issue of Meadowood deadline (Mark):** Early next week, Mark will send out notices to board advertisers and the deadline for submitting articles will be April 1 for distribution on April 6. Brainstorming on possible articles: it was discussed last month to encourage people in the neighborhood to write about their pets or introduce themselves. Maureen is working on some ideas. Possibly a favorite recipe or an article about neighbors having chickens in their back yard.
- **Adjourn:** Terry appreciates our support and what we're all doing. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.