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MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00- 9:00 pm, May 19, 2025 MINUTES

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

Board Members Present:

Sydney DenHartigh
Elle Grevstad
Cailey Jamison
Eric Hamilton
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Community members:

Alder Davy Mayer
Officer Sydney Davila

Katherine Davey
Claire Myers
Brent Pauba
Mike Tarby
Nina Lebwohl
Josh Voss
Gavin Voss
Paige Voss
Josie Lauer
Tanya Morin
Zoey Pekar

Board Members Absent:

Kate Allen Rubin (planned)

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Approval of March Minutes: Cailey moved to approve, 2nd: Courtney. Motion passes unanimously.

MPD Update: Officer Sydney Davila

- Officer Davilla recapped the 5/9 Social Justice Center meeting. One action item could be to install an emergency call box, but funding would have to be secured.



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- Mother Fool's was a hit and run, and a suspect hasn't been identified though an investigation is ongoing. (Officer Davila reached out on 5/21 to note that this was incorrect and that tickets were issued on the scene to the driver at fault.) MNA is continuing to engage with the community and neighborhood stakeholders in an attempt to mitigate the ongoing (and complex) issue of cars crashing into buildings.

Alder's Report: Davy Mayer

- Next MNA Traffic and Safety Committee (June 2) will include representatives from the city to discuss interventions and options for traffic calming on June 2.
- Baker Place is soon to be open.

President's Report: Marlisa Kopenski Condon

- Marlisa shared thank you notes MNA received since the last meeting.
- The Boosters Club at East High School continues to reform after a successful spring fundraiser.
- Website redo is still on track for an early June launch!

Transportation and Safety Committee Update

- **Voting item: Motion to sponsor the Girl Scout Troop #8267 application for proposed installation of traffic calming art at Jenifer and Thornton—contingent upon an acceptable (to both parties) removal cost estimate.**

Briant moved to approve, 2nd: Elle. Motion passes.

Four members of Girl Scout Troop 8267 presented a proposal for the installation of traffic calming art near the intersection of Jenifer and Thornton as part of their Silver Award project. The total budget is approximately \$900 and the city requires a sponsor (and general liability insurance) for the project to proceed. The Troop currently has \$400 in funding and is seeking grants and other sources to make up the difference. The Troop would give MNA \$300 to hold in the case of needed repair or removal of the art, and it's estimated that it would need to be repainted every 2-3 years.

- Update on Social Justice Center 5/9 stakeholder meeting

The meeting was well attended and over two hours. Public restroom access is an ongoing issue. The Social Justice Center is continuing ongoing efforts to make the parking lot safer and more well lit. Del will be sharing information about future meetings and action items with the board and the community.



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- Ride the Drive is Sunday, August 10, and the city has approached MNA about helping to activate the day in the neighborhood.

Festivals Update: Katherine Davey

- Waterfront Festival is Saturday, June 14-Sunday, June 15

P&D Committee Update

- **Voting item: Motion to support Class B Beer and Class C Wine application for a new restaurant Sam Ai Nong at 1146 Williamson Street.**

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

- **Voting item: Motion to support conditional use requests for the retail location at Baker's Place, 10 S Paterson, to include a cafe and a grocery mart. The mart would sell packaged beer and wine.**

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

- **Voting item: Motion to shepherd installation of a Little Free Library at the Social Justice Center**

Courtney moved to approve, 2nd: Briant. Motion fails.

A group of UW students is interested in installing a solar little free library near the pantry by the Social Justice Center. There is no financial obligation to MNA.

Enhancement Committee Update

- **Voting item: Motion to approve committee recommendation on scholarship winner**

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

- There were 20+ sales for the annual Marquette neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, May 17.

Arts Committee Update

- The Arts Committee is still working with stakeholders on the relocation and maintenance of Sid Boyum sculptures.



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Green Spaces & Trees Update

- The talk highlighting Sustainable Lawns & Native Plant Power Event on April 29, 2025, was a great success!

Treasurer's Update

- Our financial position remains strong. With festival expenses and grant disbursements, we're seeing a high level of financial activity, which is normal for this time of year.

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)

Adjourn: Jen motion to adjourn: Briant 2nd. Motion passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 pm

Board Tasks for May

- ☒ ~~Jen: Create a standard Zoom link for MPD to use for board meetings and send this information to Marlisa~~
- ☒ ~~Marlisa: Contact grant awardees who have yet to respond to their award notifications~~
- ☐ Jen: Coordinate scholarship winners attendance at Waterfront
- ☐ Elle: Coordinate getting free drink tickets to Waterfront Saturday morning at 8 am
- ☐ Jen: Coordinate wristbands
- ☒ ~~Courtney and Cailey: Prepare text for festival bar signs (and send to Kath)~~
- ☐ Jen: Get information about Membership Appreciation Day for Marquette Minute
- ☐ Cailey: Get info to Marlisa to write responses to scholarship applications
- ☒ ~~Jen: Confirm with East about scholarship night~~
- ☐ Courtney, Marlisa, and Elle: Order new card readers