

## **Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board Minutes**

**October 7, 2015 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Location: Good Shepherd Church, Rm. 7, 5701 Raymond Road

### **Board members present:**

Krista Ralston  
Sally Stix  
Linda Kubly  
Terry Evanson  
Lisa Schultz  
Dottie Loehrer  
Patsy Ragland  
Mark Bauman  
Janice Bauman  
Sheray Wallace

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### **Guests:**

Officer Kraig Knutsen  
Merle Bengston – Police Liaison  
David Glomp – Police Liaison  
Mary Malischke – Sr Nutrition Manager  
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### **Elected Officials;**

Matt Veldran – County Board  
Matt Phair – City Council

### **September Minutes & Treasure's Report**

Unanimously approved.

### **Special Guest: Mary Malischke, West Madison Senior Coalition**

- Mary is a Senior Nutrition Manager. A one year grant allows the Senior Coalition to open a nutrition site in Meadowood. The site will be between the library and the Meadowood Activity Center.
- Grant targets minorities over 60 year old. Lunch will be served two days/week starting in December 2015. Those under 60 yr old may also participate. Cost is a donation if people under 60 volunteer to help with the meal.
- Those attending must preregister for lunch by calling the Senior Center. Suggested donation of \$4/meal is requested, but not required. Those using the nutrition site can ride a bus to the site for \$1.
- Job Opening: Sr Coalition is hiring a nutrition coordinator for Meadowood.

### **Police Liaison Report and WDPD – Merle and Officer Knutsen**

- Merle Bengston's police liaison's report for September sent to board members via email.
- Officer Knutsen reports rise in theft from cars. Hide valuables; lock vehicles. Paint gun vandalism increased around city. Illegal for anyone under 18 to possess a paint gun. Call in suspicious activity to police.
- Chief Koval's blog has announced that a \$150,000 federal criminal justice innovation grant has been received by Madison. The focus of the grant will be the Raymond Road corridor.
- Volunteers are needed after school to supervise school children.

### **Elected Officials' Reports**

Matt Veldran – Summarized the proposed County budget initiatives. Focus is on human services.

Monday, Oct. 12, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Alliant Energy Center: Recommendations of the Criminal Justice Work Group will be discussed. Specific committee reports related to criminal justice include: arrests & incarceration; length of stay; mental health

Matt Phair – Mayor's proposed budget & Midtown Police Station.

- Mayor removed Midtown Police Station from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as well as the

2016 budget. City Board of Estimates included building the station in the amended budget. Full City Council will vote on both (CIP & 2016 budget) Nov. 10/11. Nine alderman are on record supporting the station. At least 14 aldermanic votes are necessary to include the station in the 2016 budget.

- Dave Glomp said that all neighborhood associations affected by the new station are being asked to write a letter in support of the new station.
  - Pros: better response time by police; less travel time by police to incidents; better service for surrounding police districts (particularly the south and west districts); West District station is seriously overcrowded; cost increases 3 – 5% each year station is delayed.
  - Cons: capital costs are less a concern than the operating budget for the new station. Eight to ten new positions must be hired. However, those positions will be hired regardless of the new station.
- MOTION by Sally Stix: Move that Krista Ralston write a letter in support of keeping the Midtown Police Station in the City of Madison's 2016 budget.
  - Second: Lisa Schultz.
  - Discussion: Who will sign the letter? Decided Krista will sign the letter for the Board.
  - Unanimously approved

Krista will draft the letter; the board will review and comment by email. Deadline for mailing the letter is November 1.

### **Old & New Business**

- Discussed the Justified Anger movement & [Capitol Times article](#) about involvement of the Meadowood neighborhood. Justified Anger wants to build leadership; empower people of color and help with employment and incarceration. Coordination is needed between Justified Anger and organizations already operating in Meadowood, including Mellowood and other Meadowood leaders.  
RECOMMENDATION: Krista R. and Sally will reach out to Justified Anger and discuss how the MNA Board can support their efforts in the neighborhood.
- Web page and Facebook Updates: Krista Wozniak will contact Lisa Veldran.
- Halloween activity for neighborhood kids? Linda Kubly suggested an MNA Board supported Halloween activity.  
RECOMMENDATION: Include a Halloween activity in 2016 calendar. MNA Board will support the Halloween themes community supper that takes place Oct. 21 at Good Shepherd.