



MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00- 9:00 pm, September 15, 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 Lorensen
Lindsay Marlovits
Claire Myers
Jen Plants
Wynona Pyrtel
Kate Allen Rubin
Mike Tarby

Community Members:

Officer Sydney Davila (MPD)
Ilan Rosenbaum
Winston Thompson

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Welcome and introductions

Approval of August Minutes: Courtney moved to approve, 2nd: Mike. Motion passes.

MPD Update: Officer Sydney Davila

- Since August 1 until today, there have been 53 calls for service at the Social Justice Center. Call rate is currently as high as it has ever been. Calls have been for a number of issues (including drug use and physical assaults) and some arrests have been made.
- No trespassing signs have not been posted at SJC.
- The Transportation and Safety committee reported that after a recent inspection, the city has ordered that the bench, the food pantry, and any other unpermitted items must be removed from the SJC Few Street terrace by September 17.
- The Central District will soon be filling a new neighborhood resource officer position to focus on homelessness outreach.

President's Report: Marlisa Kopenski Condon

- Four board members are not running for re-election and/or resigning. The call for candidates will go out soon, the annual mailer will be in neighborhood mailboxes soon, and election planning is in full swing.

- Committees should be posting important letters written as part of committee actions so that they are publicly accessible.

Treasurer's Report: Elle Grevstad

- The Orton Park Festival proceeds and additional festival expenses will be reflected in the September financials due to the Labor Day holiday. We expect an increase in revenue/liquid assets to be reconciled next month and expect to end the year with budget favorability (in great part due to a highly successful festival season).
- The Fiscal Year closes September 30, and this board prepares a budget for the next board to implement.

Festival Report

- Eric Hamilton is now keeper of the card readers.

Membership Committee Report: Jen Plants

- Membership is working on updating the current membership list and facilitating a membership drive leading up to the fall board elections.

Preservation and Development Committee Update: Eric Hamilton and Cailey Jamison

- **Motion to draft a letter of support for Commonwealth Development's application to demolish the structures at 1312 E. Wilson, 215 S Baldwin and 221 S Baldwin Streets with the condition that the surrounding terrace trees be protected.**

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

Green Spaces and Trees Committee Update: Elle Grevstad and Courtney Lindl

- **Motion to draft a letter of support for Legistar File #89254 regarding an updated tree protection ordinance that includes expanded tree expansion zones during construction, permission to revoke/suspend permits for tree damage and creation of a Tree Replacement Fund.**

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

Transportation and Safety Committee Update: Del Lorensen and Mike Tarby

- The committee will be drafting a motion for continued support of the Girl Scouts planned 2026 street mural for Jenifer and Thornton.
- Willy Street Lane Closure testing is in effect now.
- '20 is Plenty on Jenifer: Speed limit signs should be all updated by now (to reflect the 20 MPH speed limit).
- (Park)ing Day is September 19!

Arts Committee Update: Lindsay Marlovits

- The 2nd annual Orton Park Movie Night was a big success and attracted around 80 folks to the park on a beautiful fall night!

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)

Alder's Report: Davy Mayer

- Mayer is already hearing feedback from all sides about the Willy Street traffic study.
- There will be a public meeting for a Commonwealth re-development on Willy Street later this month.
- Mayer continues to engage with the SJC and the issues around Dairy Drive

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:44

Board Tasks for September

- Eric: Plan annual meeting (and delegate tasks)
- All: Look out for annual meeting/election needs and volunteer when able!
- All: Promote call for candidates.
- Enhancement: Get info re: Good Neighbor awards to Kate
- Jen: Set up good neighbor award Google Doc
- All: Submit any outstanding Festival or 2025 receipts now and cash any reimbursement checks you receive ASAP.
- All: Promote Park Walk this Thursday.
- All: Fill out Willy Street traffic survey!
- All: Email Elle if you're planning to spend money after September 30 for MNA programming for this calendar year.
- Courtney: Send Square passwords to Eric.
- Committee chairs: Be sure to communicate meetings/changed meeting information to socials.