

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES— December 2021

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:30 pm –7:55 pm

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

WELCOME

- Terry welcomed all attendees.

INVITED GUESTS

- **Police Report (Officer Hale):** There are still vehicles being stolen and dumped in different areas. Soon porch pirates will be in full swing. Tony asked how the new neighborhood speed limits are working. Per board members, people seem to be ignoring the slower speed limit. Lucas said that he will put in a request for someone to do traffic monitoring of these speed limits.
- **Alder Update (Christian Albouras):**
 - The budget process was very lengthy this year. \$54 million for the capitol budget and \$260 million for the operating budget. Christian received a lot of feedback from District 20. Increase in mental health issues. The town of Madison, which has a lot of diversity, will be annexed in 2022.
 - Community Conversation: last one was on juvenile justice. Terry commented that it was very interesting.
 - As of next month, all of Meadowood will be in District 10. **Action:** Terry will be calling our new alder, Yannette Figueroa Cole. Hopefully, she will agree to alternate monthly with Christian at our board meetings. Orchard Ridge will also be in Dist. 10, but Greentree and Prairie Hills will remain in District 20.

STANDING BUSINESS

- **November 2021 Minutes:** No comments. Maggie moved to accept it. Terry marked as approved.
- **Treasurer’s Report (Lisa S.):** Received \$300.00 for Christmas fund. The Christmas gifts are for low income families in the neighborhood. MHP received \$10,000 grant from Exact Science.

OLD BUSINESS

- **MHP Activities and Christmas Gift Plans (Sheray):**
 - 20 families have been “adopted” to receive Christmas gift at the Dec. 17 dinner/party. The party will be in the shared space 4:00-6:30 pm at the Meadowood Community Center. There is still room for five more families to participate. Mike’s wife, Amelia, will be doing the shopping and Lisa S. will do the wrapping of gifts.
 - Sheray introduced her new MHP website, which focuses on up-to-date info on Covid 19 and chronic diseases. She received help for her website from a university student.
- **Safety Committee Report; Update on Captain’s Advisory Council (Sheray):**
 - Trying to identify stolen cars by looking at suspicious vehicles and their license plates. Terry asked about people stealing other people’s license plates. If your plates are missing, report right away. When a car is stolen, report license number right away. Police can detect quickly if the license plates go with that car. Shooting in Meadowood Park: shooter was arrested and

also charged with domestic violence and is now incarcerated. Sheray advises that we should watch our packages, lock our cars, and don't leave remote in car. Tell your neighbor if you're leaving. If you can afford a doorbell camera, it works.

- Terry asked if Captain Patton is still holding his Captain's Advisory Council meetings: per Sheray, it was cancelled last month, but he wants to get it back on the calendar.
- Mike Richardson is the new lieutenant with the West District Police. He is a really great guy and a big asset to us. **Action:** We'll invite him to an upcoming board meeting.
- **Follow-Up: Volunteers to spearhead core 2022 MNA activities (Terry):**
 - Those that have volunteered are Sheray, who will head the safety committee; Maureen will spearhead MMM; Lisa Kass is in charge of picnic planning, and Terry will lead the Fall Membership Drive.
 - We had planned to have a gathering for younger Gen X/Millennials in 2022, but this activity will be deleted from 2022 budget for now.
 - It would be good to have a line item for block parties (see below under budget).
- **Discussion of the Draft 2022 Budget (Terry):** Most of budget is carried over from last year. A couple of issues involving Lisa V., but not present at meeting.
 - We need to find ways to bring the older people out of their homes and mix with the younger residents on their block. Discussion of block parties to replace Gen X/Millennial gathering for 2022. Heidi talked about her methods of organizing a block party. Have it in your driveway. Put a flyer in residents' doors to announce date/time, etc. **Action:** Lisa S. will take \$300 from Gen X gathering and switch it to block parties instead. **Action:** Heidi agreed to write an article for block parties in the spring (April – May) newsletter.
 - Will there be West Fest this year? It was cancelled last year due to Covid. Sheray does not know answer, but recommends asking Barbara McKinney. Maggie thinks it will be held outside. Hard to get people to volunteer. Lisa S. will keep West Fest in the budget and assume that it is going to happen.
 - Question about why website line item was \$793 instead of the budgeted \$250 in 2021? Lisa says \$500 was paid to Red Dragon for helping with web design. **Action:** Lisa S. will increase the website budget in 2022 from \$250 to \$275.
- **New MNA database management system (Terry):** Gene has finished the Beta version of the database. Many improvements: log in to get to your area, it is now easier to change phone numbers and emails, more user friendly. Gene will also supply some useful statistics. We need two to three volunteers to try out the database and send comments to Gene. **Action:** Tony and Janice volunteered. They will receive the password to the new database.
- **Dedicate Jan. Board meeting to discuss 2022 activities and goals for the next two years? (Terry):** January board meeting (board retreat) limited to just board members—no guests—to discuss activities, dates, and come up with goals. This will be in-person. Board discussion re: date and time of retreat. Decision to replace January 5 board meeting with another date for retreat. **Action:** Terry will send out Google Poll with options for meeting—a 2-hour meeting possibly on a Saturday in the morning. The Bingo date definitely needs to be decided—coming up soon!

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Articles for Jan-March 2022 edition of Meadoword (Mark not present):** Board chose January 2nd as deadline for articles to be submitted.
- **Adjourn:** Terry commented how happy she is with the board's work on the Meadowood membership drive and our willingness to do the work needed on the board. She wished everyone a wonderful holiday. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.