

# MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—April 2019

Meadowridge Commons: Wednesday, April 3 - 6:30-7:58 pm

Sally Stix - 1	A	Diane Berry/Gene Masters - 10	X	<b>GUESTS:</b>	
Miguel Benson - 2	X	OPEN - 11		Ray Gillard--MPD	X
Mike Edmonds - 3	X	OPEN - 12		Meryl Bengston – Police Liaison	A
OPEN - 4		Sheray Wallace – 13	A	Tony Smick	X
Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner - 5	X	Christian Albouras—At Large	X	Matt Phair – City Council	A
Lisa Veldran - 6	A	Elizabeth Schroeder—At Large	X	Matt Veldran—County Board	X
Lisa Schulz - 7	A			Coach Assad	X
Janice/Mark Bauman - 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)		Joe Muellenberg	X
Terry Evanson - 9	X			Joyce Pohl	X

- **Welcome (Terry):** Meeting began at 6:30. Terry introduced guests and announced that Elizabeth Schroeder will now be the webmaster for the MNA website as Kyra is resigning.
- **March Minutes:** Approved by board.
- **Treasurer’s report:** Approved by board.
- **Police Update:** Ray reported that the main issue in the neighborhood this past month was juveniles causing problems at the Meadowood library with play fighting and disruption during spring break. Ray has been going to the homes of some of the kids causing problems, which has helped. Many of the kids are from outside of the Meadowood neighborhood. Otherwise, neighborhood vandalism was minimal. He also announced there will be a Community Academy in Meadowood which will be held on four Mondays from 4/22-5/13/19 at Meadowood library from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. There will be visits by Chief Koval, the K9 unit, crisis negotiation, and the SWAT team, etc. It is open to anyone over 18. Ray also reminded the board to call the non-emergency police number with any observed infractions or disruptions in the neighborhood. Ray’s email is on the board contact list.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Meadowood Community Gardens:**
  - **Joe Muellenberg:** introduced self and said he has been involved in the neighborhood for five years, doing gardening with kids. Now he is stepping in as coordinator for gardening program. Almost all the plots are filled now, thanks to advertising from posters about garden registration day and word-of-mouth. Joe is hoping that gardeners can get to know each other. He asked how the Board wants to be involved. In the past an MNA member (now deceased) maintained the perennial garden south of the Community Garden and MNA maintains the garden plots around the neighborhood signs.
  - **Coach Assad:** Discussed youth empowerment by working in the garden and park. Coach Assad wants us to understand what the youth are doing and how hard they are working. He wants us to get to know the youth. The garden is one small aspect of the Meadowood Foundation. The Board appreciates the youth and families. MNA now holds all MNA sponsored activities at the park in order to promote the park and neighborhood cohesion. Coach encouraged better communication between MNA, Meadowood and other neighborhood groups. **Action:** Terry will follow-up with Coach on communication issues. Guests left at 6:55.
- **Engagement of Youth in the Neighborhood:**
  - Terry asked Ray about organized sports activities for the youth. Not very many activities for sports on the west side—expensive. Terry wondered if we could do fund raising, such as giving out scholarships for a karate school for kids.
  - Terry: Better communication needed for neighborhood activities. They should all be listed on the calendar. Sheray is a good contact because she knows many people in the neighborhood.

- **Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sale 5/3-5/4: (Sara and Janice):** So far, about ten participants, but more should be coming before the 4/19<sup>th</sup> deadline. Sara will make a google map and post it on media sites. Janice put an article for the Meadowood garage sale in the Meadowood.
- **Follow up with crossing guard on Leland and Raymond (Mike E.):** Mike reported that the first step to getting a crossing guard is to get permission from the ORE school principal. If she approves, then it will go to a city committee and a study would be ordered. They don't just look at numbers of kids, but speed of traffic, left hand turns, etc. Mike sent an email to the principal and will keep us posted.
- **Make Music Madison , June 21 - update (Sara and Tyler):**
  - Sara and Tyler met with Willa and got the rundown on what needs to be done.
  - City staff will reserve the park and get permits for the stage. Sara emailed to find out about the electrical box. Tracy (from Parks) thought the City will deal with that, but Sara & Tyler will need to get our registration in first. Sara called Mike Hanson about borrowing the police trailer for a back-up generator.
  - Sara/Tyler want to get in touch with Coach Assad about his planned activities on that day (such as Rib Fest?). **Action:** Terry will provide Coach Assad's email.
  - Sara/Tyler are considering having a Resource Tent with neighborhood group representatives at tables such as MNA, MSCR, Gardens, Parks Dept, Meadowridge Library, Health Foundation (Sheray), etc.
  - They will acquire tents and rent a porta potty. If they use Full Compass for speakers, it would have to be rented for the whole weekend. Tyler's dad is in a band and could let us borrow their system for a day. The money saved on the sound system will be used to pay for a tent. Garden tours? Lots of music. Sheray will provide a community supper.
  - Different ways for kids to be active: MSCR 'Fit to Go' van is coming. Water Wagon may come from city utilities for free. Sara and Tyler will reach out to Coach Assad for an activity such as basketball or use of the baseball diamond.
  - Discussion about adult activity such as dog costume contest, but there are rules about having dogs at the park—safety factor with kids around.
- **MNA letterhead options (Sara):** Board voted on the option with the logo on the right side of page and MNA info on the left. **Action:** Sara will send out a word template to everybody on the Board.
- **2019 Neighborhood Grant:** Terry said that our grant for new neighborhood signs was approved and will go before the city council for final approval on 4/16. Then it will go through different committees and be ready by June 1. Gene will be working with youth from JFF to have the signs erected.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Preparation for Discussion/neighborhood issues with State Representatives (Terry):** Invitations had been sent out to Lisa Subeck and Sheila Stubbs to come to May 1 Board meeting. Neither are able to attend the May Board meeting. After discussion of options, the Board decided to invite the Representatives to MMM on June 21. **Action:** Terry will email the invitation to MMM.
- **Elected Officials Report (Matt Veldran—arrived late):** Main issue for the county board is the ongoing zoo issue which has been frequently in the news. Refer to Matt's Meadowood article for other updates.
- **April issue of Meadowood newsletters** distributed to Board members at meeting.
- **Sponsor an MNA booth at Elver Park farmer's market (Terry):** In May the Board will discuss whether to sponsor a booth at the Elver Farmer's Market. This will be a two hour commitment. If we participate, we need to have an idea on outreach.
- **Garden Committee (Terry):** We need someone on the Board to spearhead a garden committee for Meadowood. Terry is looking for a volunteer. The main responsibility is communicating with neighborhood volunteers.
- **MNA July 27 Picnic (Terry):** At the May Board meeting we will need to start signing up and committing our time for the picnic preparations.
- **Meeting adjourned** at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Bauman, MNA Board Secretary