

MINUTES OF THE  
MARQUETTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
BOARD  
WIL MAR COMMUNITY CENTER  
Thursday, July 16, 2009

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES: Anne Walker, Julie Spears, Deb Hanrahan, Lindsey lee, Scott Thornton, Amanda Schwoegler, Michael Jacob, Sara Ishado

NOTIFIED ABSENCE OF BOARD MEMBERS: Mariah Miller and David Hecht

GUESTS: Twink Jan-McMahon, Peter Wolffe, Ted Voth, Fae Dremrock, Gary Tipler, Joanne Schilling, Cheryl Diaby, Susan Frikken,

1. WELCOME

Introductions were made by Scott Thornton, president of MNA, and welcomed those present at 7:05 p.m.

2. MPD Update – Officer Cheney

Officer Cheney was unable to attend the meeting. Scott Thornton reported that there had been a burglary in Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, graffiti, and a break in on a vehicle on S. Blount St. There was also a fight between a bicyclist and a pickup truck driver.

3. Approval of June Minutes

**MOTION: Julie Spears moved, seconded by Lindsey Lee that we approve the June minutes. Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

4. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Waterfront Festival was a success. At this point it appears we met our fundraising goal, but may still be paying more bills. Scott will ask Jon Gramling to send details about the costs incurred for the Waterfront Festival. An August Financing, Fundraising, and Festival (FFF) meeting will be called to prepare for the September FFF meeting that creates the budget for 2010.

**MOTION: Michael Jacob moved, seconded by Deb Hanrahan that we approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

5. EINPC Community Council Representative

Twink Jan-McMahon offered to represent MNA at the EINPC Community Council meetings.

**MOTION: Julie Spears moved, seconded by Michael Jacob that we approve Twink Jan-McMahon representing MNA on the EINPC Community Council. Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

6. Spaight Street Reconstruction

There is an issue with the street construction having ruined the trees. Discussion centered around sending a letter to the city about the road construction and what MNA would like them to do about the trees.

There will be a GWABA meeting on Tuesday, July 28, to discuss the Willy St construction project that will occur next summer.

The Board considered having a neighborhood meeting around the road construction issue. In addition a letter could be sent expressing concern about moving forward with future road construction contracts. MNA could be proactive by creating a list of items to be included in future contracts regarding road construction to avoid issues, e.g., tree damage, traffic problems, unsafe conditions for pedestrians, etc. There are policies used by Milwaukee that include in the bidding fines for tree loss and damage to it.

SASY is interested in sustainable neighborhoods too.

Anne Walker will consult with a person at DNR who has expressed interest in talking with neighborhoods about the trees.

Anne Walker and Gary Tipler will draft a letter to send to the city.

Another possibility for raising awareness around this issue is to cc: the letter to Channel 27. They have a business segment that highlights local issues.

#### 7. Traffic Committee

The committee had a meeting about the bike path death at Wilson St and Baldwin. Tim Wong attended from SASY. The committee decided it would like to approach the bike path issue first and then see how this could examine the entire bike system in the city. There is interest in forming a joint subcommittee with SASY. Interest in obtaining input from Marsha Rummel. The Board asked Peter Wolffe to move ahead with this idea of the joint subcommittee.

The next issue was the testing of the traffic plan and how this coincides with the Willy St Construction. The committee would like to test the plan prior to the construction, but this gives little time. In addition, this construction will impact businesses. Monroe Street was able to delay the street construction for one year due to economic impact. Scott will formally make a request to Marsha asking if it is possible to delay the construction for one year.

**MOTION: Julie Spears moved, seconded by Deb Hanrahan that we approve expressing concern about the 2010 construction because of it many concerns, including its impact on businesses, allow testing of the traffic committee plan, and damage to trees. Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

#### 8. Preservation and Development Committee

The Scott Lewis Project on Baldwin and Willy Street has a three story building proposal. The committee will have the developer complete the survey about the proposed apartments. There will be commercial space on the first floor. There is question about how far back it should be set from the street.

The Apex/Merry Street project is still being discussed. The Friends of Yahara wrote a letter to Brad Murphy outlining questions regarding ownership that need to be resolved. A similar letter was sent by MNA urging resolution.

#### 9. Funding, Finance, and Festivals Committee

Orton Park is coming up. There was a sign up sheet passed around. Julie Spears will give Nancy Kathman the names of people available to staff. A recycling coordinator is needed.

#### 10. Values Committee

There will be a panel discussion on Wednesday, July 29, about public art. Presenters will be Connie Kilmark, Mariah Miller, and Marsha Rummel. Topics will include intersection repair and Dr. Evermore's artwork around Central park.

There will be a Board only meeting scheduled to discuss Central Park.

#### 11. Alder Report

Marsha Rummel was unable to attend the meeting.

Julie Spears mentioned the letter she is drafting about the neighborhood conservation district and MNA's support of the study. She will ask Marsha to review the letter.

#### 12. Adjourn

**Adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

**MOTION: Michael Jacob moved, seconded by Amanda Schwoegeler that adjourn the meeting. Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Submitted Respectfully By,

Sara Ishado