

MARQUETTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BOARD MEETING, WIL-MAR CENTER
MAR. 18, 2010 MINUTES

Board Members: Scott Thornton, Jeffrey Voltz, Anne Walker, Cheryl Diaby, Bess Hambleton, Julie Spears, Amanda Schwoegler, Maria Sadowski, Lindsey Lee (not present for Membership Meeting)

Officer Liason: Brian Chaney

Also present: Marsha Rummel, Rico Sabatini & Corey Gresen

Present for Membership Meeting: Bill Scanlon, Tammy Bieberstein, Rosebud Sparer, Tracie Tudor, Peter Wolff, T.R. Loon, Robert Queen, and Barbara Bolan (at start of Membership Meeting only)

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. While waiting for quorum, brief presentation by Barbara Bolan of WYOU community television on their move into the Social Justice Center on Willy St. WYOU is fundraising 3/28 through 4/10 and is holding an open house week 3/28 through 4/2. In addition to community broadcasting, WYOU offers classes such as Intro to Camera, Intro to Editing, and more.
2. Call to Order
3. The purpose of this membership meeting is to discuss and approve changes to the MNA Articles of Incorporation, removing references to IRS § 501(c)(4) in keeping with MNA's application for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and at the request of the IRS.
 - a. Tammy moves adoption of proposed amendment; second by Rosebud; motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
4. The IRS has also requested another \$750 fee due to delays in re-submitting the application.
 - a. T.R. moves to pay the IRS fee; second by Tammy; motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
5. Scott distributes materials on Madison Cultural Plan and encourages community involvement.
6. Special membership meeting concludes.

MARCH BOARD MEETING

1. Approval of minutes:
 - a. Julie moves approval of draft January minutes; second by Jeff; motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
 - b. Jeff moves approval of draft February minutes; second by Tammy; motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Tammy moves approval of Treasurer's report; second by Anne; motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
 - b. Cheryl notes that Chili Dinner was a success, bringing in \$2,328. After the \$400 previously committed to East High for their senior party, that nets \$1,728 for the scholarship fund.

- c. Cheryl also notes that FFF Committee meeting was held last week to discuss invoicing process going forward: Scott will approve reimbursements, with MJ as backup. Bob Queen requests leads on any new potential festival sponsors, as it's helpful to keep developing those personal connections.
 - d. Cheryl will get more info on obtaining a P.O. Box for MNA, to consolidate mail at a single, unchanging address.
 - e. The software for bookkeeping will be \$45 from Tech Soup once we get 501(c)(3) status —otherwise it would be \$320.
- 3. Update from Officer Chaney
 - a. The three big incidents recently were the shots fired at Jolly Bob's, seen as isolated incident; robbery of Grampa's Gun Shop, possibly executed by group from outside Madison; and an arson attempt at the BP gas station on East Washington, with the Fire Department investigating further.
 - b. There also have been a rash of theft-from-autos, break-ins, and smash-and-grabs. There have not been reports of suspicious people in this neighborhood but have been some late reports in Tenney Lapham. As community members, even if a person is not willing to call 911 or the Police Department, Officer Chaney asks that people at least write down a description and details of any suspicious behavior.
 - c. Anne notes that the Yarnery was the victim of a smash-and-grab, which particular report had not hit Officer Chaney's desk yet. He recommends motion-detecting floodlights, video systems, or other enhancements to security for local businesses.
- 4. The WI Dept. of Financial Institutions needs \$50 as an expedited fee for processing the amended Articles of Incorporation.
 - a. Tammy moves to approve payment of fee; second by Julie; motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
- 5. News: Charles Monroe-Kane and Michael Jacob may be leaving the board, so request to keep an eye out for potential appointees to the MNA board.
- 6. Scott asks, do we want to do a letter of support for Google Fiber coming to Madison? Suggested to write letter to Mayor, to be bundled with City application materials.
 - a. Jeff moves to approve letter supporting Google Fiber; second by Lindsey; motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
- 7. Presentation regarding Plan B by Rico and Corey, concerning fenced enclosure for smokers and to channel noise toward Paterson St. and away from neighbors.
 - a. *****
- 8. Future high-speed rail station
 - a. *****
- 9. Traffic Committee:
 - a. Peter reports that the process is moving forward.
- 10. Membership Committee:
 - a. Julie reports that membership is up to 127. There may be a committee meeting the first weekend in May, regarding postcards, renewal letter, poster for agenda, and business memberships.

- b. Lindsey asks about disbursement to East High. Scott will check on that. Lindsey suggests making sure that we get word out on the listserv.
11. Central Park Committee:
- a. Maria to draft purpose statement and letter of support to Mayor, in support of park concept rather than any specific set of plans.
 - b. Julie asks where planning process is at. Marsha informs that will be in Parks 4/14, before Council 4/20. Central Park has also made rounds through Arts Commission and others.
12. Values Committee:
- a. Scott will be getting out the scholarship applications. Deadline to be 4/15 so that Values can review before the April board meeting.
 - b. Amanda notes that she would like to discuss waste reduction at the festivals, i.e. plastic cups—notes that there is no health code against refilling plastic cups.
13. Preservation & Development Committee:
- a. Lindsey reports no really hot topics at the moment. The Apex letter came after the last meeting, so no opportunity to talk about that. Mostly focused on Capitol Gateway meeting attended by Marsha, Scott & Jeffrey: Jim Bauer gave presentation (calling neighborhood an impediment to development); Scott, Pat McDonald, and Lindsey said that's not the case; Lindsey later suggested neighborhood (EINPC) call the next meeting on development and Bauer was receptive—would be a great way to talk about all the projects, and Lindsey sees potential for positive media coverage.
14. Alder's Report:
- a. Marsha was offended when Bauer made comments about the neighborhood impeding development, as it's not our fault that developers aren't utilizing their properties.
 - b. Marsha supports the cultural plan.
 - c. Edgewater: Marsha voted OK, despite issues, because at Urban Design Comm. Level, they did get some compromises and progress they were looking for, and not UDC's job to smash it. Now goes to Landmarks, Council, and even if approved, they still need to get the money to build.
 - d. Marty Rifkin will send something on St. to Marsha.
 - e. Willy St. Co-op wants to do temporary 2nd egress on Jenifer as trial in preparation for reconstruction of Willy St.
 - f. Other news, properties on corner of Thornton/Jenifer in foreclosure, interest expressed by Madison Community Coops and Common Wealth Development.
 - g. Also RE: Captiol Gateway, land banking money of \$5 million was intended for Union Corners but now potentially two developers interests; so may be that money should go to Capitol Gateway area. Doing assessment for Don Miller, and Marsha suggested Mautz Pain as possible site.
15. Adjourned (Anne moves, Tammy seconds, approved)