



MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00- 9:00 pm, November 17, 2025 MINUTES

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

Board Members Present:

Marlisa Kopenski Condon
Elle Grevstad
Eric Hamilton
Cailey Jamison
Courtney Lindl
Del Lorenson
Lindsay Marlovits
Jen Plants
Mike Tarby

Community Members:

Winston Thompson

Absences:

Claire Myers (planned)
Kate Allen Rubin (planned)

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Welcome and introductions

Approval of September meeting minutes: Elle moved to approve, 2nd: Cailey. Motion passes.

President's Report: Marlisa Kopenski Condon

- The internal Good Neighbor Award list has been updated.
- There was a brief discussion about the need to create a procedure for providing funding and support for emergency and unexpected neighborhood needs.
- Elle Grevstad and Eric Hamilton have P.O. Box keys.
- Courtney reached out to O'Keeffe about needs for winter gear and acute needs.

Motion to reallocate funds from Green Spaces and Trees to raise our \$750 each to social workers at Lapham, Marquette, O'Keeffe, and East High Schools schools for procurement and distribution of winter clothing to \$1000. Elle moved to approve, 2nd: Cailey. Motion passes unanimously.

- Eric is planning the December board retreat and will distribute information about the formation of committees and how to express interest, as well as how to nominate/self-nominate for executive committee.

Alder's Report: Davy Mayer

- The city capitol and operating budget was passed last week.
- There was a brief discussion about the wide community support of a proposed running track at Demetral Park.

Treasurer's Report: Elle Grevstad

- We closed the month with just strong liquid assets, and still have some outstanding payments to come in. Expenses this month were minimal as the final festival and grant expenses came through. We are in a good position as we move into budgeting. As a reminder work within your committees to build out the committee budgets which will be formally approved through the grant allocation process.

Membership Committee Report: Jen Plants

- **Motion to extend memberships that were purchased after the 2025 voting deadline (October 7) through 12/31/26**

Technically (due to policy, not bylaws), memberships paid after the voting deadline for October election expire on 12/31/25. As discussed last year, this means that folks who joined after the voting deadline literally get no benefit from membership and will get a renewal notice in January in order to vote next year. The membership committee will revisit membership terms and systems for automating membership renewals when the new board is seated

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

Preservation and Development Committee Update: Eric Hamilton and Cailey Jamison

- **Motion to support rezoning from PD to TSS for Commonwealth Development's affordable housing development planned for 1001-1007 Williamson Street and include the letter from the Downtown Affordable Housing Compact**

These are buildings already owned and operated by Commonwealth with a total of 8 units of affordable housing. The new development would include 28 units of affordable housing.

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

- **Motion to request Apex to provide a high level relocation plan in the event of the demolition of properties of a site on 222 and 230 Merry Street & 1626 and 1628 Winnebago**

The proposed development is for a six-story 162 unit building and is in the very preliminary stages of planning. This would result in the displacement of a number of residents out of "naturally occurring affordable housing."

Marlisa moved to table, 2nd: Jen. Motion passes.

Transportation and Safety Committee Update: Del Lorensen and Mike Tarby

- Williamson Street peak-hour lane removal is permanently implemented. There is city discussion about trialing a peak-hour lane removal further down Williamson and Winnebago streets. Some highlights of the study include:

- No new traffic backups in the morning, slight delay at Jenifer/Blount in the afternoon
- During the John Nolen Dr reconstruction: same morning traffic volumes, lower afternoon volumes
- 82% of non-drivers, 54% of Marquette residents, and 76% of Willy St residents support permanent peak-hour removal
- 67% of all respondents felt safety improved or was the same as prior to the trial

Arts Committee Update: Lindsay Marlovits

- There is still great interest in redoing the O’Keeffe mural, and the Arts Committee will take up investigating the project in the new year.

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)

Adjourn: Jen moved to adjourn: Mike 2nd. Motion passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 pm

Board Tasks for November

- ☐ Marlisa, Courtney, Lynn, Lindsay, and Kate: plan and promote winter gear drive
- ☐ Courtney: contact Lapham, Marquette, and O’Keeffe about winter gear donation
- ☐ Marlisa: contact East High School social worker about winter gear donation
- ☐ Eric: Plan retreat (and delegate tasks)
- ☐ P&D: Write letter supporting Commonwealth’s affordable housing development
- ☐ Elle: Send Kate Demetrol Field running track info
- ☒ ~~Mike: Get Willy Street traffic info to board (and Kate for socials)~~
- ☐ Elle: reach out to Davy about Demetrol Field