

# MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES— May 2021

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:30 pm –8:30 pm

Maggie Dugan– 1	X	Terry Evanson—9	X	<b>GUESTS:</b>	
Miguel & Sammy Benson – 2	A	Gene Masters/ Diane Berry-10	A	Christian Albouras	X
Mike Edmonds – 3	X	Jacob Kriegisch– 11	X	Matt Veldran—County Board	X
Tony Smick – 4	X	Arik Grundahl—12	A	Lucas Hale—Neighborhood Officer	A
Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner – 5	X	Sheray Wallace—13	X	Alyssa Souza—Neighborhood Liaison Officer	X
Lisa Veldran – 6	X	Lisa Schulz, Treasurer	X	Captain Tim Patton	X
Heidi Wiley – 7	X	Kristen McCool—Member At Large	X		
Janice/ Mark Bauman – 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)			

## INVITED GUESTS

- **Introduce Officer Alyssa Souza:** She explained that she answers calls from south of Raymond, but Lucas Hale is dedicated solely to the Meadowood area. She advised everyone to look out for each other and keep your valuables out of view.
- **WPD Strategic Plan (Capt. Tim Patton):**
  - Chief Barnes wants to prioritize crime areas. Goals in reduction for summer property crimes.
  - Community engagement: to increase positive interactions between citizens and police with the police doing informal nonenforcement foot patrol.
  - Police to find ways to be engaged in community activities—visit other peoples’ spaces. Block parties, annual neighborhood meetings, etc. Focus on youth and renters. They want engagement with MNA. Terry will give feedback to their plan. Will start on June 1.
- **Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant Proposal (Capt. Tim Patton)**
  - MPD just completed a similar grant on SW side—now submitting an extension of what they just finished (including CSW program).
  - Crime reduction focus on 3 areas: 1) property crimes (usually juveniles; 2) repeat domestics: usually one man and 2 or more women and child involving disruptive behavior, weapon offenses, and battery. Also, housing instability factors in. 3) disturbances and weapons offenses r/t gang-related youth. Will use intervention teams to combat this. A team approach will be used to deliver these services.
  - CSW will be funded at least until mid-June through Focused Interruption. This still has to come before the Common Council. \$60,000 is needed to expand CSW through the end of 2021. Mike and Sheray will each train a new partner: north and south of the beltline on the westside.
  - A letter of support was written by Terry for the CSW program in the Bryne grant. Capt. Patton expressed his thanks and said that we are a model for the other NA in the city for being intentional about how we partner with each other.
- **Alder Report (Christian Albouras):**
  - Body cameras for police: this is going through committees through May 18. A resolution will need to be introduced—possibly start with a pilot program. The report is still pending. It probably won’t be debated by the council until the end of summer.
  - Homeless Shelter: Failed to acquire the property near the East Towne Mall. Five council members disagreed with the location. Now looking at property on Pennsylvania Ave. (closer to the Beacon and other services/necessities).
- **County Board Update (Matt Veldran):** There is talk about reopening county board meetings. The county is trying to wind down the Hotel Shelter program for vulnerable homeless as we get Covid19 under control. Aliant Energy Center is still providing testing and vaccines for anyone. No appt. needed.

## STANDING BUSINESS

- **April 2021 Minutes:** Accepted and passed.
- **Treasurer’s Report (Lisa S.):** Report was emailed to group. Lisa has no more to add. Approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Changes in the Board (Terry):** Rebecca Kowalesky has had to leave the board for personal reasons. Kristen McCool will take her place as a Member at Large. Tyler Rehm and Sara Wegner Rehm will be leaving the board due to moving out of the area. We wish them all well!
- **MHP Activities (Sheray):**
  - Sheray said that Lisa S. is working very hard to receive city dollars and expressed in strong terms that she feels that staff at Urban Triage are treating Lisa disrespectfully and requiring a lot of unnecessary time and work from Lisa S. Lisa agreed. Sheray is reaching out to her alderman and county representative to complain about this.
  - MHP wrote up grant proposal with Center for Patient Partnership as the fiscal agent. American Family Grant is still pending.
- **Safety Committee Report (Kristen McCool):** A very good meeting about community policing. More officers were in attendance than the advisory group members (originally 17 and now only 5). Officers want to make community connections and network.
  - #9PM Routine Signs: Kristen wants to place an order for 250 signs: 150 for Midtown, 60 for other organizations and 40 left for our neighborhood. There will be a price break for ordering that many. MHP will be paying \$100.00 out of their funds for signs in Balsam/Leland/Russet areas. So far with sign up sheet, only 11 individuals have signed up in our area. Interest will probably spread as others see them. Will take about two weeks after ordering. Terry thinks that it is reasonable to think that we can use 40 signs. Maybe area reps can disperse 4 signs in each of their areas. Kristen will go ahead and put in order for 250 signs.
  - Coffee with a Cop: There was a 911 dispatcher as a guest discussing accidental 911 calls from cell phones. Even one millisecond will register with dispatcher and they'll need to call you back to find out if it's a misdial. It's better to stay on phone and explain your mistake.
- **Make Music Madison on June 21 (Terry):** Terry thanked Sara and Tyler for all their help running MMM in Meadowood for the last several years.
  - Now we'll need to find 1-2 volunteers from the Board to take their place organizing MMM. Sara can talk with volunteers about what it all entails. The volunteers will need to register with the Parks Dept. for MMM and then will be able to view available bands. Usually, bands play 50-60 minute time slots with a break in between. Book bands from the Parks website. Some bands have their own equipment. Rent full PA system from Full Compass. Reserve the Meadowood Park from Parks Dept. and they'll open the electrical box at shelter for the entire day. Request extra garbage cans. There is a generator in the West District trailer just in case. No rain location this year. Will follow COVID guidelines.
  - Food (Sheray): Sheray has several volunteers lined up to cook a big meal which will be served from the Cow truck from Good Shepherd. Simple hot dogs, brats, chips in a bag. Covid information will be given out for Covid vaccines.
- **Website Update (Heidi):** She is working hard on the MNA website and hopes it is done soon. She is starting to work on it herself, but will also get together with Jackie McKnelly once again. Terry says that the website looks lovely and it is very easy to update, which is a real plus. Heidi is doing a great job!

## NEW BUSINESS

- **MNA Summer Picnic (Terry):** We need to pick a date for the MNA picnic. We need to set a date soon to put in our June newsletter. Terry will send out a Doodle poll. We will need more than just Mark, Lisa S., and Terry to help with the picnic.
- **June 2021 Newsletter (Mark):** articles for the June Meadowood are due by 5/28.
- **Adjourn:** Maggie motioned to adjourn and Lisa S. seconded. Meeting ended at ~ 8:30 pm.