

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—August 2022

Meeting in Community Room A at Meadowridge Library

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 6:30 pm –8:00pm

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

WELCOME

Terry welcomed all attendees and thanked everyone for coming.

INVITED GUESTS

- **Police Report: No officers present.**
- **County Board Update (Matt Veldran):**
 - Building the jail is the most important issue. There have been differing attitudes and opinions from new council members. Concerns over racial disparities. Talk of having a referendum, but Matt is not a fan of that idea. Current capacity including Huber is 1,000 inmates, but proposal is for 745 without Huber. Currently shipping some inmates to other areas per Sheriff's request, but this is very expensive. They will be voting in two weeks.
- **Alder Update (Yannette Figureroa Cole): ZOOM**
 - Attending neighborhood meetings. Encouraging us to email or call her with any questions.
 - Thanked Sheray for her work with MHP in the Meadowood neighborhood and beyond. Yannette was instrumental helping MHP getting a \$25,000 grant for violence prevention.
- **Alder Update (Sheri Carter):**
 - Community project to collect and donate backpack/school supplies to be distributed by 100 Black Men group.
 - Updates on coming events such as a program on gun violence reduction on 8/11 at Warner Park. City capitol budget hearings on Sept 12/13.

STANDING BUSINESS

- **Miscellaneous updates (Terry):**
 - Welcome to our new treasurer, Nick Baxter! He will be on the ballot at the picnic. Nick recently moved to Meadowood from Nashville, Tennessee with his wife. Currently working as CPA in the area. Lisa S. will continue to do the financial reports for Sheray's grants.
 - Janice will be stepping down as secretary and Maggie will be on the ballot to take over. New officers will start in September.
 - Lisa V. asked question re: Sheray and MHP. Sheray has a board, but MNA handles her grant money. Should MHP become a 501(c)3 so it manages its own finances? This would disentangle MNA and MHP. Lisa S. said that it would make taxes much easier. Terry said that there are ongoing, separate discussions about this.
 - Mark B. had a question about his role as co-treasurer in light of the new treasurer starting and if bank changes needed to be made.
- **June 2022 Minutes:** Approved with no comments or questions.

- **Treasurer's Report (Lisa S.):** Report was emailed to MNA Board. The main expense was insurance. Lisa paid the bill even though we went over budget. No questions. MNA donation of \$500 made to Friends of Meadowood Library for programming needs.

OLD BUSINESS

- **MMM (Tony & Maureen):** A big thanks from Terry to Tony, Maureen and others who helped to make it a success. It was moved to Good Shepherd due to the heat index of 104 and was well attended with about 75 attendees. Not as many people listened to the performers. If it had been in the park, there would have been a bigger audience.
- **PHMDC Violence Prevention Grant and MHP Work:**
 - MHP: Sheray has been busy with community lunches at the library, table talks about chronic illnesses/POAs, and presentations with Stephanie at Commonwealth about building up leadership in neighborhoods.
 - PHMDC Grant: Sheray will be setting up a meeting with Captain Beckett and Yannette (in regards to latest shooting). She wants to involve the community: what can we do better; bring the services to them. Sheray wants to address problems in people's lives that cause anger and struggle.
- **Annual Picnic and Membership Meeting (Lisa K., Maureen, Terry, and Mark):**
 - Some board members unable to be at picnic. Hopefully most will be there to help. Lots of work with set up and clean up starting at 10 am. Mark will bring the hot food. Resource Trailer will be delivered at 10:00.
 - Two children's bike prizes from Pacific Cycle. Winners will need to pick them up. These prizes will be for those with children. Will draw these first; all other tickets that didn't win will go into the regular box for door prizes.
- **Review MNA Officers/Area Reps for 2022/2023:** Terry said that she will be on the ballot for the last time for President, Mike VP, Maggie Dugan on ballot for secretary, Nick Baxter for treasurer. No further comments.
- **Gardens beneath Meadowood signs (Terry):** Thanks to Maureen, Diane Triplett, and Janice/Mark for helping out with these!

NEW BUSINESS

- **Free Compost Bins from City (Terry):** The city is offering up to ten compost bins per neighborhood. They will need to be picked up if we're interested. Heidi said she would be in charge of this. **Action:** Terry will go ahead and send in the application. People can sign up for them at the picnic if interested.
- **Purchase of small PA system (Terry):** Should we purchase? A motion to buy the system was made by Mike and seconded by Tony. **Action:** Lisa V. volunteered to shop for it. She will make sure that it has a Bluetooth connection and a good battery.
- **September Meadowood (Mark):**
 - Meadowood articles due Friday, 9/2. This issue will be delivered as a paper copy and go out to everybody in the neighborhood as part of the Meadowood Membership Drive. Terry has already picked up membership cards.
 - Sheray asked Terry about landlords buying memberships for their entire building. Commonwealth may pay for memberships if households want to join.
- **Adjourn:** Mike made motion and Lisa K. seconded at approximately 8pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janice Bauman