

# MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES— August 2021

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 6:30 pm –8:30 pm

Maggie Dugan– 1	X	Terry Evanson—9	X	<b>GUESTS:</b>	
Miguel & Sammy Benson – 2	A	Maureen Murphy - 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
Lisa Veldran – 6	X	Sheray Wallace—13	x	Alyssa Souza—Neighborhood Liaison Officer	X
Heidi Wiley – 7	X	Lisa Schulz, Treasurer	X	Captain Tim Patton	A
Janice/ Mark Bauman – 8	A	Kristen McCool—Member At Large	X		

## INVITED GUESTS

- **Updates Officer Alyssa Souza.**
  - Current strategic plan is to reduce by 15% - burglary, theft from auto, auto theft and reckless driving. They are using data to determine best areas for intervention and attending as many community events as possible to forge relationships with general community.
  - Blood drive scheduled at Good Shepherd on Wed Aug 18. Hoping for 35 donors.
  - Lisa Veldran commented that no explicit emphasis on shots fired / gun violence. Another recent incident on Kroncke Drive.
- **Alder Report (Christian Albouras):**
  - Elver Park Community Center is on the city’s Horizon list, but is not getting a lot of traction. Hope to secure Veridian Homes as a financial partner. Ongoing discussion re size, appearance and making as inclusive as possible. Lisa V wondered what plans were for community fund raising. Sheray wonders if it will be utilized when Urban League, Teresa Terrace center are not being used now. Also not sure who uses park currently and how they see their needs for future development.
  - Large Item Disposal - currently only once per month and needs to be scheduled. Unsightly with many items on curb. Can frequency be increased? how to inform neighborhood about need to schedule? put in newsletter again??
  - New Common Wealth Bldg - difficulty with using space when Sheray needed to vacate Community Rm when there was a gas leak. Needs clarification about multi use and process for using.
  - Can city set up a community health clinic in one of the open bays at Meadowood Shopping Center? Why wait for Elver Park project?
- **County Board Update (Matt Veldran):**
  - Jail is in news again. Precipitated by increased cost of materials for new building. Now outside consulting firm for exploring alternatives to incarceration.

## STANDING BUSINESS

- **June 2021 Minutes:** Accepted and passed.
- **Treasurer's Report (Lisa S.):** Report was emailed to group. Increased monies to Meadowood Health Partnership is a grant from the city for eviction prevention. No one had questions. Approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Meadowood Health Partnership:**
  - Back to school community supper will be sometime early fall. Will be outside.
- **Safety Committee Report (Kristen McCool):**
  - Increased in cars grabbed at filling stations. Lock your car when filling up.
  - Concerns re: increased gun violence raised again. Mike Edmonds made motion to ask MPD to revise strategic plan to make reducing gun violence #1 priority. Discussion following that strategic plan was done end of August. However can set up a separate meeting to discuss this topic in more depth with Capt.Patton. Terry will send out doodle poll for scheduling
  - Steady Blue - police who are not on an active call can turn their lights to a steady blue for patrol. Community may find steady blue reassuring when they realize neighborhood is being watched.
- **MNA Summer Picnic (Terry)**
  - Picnic will be on Saturday August 21 from noon to 2pm. Food service will be from 12:30 to 1.
  - There will be a ~15 min annual meeting. Mike as vice president will run the election for board members. Assumption that current board members will run again. Neighbors can purchase membership for 2022 at \$10 per household.
  - Folks who have gotten door prizes should get them to Lisa before Sat. Aug 20 so she can ready them for picnic.
  - Board members should come at 10:30 to help with set up. Clean up will be done by 3.
  - Gene Masters can't store picnic stuff any longer, so looking for new spot. Need about 5 X 3.5 feet for cooking and serving items. This year going to try warming trays instead of nesco.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **Return to In Person Meetings -**
  - The library is not open past 6 pm and it isn't clear when this will change. So we will continue to meet by Zoom until the library or community room is available.
- **September newsletter** - Articles are due Aug 27. Hoping to print larger number and distribute widely as part of membership drive.
- **Adjourn:** Meeting ended at ~ 8:00 pm.