



MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm, February 16, 2026 MINUTES

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

Board Members Present:

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

Community Members:

Officer Michelle Hanson, Community Outreach and Resource Education
Officer Matthew Johnson, Central Resource Officer
Lieutenant Jen Hannah
Matthew Rock, Northstreet Neighborhood Association
Alder Dlna Nina Martinez Rutherford
Alder Davy Mayer

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Approval of January meeting minutes: Cailey moved to approve, 2nd: Elle. Motion passes with one abstention.

MPD Update: Officer Michelle Hanson, Officer Matthew Johnson, Lieutenant Jen Hannah

- Officer Matthew Johnson is in the newly created position of Central Resource Officer and will focus on connecting unhoused neighbors to services.
- Officer Michelle Hanson's position focuses on community outreach for youth and families.
- Lieutenant Hannah noted that she can be a point person for traffic issues in the Central District.

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

- Orton Park Playground Improvement Update:
March 1 is the deadline to guarantee additional funding from the neighborhood (up to \$12,000), and we would need to sign a funding agreement. Of note is that all donations will be subject to a 10% administration fee.

The next and final public input meeting is on Monday, March 9 at 6 pm. Register [here](#) to attend.

Alder Report: Davy Mayer

- Neighbors have noted that heavy equipment as part of the development on Brearley has been near trees. These kinds of issues are only raised to the attention of the city via neighbor complaints.
- Waste management trucks cannot begin work until 7 am, and if you see violations of this policy, please contact Alder Mayer.

Membership Committee Report: Anita Krasno and Claire Myers

- Neighborhood Bingo Social Update:
Confirmed for March 10 at Working Draft, and Banzo will be the food vendor. All current MNA members get a free beverage.

Please help spread the word within your networks and on Facebook via [this event page](#).

If funding for merch is approved through tonight's budgeting process, MNA-branded merch will be for sale at the event.

- In early February, expired members received a renewal notice, and those renewals are already rolling in!

Preservation and Development Committee Report: Cailey Jamison and Mike Tarby

- The March P&D meeting has been rescheduled from the usual meeting time to March 12 at 6:30 pm.
- **Motion to support rezoning 2084 Helena (Schoep's warehouse) to TSS including a request to preserve and/or add canopy trees and use native plants in landscaping**

This motion is to allow for adjusted setback requirements and passed unanimously at P&D.. This project was brought to the Committee in July of last year; those meeting minutes with additional details on the project can be found [HERE](#).

The planned development is for 61 units—from studios to 3-bedrooms, including some townhomes—with 44 parking stalls. Planned groundbreaking is May 2026. Concerns at P&D were environmental cleanup on an industrial site—the developer is working with the DNR on this. Tree coverage was also a concern—both in terms of maintenance and using this as an opportunity to add trees.

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

Festival Report: Anita Krasno

- Neighborhood sponsorships will be open this week!

Treasurer's Report: Elle Grevstad

- Expenses in January were minimal, and we are in a good position as we move into grant season and begin to bring in festival/sponsorship revenue.
- Grant funding needs to be requested within 90 days of the award notification.

Enhancement Committee Report (Closed Session): Jen Plants and Winston Thompson

- **Motion to approve 2026 grant awards.**

2026 grant allocations were approved, and decisions will be made publicly once all applicants have been notified of the board's decisions.

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

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: 8:34 pm

Board Tasks for February

- ☐ All: Promote bingo night!
- ☒ ~~Claire: Send bingo volunteer signup to board.~~
- ☒ ~~Claire: Send Winston info about bingo night for website.~~
- ☐ All: If you have gift bags or baskets to use to hold bingo prizes, please reach out to Lindsay.
- ☐ Cailey/Eric: coordinate preparation and sending of grant decision letters to grant applicants
- ☐ Claire/Anita: Send board current membership list.
- ☐ Cailey: Write 2084 Helena Street rezoning support letter to city.
- ☐ Anita: Work with Claire to get Festival neighborhood sponsorship info on to website.
- ☐ Lynn: Reach out to Rainbow Project .
- ☒ ~~Jen: Send shed lock code to board.~~