

MNA Board Minutes – June 18, 2009 DRAFT

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Present: Deb Hanrahan, Amanda Schwoegler, Scott Thornton, Lindsey Lee, Anne Walker, Julie Spears, David Hecht, Mariah Miller

Excused: Sara Ishado, Jon Gramling

Guests: Christopher Tran, Wendy Tran, Marsha Rummel, Peter Wolff, Gary Tipler, Brian Chaney, Twink Jan-McMahon, & _____

Introductions & approval of May minutes. (Items # 1 & 3)

Christopher Tran of Ha Long Bay (Item #6) – 1353 Williamson St. introduced himself and his niece and shared a bit about the new restaurant. Hours are 11:00am-9:30pm daily. Sunday 11:30am-9pm. Vietnamese & Thai food, and liquor license.

Board Vacancy (Item #5) – John Coleman has stepped away from the board until fall. Scott nominated Lindsey Lee to fill the vacancy. Motion approved. Sara Ishado will be stepping down in the fall.

Festival Committee Report (Item #10) Waterfront Festival – Great turnout was reported, MNA membership sign up was good during the festival. MJ has the forms.

Central Park Plan (Item #7) Meeting held on Tues. 6/16. Small group. 3 Plans currently on table: Original Plan, McCarthy Plan, MG&E plan, and additional plan was brought up at the meeting: the Barker Plan. The Committee still hasn't decided which plan to move ahead on. If the decision process is drawn out too long TIF funds may be lost. Sub-committee is meeting on June 30th. Amanda suggested a 1 hour board "retreat" to discuss the pros/cons of the various plans. Motion approved to have Scott write a letter requesting a pedestrian right-of-way at the railroad crossing on Few St.

MPD Update (Item #2) Brian Chaney. Best way to report an incident if something is happening in your area is to call the non-emergency number and ask for an officer. There are still incidences of residential burglaries in the neighborhood, many through open doors and windows, punching in screens, grabbing items. Probably 1-2 people doing this and MPD does have suspects. They are walking through back yards and hopping fences. 1 on Spaight/Patterson, 2 dozen last month in District 2 - and now moving into District 3. Plain clothes officers are also walking through back yards. Commercial burglaries are down.

Traffic Committee Report (Item #8) Peter Wolff reported on a City destination study on where people are going when they get off Beltline at John Nolen Drive. Letter for no right turn on red at Baldwin St. is complete. Peter will send out to Board.

Preservation & Development Committee (Item #9) Scott Thornton. Cantwell Court was deferred by the Plan Commission for 60 days. Owners need to do a "shade study" for the house next to the property due to their existing solar panels. It sounds like they are getting closer to an agreement with neighbors.

Baldwin & Williamson St. development. Lindsey Lee reported that Scott Lewis is owner, and developed the 800 block of Willy St. (Roman Candle). Has a 60 day option on the property. The house directly behind the gas station isn't in good shape and might be included in the project. Developer will meet with P&D in 2 weeks. Proposed project involves underground and surface parking, and commercial/retail frontage on Willy St. Site has been remediated.

Apex/Merry St. - Marsha Rummel reported that Apex has hired Bert Stitt as a facilitator/consultant/mediator. He is drafting a memorandum of understanding. Lots of issues. Will most likely have a neighborhood visioning session.

Values Committee (Item #11) Alternative Tour of Homes (4 block radius of BB Clarke) is looking for homes to feature. October 4th, organized by Historic Madison.

Arts Meeting - July 29th - next all-neighborhood meeting topic. Karin Wolf of Madison Arts Commission at Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center.

City Preservation Position. Gary Tipler suggested the MNA write a letter in support of funding the City's Historic Preservation Planner position which has fallen under the hiring freeze. Motion approved with changes.

Coop Egress and Deed Position: Scott Thornton is recommending that the Board take a position on this. He suggested that the Traffic, P&D, and Values Committees all meet and discuss the issues; coming back to the Board with a position in August.

Alder Report (Item #12) Marsha Rummel would like the Board to write a letter supporting a neighborhood conservation study. Motion approved. Julie Spears will draft a letter.

Zoning Rewrite Committee draft has gone out. It will be released next week to the public.

Peter Wolff asked for a motion to draft a letter taking a position on parking restrictions. Scott will send it to the Board before signing and sending out.

Adjourned 9:25pm