

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association (MNA) Meeting of January 24, 2023.
On zoom only. 10 attended.

1. Call to Order and introductions

7:05 PM: Called to order by Christine Blanche (President). Other board members and neighborhood members present:

Diana Lipton (VP)

Mary Jean Rivera (Sec)

Christa Cole

Jim Cole

William Lennertz

Susan Lennertz

Rand New

Karie Oakes

Quorum achieved.

Terri Cummings joined at 7:43 PM.

2. Approve agenda

Mary Jean Rivera moved to approve the agenda. Diana Lipton seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.

3. Approve previous meeting's minutes (January 2023)

Minutes reviewed and brief discussion on maximum amount of homes on a cul-de-sac (in reference to the Mountain View development) to be 25 without a variance. Future draft meeting minutes to be submitted to the city with a "DRAFT" watermark prior to approval for posting. Diana Lipton moved to approve the minutes. Rand New seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.

4. Treasurer's report

Treasurer reports balance \$8955.58 as presented in January reviewed – Ida Johnstone (Treasurer) will have updated balance at next meeting when she is in attendance. Monthly charge of \$14.99 for zoom access is increasing to \$15.99 as of March 1, 2023.

5. New Business

a) Summer Social proposal:

Ida Johnstone shared suggestions with the Board prior to the meeting, which were reviewed.

Use of a shelter in Marylhurst Heights Park may have a nominal fee, but members suggested it should be free to MNA – Ida to follow up.

Expected attendance of 50-100, including children, based on prior attendance.

Discussion that timing for early September (9th or 10th) may garner better attendance, as people are less likely to be traveling following summer breaks.

Ida to follow up with WL Lions about possible vegetarian options, and to also inquire with food trucks in the Willamette area and Sr. Taco about food options that could serve a variety of dietary preferences, and to report back with proposed budget. Goal to vote on summer social budget at next scheduled MNA meeting.

Karie Oakes noted that she still has some party supplies on hand.

b) Sign Upgrade proposal:

Discussion on implementing a logo and consensus that it would take up real estate and not be very legible or informational. Similar discussion that QR codes are infrequently used and largely inaccessible due to the amount of moving automobile vs. pedestrian traffic in our neighborhood.

Discussion and agreement that the most effective use of space is with a simple message about the meeting and the city website, in large, legible font. Agreement to accept the proofs suggested by Buell's with a slightly abbreviated/enlarged website font, and to also inquire about possible costs of using a reflective material for the text or printing white font on a black background. These would be for the 3 new signs MNA would add to the sign arsenal.

Existing 4 sandwich boards may be utilized with custom messaging in the future; Terri Cummings volunteered to offer her calligraphy services for such needs, and Rand will inquire with Kinkos about

cost of producing one-off 17x22" laminated sheets to adhere to the boards.

Christine Blanche moved to approve \$100 of the MNA balance to be utilized for printing of 6 inserts for 3 new signs with Buell's (printer). Terri Cummings amended the motion to approve up to \$175 to account for possible higher costs associated with reflective or white on black printing. Amended motion accepted by Christine Blanche. No further discussion, no opposition. Motion passed with approval at \$175.

Noted that placement for new sandwich boards needs to be determined; Diana and Rand to coordinate.

c) Meeting format:

Christine Blanche has reserved the Hemlock room at the ACC for the rest of 2023 beginning in March (excluding December) at no cost to MNA. Ida will manage onsite meetings and Christine will manage remote access via Zoom. Ida will connect to Zoom at the ACC with her laptop + HDMI cord. Christine will discuss possible light snacks with Ida.

d) Other business:

a. Neighborhood watch/ area break-ins brought up by Diana:

Neighborhood Watch signs can raise awareness to residents to keep vigilant about unusual activity in light of recent auto thefts and home break-ins. WLPD has offered to provide signs and posts to 5-7 willing residents for their properties in the easement areas (same side as utility poles); property owners would have to sign a letter granting permission.

Diana will map out and suggest where such 5-7 signs would best be suited in our neighborhood. Christine will coordinate reaching out to the Skyline Ridge NAP about possibly getting more signs made at the same time for placement in their neighborhood as well, and loop in Diana.

Karie suggested that having WLPD present about property safety at a future meeting would be helpful to all and a way to help recruit volunteer homeowners for sign placements. Diana will reach out to her WLPD contact about conducting such a presentation.

- b. Christine has a meeting scheduled for March 1 with several other NAPs and City department heads on improving coordination, and will report back to the MNA following this meeting.

6. Adjournment:

Jim Cole moved to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Mary Jean Rivera seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.