



MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7-9:00 pm, May 18, 2026 MINUTES

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

Board Members Present:

Elle Grevstad
Eric Hamilton
Anita Krasno
Lynn Lee
Del Lorensen
Lola Manning
Lindsay Marlovits
Claire Myers
Jen Plants
Mike Tarby
Winston Thompson
Logan Wille

Community Members:

Officer Sydney Davila
Kath Davey, Festival Coordinator

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Approval of April meeting minutes: Mike moved to approve, 2nd: Lola. Motion passes, with one abstention.

Appointment of Logan Wille to the board, to serve until the next annual meeting: Eric moved to approve, 2nd: Jen. Motion passes unanimously.

MPD and Alder Update: Officer Sydney Davila and Alder Davy Mayer

- There is no update regarding the city attorney's office and the Social Justice Center. MPD plans to increase proactive activity including foot patrols around McPike Park and making consensual contacts (meeting folks, providing resources if possible, etc.) MPD had a productive meeting with the new SJC board president. MNA has still not received a response from the letter sent to the city last month. There was a request that Alder Mayer bring up the issue with the mayor.
- There have been a few encampments that have popped up in the neighborhood. Resources available for our unhoused neighbors continue to shrink.
- Buraka applied for an entertainment license, but postcards were not sent to neighbors (due to a city error) and Buraka has not been to P&D. Buraka will most likely postpone the application.

President's Report: Eric Hamilton (and Kath Davey)

- Kath Davey gave an overview of the work of the festival committee. This is the 37th year of Waterfront Festival.
- In the past 12 years, MNA festivals have raised more than \$1 million that has been given back to the neighborhood. Income comes from sponsorships, beer sales, vendor fees, tips, and more.
- The MNA Tent has many functions: merch sales, lost and found, first aid, MPD check in, general info, etc. and is staffed by at least one board member at all times.
- The Annual Yard Sale was a huge success. The weather helped bring a large number of folks to the neighborhood!
- Scholarship applications are coming in, and a nomination (with identifying information redacted) from the Enhancement Committee will be presented to the board for approval later this month.

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

- Orton Park Playground Improvements Update: Playground colors have been changed to be more natural, more swings have been added, location has been reconsidered in order to maximize shade, and fencing will be added along Rutledge. Construction is planned for 2027.

Transportation and Safety Committee: Mike Tarby and Del Lorensen

- The city is exploring redesignating E. Washington to remove the U.S. 151 signage, and reclaiming ownership of Blair from the state, following Park St safety discussions. The state would continue to provide funding for maintenance and approve changes to E. Wash.
- The city will be implementing a pilot program of paid daytime parking between E. Wash and Cap City Trail between Brearly and Blount. Cost will start at \$2/hour, and the city will be experimenting with demand-based pricing. Payment can be made via app or kiosk.

Preservation and Development Committee: Mike Tarby and Winston Thompson

Motion to write a letter to the Plan Commission in support of splitting the lot at 1151 Jenifer Street and rezoning both new lots to TR-C3: Mike moved to approve, 2nd: Lynn. Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Elle Grevstad

- We closed the month with liquid assets lower than last month due to the payout of grants. Festival sponsorships are on track to meet and possibly exceed our goal this year. This is due to sponsorships (from companies, organizations, and individuals) and membership income. We will continue to see an increase of activity as festival operations, vendor payments, and grants continue to be paid out.

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 pm

Board Tasks for May

- All: Share scholarship info widely!
- All: Sign up for MNA tent shifts at Waterfront
- Mike: Write letter to Plan Commission in support of splitting the lot at 1151 Jenifer Street and rezoning both new lots to TR-C3
- Jen: Add Logan to MNA Shared Drive
- Jen and Winston: Set merch organizing and shed clean-out dates
- Winston: Send info about East Scholarship Night