

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—April 2022

Library Community Room A: Wednesday, April 3, 2022 (6:30 pm –8:00 pm)

Maggie Dugan– 1	X	Terry Evanson—9	X	GUESTS:	
Miguel & Sammy Benson – 2	A	Maureen Murphy –10	X	Yannette Figuereroa Cole (zoom)	X
Mike Edmonds – 3	A	Jacob Kriegisch– 11 (zoom)	X	Matt Veldran—County Board	A
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	A	Capt. Kelly Beckett WD MPD	X
Heidi Wiley – 7	X				
Janice/ Mark Bauman – 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)			

WELCOME

Terry welcomed all attendees meeting in person (Jacob K. on Zoom call) and introduced Kelly Beckett, the new captain of the West District as of 5/1. She is replacing Capt. Patton who will take the position as Captain of Training.

INVITED GUESTS

- **Introduction of Captain Beckett:** Kelly Beckett said that she has been with the MPD for the last 17 years in a variety of positions. She has had lots of experience. She comes from the South District and is excited to work on the West side. Capt. Kelly has worked with neighborhood associations in the past. She has a remarkable staff at the West District and says she will try to communicate with us as much as Capt. Patton did. She asks us to email her 24/7 with any issues. The Board asked her several questions such as “do you have certain priorities?” and “how can we help?” She is working on a strategic plan which will rely on community input such as from a Zoom Webinar on 4/11. Current focus is on stolen autos and shots fired, which are huge issues. She is also very concerned on how to prevent kids getting in the court system and further into crime. Lisa V. suggested inviting MSCR staff from community center to see what is going to be done in summer to occupy neighborhood kids.
- **County Board Update:** Matt was not able to be present. He ran unopposed and won reelection last month.
- **Alder Update: (Yannette Figuereroa Cole on Zoom):** Reported that the Hammersley Road project passed unanimously. A board member asked about an update on body worn cameras for police. Yannette encouraged the board to attend online sessions with Chief Barnes about this. We can email concerns to her and she will pass them on. She does not support doing a pilot project for police cameras because she is very concerned about the cost, but is not sure of the amount. Lisa K. supports police wearing cameras and questioned Yannette about finding out the costs from the city—including federal funding. Lisa V. suggested having council staff find out costs from other communities that have already implemented cameras. It shouldn’t be hard to come up with a baseline cost. Yannette will ask Chief Barnes about this. She wants to prioritize other needs in the city budget such as health, equity, and transportation.

STANDING BUSINESS

- **March 2022 Minutes:** Accepted with no comments or questions.
- **Treasurer’s Report (Lisa S. not present):** Report was emailed to board.

OLD BUSINESS

- **MHP activities:** Sheray not here to report, but she is definitely doing the community dinner for MMM. Tony and Maureen will have to coordinate with Sheray regarding the timing of the music and the dinner.
- **Garage Sale Report--May 20/21 (Janice/Maggie):** The Meadowood Community Garage Sale is now advertised on the MNA Facebook page and on the MNA website's events calendar. Maggie wrote an article in the current newsletter. Janice and Maggie are now asking for contact information from Meadowood residents who plan on doing a sale on those dates. Maggie will start a Google Doc, so names can be entered. Janice is responsible for coming up with an advertising poster to distribute around the area. Heidi will later help to make a map of participant's locations for the website. The plan is to send a link of the map to all participants so they can make paper copies to distribute if they wish.
- **MMM (Tony & Maureen):** Tony says that he hasn't registered for the event yet because he has questions about funding and other issues and has not been able to get answers. He had sent an email to the MMM organizer with his questions. Terry said that we have never supplied funding for music. She wonders if there is federal funding. MHP will be providing dinner. What about rain? Good Shepherd's community room is a possibility. **Action:** Maureen will contact Rick Thomas at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to ask if they could serve as a backup location in case of rain. If lightening is present, event will be cancelled. Terry says that if needed, money (\$100-500) can be supplied by MNA to bring more musicians here.

NEW BUSINESS

- Terry said that we were running out of time since the library was closing. The current newsletter contains information on picking up litter in the neighborhood and how to get a garden plot at Meadowood Community Garden.
- **Newsletters are here (Mark Bauman):** Paper copies were distributed to area reps that were present. Mark will deliver the remainder to members not present tonight. Terry will send out the PDF copies to all members that requested an electronic copy.
- **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Bauman