



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

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

Board Members Present:

Elle Grevstad
Eric Hamilton
Anita Krasno
Lynn Lee
Lola Manning
Claire Myers
Jen Plants
Mike Tarby
Winston Thompson

Community Members:

Isaia Ben-Ami
Colleen Hayes
Alder Davy Mayer
Katy Santon
Zoe Sullivan
Logan Wille

Approved Absences:

Cailey Jamison
Del Lorenson
Lindsay Marlovits

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Approval of February meeting minutes: Elle moved to approve, 2nd: Lynn. Motion passes unanimously.

Alder Update: Davy Mayer

- The Hovde development in the neighborhood continues progressing.
- Work is still being done to protect trees around the Brearly/Williamson intersection. Neighbors are encouraged to report to the city if the buffer space (the orange netting around a tree) is not being respected.
- The city is continuing to discuss/develop plans around potential targeted ICE activity in Madison.
- The SJC has a new board president—Kyle Wienke. The SJC has appealed the order to remove items in the terrace, and the appeal will be reviewed on April 8.
- McPike Park bathrooms will open soon (when there is no longer a risk for frozen pipes.)
- Board members offered a brief overview of the history of the Social Justice Center (and of the organizations housed there). Some board members report that the issues at the SJC represent

the largest number of neighborhood complaints and requested a neighbor meeting to discuss the issues.

- There have been several meetings with SJC stakeholders, and MPD is compiling a report of every time they get called to the SJC, get called to a location that is associated with the SJC, or do any proactive patrol in the area around the SJC. Everything is being documented, even if they do not take enforcement action.
- Neighbors and board members spoke about criminal activity in the area and concerns about how—based on historical precedent—it will likely increase this summer. The alder will work with MNA's Traffic and Safety meeting to discuss options for a neighborhood meeting to discuss issues.

Treasurer's Report: Elle Grevstad

- Financial expenditures were minimal as the festival and grant programs geared up and will hit the March and April financials. We expect the significant uptick in financial activity to be evident in the upcoming months as festival expenses and grant donations are paid out.

President's Report: Eric Hamilton

- Cailey Jamison has resigned from the board as of the end of April. The replacement process will be shared publicly soon and will follow the process laid out in our bylaws.

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

- Orton Park Playground Improvement Update:

A recent meeting discussed potential designs and specific structures that may be involved, and MNA will be moving forward in signing a donation agreement with Madison Parks.

Membership Committee Report: Anita Krasno and Claire Myers

- The Neighborhood Bingo event was a big success. More than 50 members came to the event. Thanks to all board members who contributed to making it happen!
- MNA merch will be ready for purchase at the Enhancement Committee's upcoming Trivia Night.

Preservation and Development Committee Report: Mike Tarby

- Neighbors attended a committee meeting regarding an issue with historic district building guidelines and restrictions. These neighbors were dealing with a denial (and a denial of the appeal) for a home renovation. Issues discussed included a) how guidelines (which are not city ordinances) are enforced/implemented, b) the lack of city funding to support residents/contractors to communicate clear policies and processes. The committee is continuing to look into these concerns.

Enhancement Committee Report: Jen Plants and Winston Thompson

- Trivia Night is moving ahead, and a trivia company has been secured. The event will be held on April 4 at the Wil-Mar Center, and beer and wine will be for sale. Teams will need to sign up in advance.
- Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 5.
- The annual Yard Sale is scheduled for May 16th, with a rain date of Sunday, May 17th.

- We are working with Breese Field and TLNA for planning a return of the Kickball Tournament!

Festival Committee Report: Lynn Lee and Claire Myers

- Sign up for Crew t-shirts will be distributed to the board this week.
- The Festival Call for Artists is accepting applications through April 30:
<https://forms.gle/SFr4BWDAqXvRH5CJA>

Transportation and Safety Committee: Mike Tarby

- A city-led safe routes to school plan is in the planning stages. A five-week trial will support kids going to Marquette Elementary and will close Jenifer Street between Thornton and Rogers for school arrival and dismissal times. Colleen Hayes gave an overview of the plans and has been in communication with Alder Mayer and the principal of Marquette. The trial would begin in early May and continue through the end of the school year. For the pilot, there may be a need for volunteers to replace and remove the barriers. There will be a public information meeting soon about this pilot. This project is part of many that the city is developing/supporting to make getting to school safer and easier for students who walk/bike.
- The committee is continuing to investigate traffic calming measures on Jenifer and Spaight Streets.

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 pm

Board Tasks for March

- Lynn: Work with Davy and T&S to discuss a possible neighborhood meeting re: issues at SJC
- Eric: Remind grant recipients to claim grant awards
- Lola and Winston: Work with Lynn to set up a system to sign up for trivia in advance
- Jen: Secure Egg Hunt coordinator.
- Winston and Jen: Set day/time to fill eggs for the Egg Hunt
- Lynn: Create and provide large sign for neighborhood entrance
- Jen: Send Lola pix from last year's yard sale
- All: Sign up for Crew t-shirts this week!
- Claire: Email board application call for arts projects at the festivals
- Mike: Work with Colleen to get MNA information about the informational meeting (April 28) re: the safe routes to school project and info about volunteer needs for the pilot.
- Winston: send Lola graphic for P&D meeting and yard sale.
- Jen: Send minutes to Davy