

# MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES— June 2020

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:38 pm –7:58 pm

Vacant – 1		Gene Masters/Diane Berry - 10	X	<b>GUESTS:</b>	
Miguel & Sammy Benson – 2	X	OPEN – 11		Christian Albouras	X
Mike Edmonds – 3	X	Arik Grundahl – 12	X	Matt Veldran—County Board	X
Tony Smick – 4	X	Sheray Wallace – 13	X	Merle Bengston- Police Liaison	X
Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner – 5	X	Lisa Schulz, Treasurer	X	Lucas Hale – Neighborhood Officer	A
Lisa Veldran – 6	X			Stephanie Bradley-Wilson	X
Heidi Wiley – 7	X			Lt. Reggie Patterson	A
Janice/ Mark Bauman – 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)			
Terry Evanson – 9	X				

**Welcome (Terry):** Technical difficulties for the first few minutes, trying to get members connected to Zoom. Terry welcomed the group at 6:38 and welcomed new Area 7 rep, Heidi Wiley, to the Board.

## INVITED GUESTS

- Stephanie Bradley-Wilson: Update on 5802 Raymond Rd.; CBCR grant
  - Construction at 5802 Raymond is a little delayed. Financing is now complete. Awaiting easement for water. Closing should take place on June 15. Plan is to break ground in July. Stephanie will let us know of exact date/time so we can participate. Plan to open building in the first quarter of 2021.
  - CBCR grant: An extension of grant was received by US Dept. of Justice because of the pandemic. Programming will continue until 12/31/20, but they may run out of money. They are working in different neighborhood programs with Mellowood and Meadowood Health Partnership (MHP).
- Lieutenant Reggie Patterson unable to be at meeting tonight.
- Matt Veldran (County Board):
  - In Phase 1 of the Forward Dane plan. Matt believes we should resume as much regular activity again as possible.
  - The County Board and committees continue to meet remotely. Matt has been appointed to Public Works and Transportation Committee.
  - The land fill continues operations. “Clean Sweep” program is reopened. The Zoo will reopen in July. Airport is seeing more activity: installing plexiglass at counters and more hand sanitizing stations. Free testing for COVID-19 being offered at Alliant Energy Center.
  - County parks are open but facilities are still closed. Bike paths are open.
  - Contract approved for housing aid in conjunction with Tenant Resource Center.
  - JFF offices remain closed for now.
- Christian Albouras (Madison Alder):
  - Updates on crossing guard issue for Raymond and Leland: an updated flashing light will be installed. This will also be done on Raymond and Gilbert.
  - Commonwealth building for 5802 Raymond: easement proposal passed council without issue.
  - Schroeder development is taking shape and should be completed later this year or early next year.
  - Update on downtown protests/riots: curfew was extended through this morning. People need to exercise their right to protest. Mike E. asked what is the council doing to improve the policing situation in Madison? Police should be guardians rather than warriors. Christian said that yesterday a community oversight board was introduced. Mike is interested from past personal experience practicing law in Milwaukee.

## STANDING BUSINESS

- Welcoming Heidi Wiley to Board (Terry/Heidi): Heidi thanked Lisa S. for passing the baton to her for Area 7. She is excited to build community and wants to promote neighborliness. She and her family placed a picnic yard in their front yard so that they can meet new neighbors. Heidi moved into the area in 2012. She home-schools her two children, is a trainer at Pinnacle and a certified doula for expectant mothers. Terry encouraged Heidi and Sheray to work together to help pregnant women in the neighborhood (especially African American women).
- May 2020 minutes: no comments. Approved as they stand.
- Treasurer's Report (Lisa Schulz): Lisa is leaving Area 7, but will stay on the MNA Board as treasurer. This is a win/win for us. Terry reported that Sheray had questioned why we put her grant budget in the Treasurer's Report. Lisa included the Grant report because all of the donations come through the MNA Account. Lisa felt that the Board should know how the money is being used, but not details as to the names of people who are recipients. Terry said that Sheray is doing a terrific job with eviction prevention and providing neighbors affected by Covid-19 with food.

## OLD BUSINESS

- MHP (Sheray): thanked Commonwealth for being so supportive of her work with MHP.
- On-line MMM for June 21? (Sara/Tyler & baby Desmond!):
  - MMM sent out a mass email to everyone, but nothing specific is happening in Madison. Tyler and Sara are not trying to organize anything online because it's just too difficult to put together a lineup of people in their own homes.
- Annual Meeting structure; possible dates and times (Terry):
  - An online meeting could be done through Zoom webinar: seeing only the speaker with other people in the background.
  - How to get people to attend? We already have prizes collected for Bingo that was cancelled. In the past, the city has done something like this to entice people to join.
  - How would we run an election through Zoom? If it doesn't have to be anonymous, put together a google form with name, address, and area with an option to fill out another name (names of officers listed). Electronically it's all doable. September for date? Mark B. suggested that Covid won't be over by fall and since we won't be able to have a face-to-face meeting, why not shelve it until July 2021? Mike E. said that we could do the election through the newsletter.
  - For annual meeting, mass email and make a short presentation for what we've done for the year. Put up a Power Point for our annual meeting. Terry usually gives a 10-15 minute talk at the picnic so this could be the replacement. Sara agreed with the Power Point. Gene agreed, but felt we should do what takes the least work. Not a lot of competition for Board seats. Miguel agreed. Lisa S. likes having something in the newsletter or website, with ballot to be turned in.
  - Still need representative in Areas 1 and 11. If anyone knows anybody, please encourage them.
- Distribution of June-August Meadoword (Mark): Already sent email to Board members with PDF attachment of newsletter. Mark will drop off paper newsletters to Board members for distribution.
- No other comments. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.