



MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm, April 20, 2026 MINUTES

Location: The Wil-Mar Center, 504 S. Brearly Street

Board Members Present:

Elle Grevstad
Eric Hamilton
Cailey Jamison
Lynn Lee
Lola Manning
Lindsay Marlovits
Claire Myers
Jen Plants
Mike Tarby
Winston Thompson

Absent:

Del Lorenson

Community Members:

Officer Sydney Davila
Jeff Doyle-Horney
Alder Yennette Figueroa-Cole
Officer Jennifer Hannah
Officer Matt Johnson
Gary Kallas, Executive Director, Wil-Mar Center
Earl Madden
Alder Sabrina Madison
Alder Davy Mayer
Brent Pauba
Dillon Sheehan
Kathy Stanton
Logan Wille

Approved Absences:

Anita Krasno

Call to Order: 7 pm

Approval of March meeting minutes: Eric moved to approve, 2nd: Claire. Motion passes, with one abstention.

MPD and Alder Update: Davy Mayer, Officer Matt Johnson, and Officer Jennifer Hannah

- A few general updates and context were shared regarding the SJC: The first appeal for the permit to keep the food pantry and bench in the terrace was denied. (In August 2025, MNA sent a letter supporting the city's order to remove the curbside food pantry and to redirect clients to other existing pantries and community resources. The city's letter also indicated that

the SJC being declared a nuisance property can be the next level of enforcement.) The issues at SJC and discussions about how to address them have been going on for years, and Captain Kipp Hartman recently met with the new SJC board president. There were 234 calls for service from approximately January-April 2026, and these calls resulted in 48 charges. Neighbors are looking for both short-term and long-term solutions to address the criminal activity happening around the SJC.

- Sabrina Madison asked about whether SJC has a “good neighbor” policy and suggested that if one doesn’t exist, that might be an option for the community to explore with SJC.
- Concerns were brought up that the number of calls indicates a great deal of criminal activity and whether or not this would be tolerated at another location (in the neighborhood or in the city).
- Tenants of the SJC and neighbors from throughout the neighborhood report that the issues at the SJC have gotten progressively worse over the past couple of years and began escalating in 2023.
- There are limited services for folks who need them at the SJC site (as opposed to other service-focused organizations, such as Salvation Army, Porchlight, etc.)
- The board discussed how the issues at SJC are ultimately a safety issue, and it is the board’s role to advocate for a safe neighborhood.
- Neighbors discussed how serious the issues are and how much is at risk for all parties involved.
- Officer Matt Johnson continues to try to make connections with the SJC.

Motion to write a letter to the city expressing MNA’s belief that 1202 Williamson St is a nuisance property that enables serious and ongoing criminal activity, and requesting an update from the city on their process and plan addressing these issues.

Elle moved to approve, 2nd: Lynn. Motion passes, with two abstentions.

President’s Report: Eric Hamilton

- This was Cailey Jamison’s last board meeting, and the board expressed great appreciation for her service. Per the process outlined in our bylaws, Eric will begin the appointment process to fill this vacancy ASAP.
- **Motion to appoint Winston Thompson as co-chair of Preservation and Development Committee**

Eric moved to approve, 2nd: Cailey. Motion passes unanimously.

- **Motion to sign an updated letter accepting responsibility for Sid Boyum sculptures until the city drafts new agreement accepting all responsibility going forward**

MNA had previously agreed to fund maintenance and repairs for some Syd Boyum sculptures installed in our neighborhood, and two additional sculptures will soon be installed. Madison’s Arts Commission is planning to take over the responsibility of maintenance/repairs, but there will need to be a stop-gap agreement for MNA to take responsibility for the two new sculptures until the Arts Commission takes responsibility.

Eric moved to approve, 2nd: Elle. Motion passes unanimously.

Green Spaces and Trees Committee Report: Lola Manning and Claire Myers

- The discussion with the city continues regarding upcoming Orton Park Playground improvements, and the city continues to solicit feedback about the plan.
- MNA will support the city's upcoming trial program to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety around Marquette and O'Keeffe schools by lending an air quality monitor to be used during the five week trial.

Transportation and Safety Committee: Mike Tarby

- The committee continues to request from the city: 1) speed limit signs on Jenifer St, Thornton Ave, 2) additional crosswalk signs at the intersection of Williamson and Thornton, and 3) parking restrictions for Riverside and Winnebago in response to traffic flow issues.
- The city has two feedback opportunities around community safety and transportation issues: [Pedestrian Plan](#) and [All Ages and Abilities Bike Network](#)
- **Motion to write a letter to Madison Transportation Commission and Madison Traffic Engineering supporting the creation of a program to allow citizen-led traffic calming efforts**

Mike moved to approve, 2nd: Eric. Motion passes, with one abstention.

Enhancement Committee Report: Jen Plants and Winston Thompson

- Trivia night was a great success and ended up earning more than the event cost, and the annual egg hunt filled Orton Park with families.
- The annual MNA garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, and MNA has reserved part of the Wil-Mar parking lot for folks who don't have a yard or garage to set up for sales.
- The neighborhood association kickball tournament is scheduled for Sunday, July 19, and Breese Stevens Field.
- Applications for 2026 scholarships will soon be open.

Treasurer's Report: Elle Grevstad

- We closed the month with liquid assets higher than last month. This is due to sponsorships (both from companies and the neighborhood) and membership income. We will see an increase in spend over the next few months as festival operations, grant checks, and band deposits hit the books.

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)

Adjourn: Caliey moved to adjourn, 2nd: Elle. Motion passes.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 pm

Board Tasks for March

- Eric: Draft letter to city re: SJC (Exec will review before the letter is sent)
- Eric: Complete agreement with the city re: Syd Boyum sculptures

- Mike: Write Madison Transportation Commission and Madison Traffic Engineering letter supporting community-led traffic calming programs
- Jen and Winston: Set Enhancement Committee meeting to plan for scholarship awards/applications
- Jen: Send past garage sale pix to Lola
- Lola: Facilitate getting air quality monitor to city
- All: Share information about the garage sale (and scholarship applications when available) within your networks