



MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00- 9:00 pm, December 15, 2025 MINUTES

Location: [The Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center](#), 504 S. Brearly Street

Board Members Present:

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

Community Members:

Marlisa Kopenski Condon
Pilar Gomez-Ibanez
Courtney Lindl

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Welcome and introductions

Approval of November meeting minutes: Cailey moved to approve, 2nd: Jen. Motion passes.

Approval of New Board Members & Roles

- **Motion to approve new Executive Committee**
 - President, Eric Hamilton; VP, Lynn Lee; Secretary, Jen Plants; Treasurer, Elle Grevstad

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

- **Motion to approve new Committee & Working Group Chairs**
 - Preservation & Development, Cailey Jamison & Mike Tarby
 - Transportation & Safety, Del Lorensen & Mike Tarby
 - Arts, Lindsey Marlovitz
 - Green Spaces & Trees, Lola Manning & Claire Myers
 - Festivals, Lynn Lee
 - Communications, Lola Manning
 - Membership, Anita Krasno & Claire Myers
 - Finance, Elle Grevstad
 - Neighborhood Enhancement, Jen Plants & Winston Thompson

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

- **Motion to approve new Liaisons**
 - Wil-Mar Center, Winston Thompson
 - Commonwealth Development, Winston Thompson
 - East HS, Del Lorensen
 - O’Keeffe Middle School, Anita Krasno
 - Marquette Elementary, Anita Krasno
 - Lapham Elementary, Anita Krasno
 - WMBA, Del Lorensen

Eric moved to approve, 2nd: Winston. Motion passes.

MPD Update: Officer Sydney Davila

- During cold weather months, officers have been doing lots of outreach to our unhoused neighbors.
- Starting February 3, MPD will officially have a full-time central district officer dedicated to outreach to our unhoused neighbors.
- Central district is getting a new lieutenant – Jennifer Hannah.
- MPD is planning to send a representative more regularly at MNA board meetings.

Alder’s Report: Davy Mayer

- There is no new update on the proposed Merry Street development. Merry Street neighbors now have their own mailing list to ease communication.
- Winnebago is facing traffic-related redevelopment (partly within Marquette boundaries) in the next few years, and planning is in the early stages..

President’s Report: Eric Hamilton

- Be alert for phishing emails.
- **Motion to move the January board meeting to January 26 due to the MLK holiday.**

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

- Pertinent documents have been updated with the names/contact info of the 2026 board.

School Winter Gear Drive Report: Courtney Lindl and Lynn Lee

- Lapham/Marquette and O’Keeffe used their allocated funds to purchase winter gear needed for students and their families. Lynn is facilitating the donation to East High School this week.
- The winter gear drive is going well, and there are currently 20-ish pairs of mittens/gloves waiting to be taken to Marquette Elementary School.

Enhancement Committee Report: Jen Plants and Winston Thompson

- The 2026 grant application guidelines were discussed in detail.
Grant applications for 2026 will be accepted January 1-January 31, and awardees will be finalized at the February 16 board meeting.
The discussion of how to equitably fund schools—when their funding needs continue to be great—is a continuing one. This year’s grant application guidelines will include the following:
“One application per entity is preferred.” Multiple grant applications from a single entity create

challenges for the board in terms of vetting competing projects within a single entity, but some institutions don't have an efficient, centralized way of internally vetting grant applications.

- **Motion to approve the 2026 grant cycle timeline and guidelines**

Mike moved to approve, 2nd: Claire. Motion passes. 9 in favor, 2 against, 1 abstention.

Preservation and Development Committee Update: Eric Hamilton and Cailey Jamison

- **Motion to support the request to rezone the former Port St. Vincent properties at Baldwin and Wilson now owned by Commonwealth Development at 215 S Baldwin St, 221 S Baldwin St, and 1312 E Wilson St to NMX zoning.**

The proposed three-story building includes Commonwealth offices, studios, and one-bedrooms. Five parking spaces (for 17 units) are planned. The housing would all be deeply and permanently affordable, and groundbreaking wouldn't be until 2028. This zoning plan has been developed in consult with the city. (Demolition permits have already been approved.) The committee passed this motion 7 to 1. Once in place, NMX zoning would remain no matter who owned the property.

A neighbor expressed concerns about the NMX zoning (as it's outside of the comprehensive plan) and would like to see TRU-1 zoning implemented instead for the project.

There was an extended discussion amongst the board about which zoning category makes sense for this project and why. Some board members expressed concern that they didn't have enough information to make an informed decision.

Cailey moved to approve, 2nd: Elle. Motion passes. 7 in favor, 4 abstentions.

Arts Committee Update: Lindsay Marlovits

- The Arts Committee will be meeting in the next month to discuss potential plans for replacing the O'Keeffe Middle School mural.
- There are no new updates on the Syd Boyum sculpture issues.

Treasurer's Report: Elle Grevstad

- We closed the month with healthy liquid assets, and expenses this month were minimal as a few lingering festival expenses came through. We remain in a good position as we move into budgeting. A reminder to committee chairs to work within your committee to build committee budgets which will be formally approved through the grant allocation process. Next month, we will see festival sponsorships begin to come through as well as our board insurance and some festival expenses relating to band deposits hit the books.

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)

Adjourn: Lynn moved to adjourn: Anita 2nd. Motion passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 pm

Board Tasks for December

- ☐ P&D: Write letter supporting Commonwealth's affordable housing development
- ☐ Enhancement: Get grant info on website, complete 2026 grant app Google Form, share info with the board for PR
- ☐ All board members: Review the grant PR contact list, sign up to share grant program info, and share the info once available
- ☒ ~~Lynn: Take check to East~~
- ☒ ~~Jen: Send Officer Davila info about winter gear drive~~