



MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7:15- 9:00 pm, January 26, 2026 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
Winston Thompson

Planned Absences:

Mike Tarby

Community Members:

Officer Sydney Davila
Alder Davy Mayer

Call to Order: 7:18 pm

Approval of December meeting minutes: Cailey moved to approve, 2nd: Lindsay. Motion passes unanimously.

MPD Update: Officer Sydney Davila

- Two rallies are coming up this weekend in response to nation-wide ICE activity, and organizers are in touch with the city about planning.
- Officer Davila shared a general overview of the [City of Madison Police Department Standard Operating Procedure for Enforcement of Immigration Laws](#).

Alder's Report: Davy Mayer

- Recommended engaging with [Voces de la Frontera](#) if you have questions/concerns about ICE activity in Madison.
- The recently proposed Merry Street development is not moving forward at this time.
- There will be a second city meeting on March 9 about the planned renovation of the Orton Park playground.
- The Social Justice Center and the city hosted a large stakeholder meeting last week, and conversations are ongoing. The McPike Park bathrooms will be reopened mid-April, and automatic locking/unlocking will begin later in the spring.

President/Executive Committee Report: Eric Hamilton

- **Motion to approve new e-vote policy**
Eric moved to approve, 2nd: Jen. Motion passes. 1 abstention.
- **Motion to approve revised MNA committee structure**
Eric moved to approve, 2nd: Lindsay. Motion passes unanimously.
- **Motion to form an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee co-chaired by Eric and Lynn with membership delegated to co-chairs (and open to all board members)**
Eric moved to approve, 2nd: Lynn. Motion passes unanimously.

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

- There was an excellent turnout at the first meeting held by the Parks Department regarding the Orton Park Playground improvement project. Construction at some point between September 2026-June 2027. Each playground is budgeted \$43,000, but neighborhoods can solicit private donations to add additional features. Additional funding needs to be guaranteed by March 1.

Membership Committee Report: Anita Krasno and Claire Myers

- Winter Bingo Event -- scheduled for March 10 from 5-8 pm at Working Draft. The committee is working on securing a food vendor. Current MNA members will receive a ticket for a free drink (including n/a options).
- The Membership Committee is looking into creating/purchasing evergreen MNA merch to have available for sale by the March 10 bingo event.

Transportation and Safety Committee Report: Del Lorensen and Mike Tarby

- **Motion to submit a City of Madison neighborhood grant for traffic calming measures on Jenifer, Spaight, Rutledge and Wilson Streets**

The goal of the proposed project is to address speeding concerns, particularly from traffic diverted onto Jenifer/Spaight from Williamson. Improvements would include planters in the road median, asphalt paint, and flexible delineators. Decrease travel lane crossing distance decreased from 35' to 22'. Narrowing of road space increases driver's "perceived risk", encouraging attentiveness and slower speeds. The total grant request would be \$3,550.

There were concerns about lack of information about the costs of actual installation and upkeep/repair. Additionally, it wasn't clear which stakeholders have approved the project.

Del moved to approve, 2nd: Eric. Motion does not pass. 1 approved. 6 opposed. 4 abstained.

Treasurer's Report: Elle Grevstad

- December expenses this month were minimal as the start of festival 2026 expenses and our last 2025 grant expenses came through. We are in a good position as we move into grant season.

- **Motion to increase 2026 board budget from \$100,000 to \$104,000 to better fund scholarships in one annual payment of \$4,000 each rather than two annual payments of \$2,000 each without detracting from other available grant funds**

Elle moved to approve, 2nd: Eric. Motion passes. 1 abstention.

- A top-line overview of the festival budget and budgeting process was shared with board members.

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)

Adjourn: Elle moved to adjourn: Eric 2nd. Motion passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59 pm

Board Tasks for January

- Cailey: Send Alder Mayer information about zoning and current development proposed by Commonwealth
- All: Continue to promote grant opportunities, and reach out to your contacts—particularly liaisons
- All: Send Lola any neighborhood pix that could be used for social media.
- Lola: Make a Google Drive folder for neighborhood pix
- Jen: Put newly approved e-vote and committee policies on website and in MNA Shared Google Drive
- Eric and Lynn: Reach out to board regarding Bylaws Working Group
- Eric: Connect Big Oak with Lola and Claire re: Orton Park Playground improvements
- Elle: Send Lindsay contact info for Bali and Soul
- Lindsay: Secure/coordinate prizes for Bingo event