

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association (MNA) Meeting of September 26, 2023.

On Zoom. 8 members attended.

1. Call to Order and introductions

7:10 PM: Called to order by Christine Blanche (President). Other board members and neighborhood members present:

Diana Lipton (VP)

6 more MNA members present

1 non-member present

Carol Bryck, Interim City Councilor, was also present

Quorum achieved.

2. Approve agenda

Diana moved to approve the agenda. Rand seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.

3. New Business: Nominations for 2024 Board

Christine nominated Diana Lipton for Vice President – Diana accepted the nomination.

Jim Koll nominated himself for Treasurer.

Further nominations can be entertained at the October 24th meeting. Diana will attempt to solicit other volunteers from the neighborhood in the interim.

4. Approve previous meeting's minutes (June 2023 and special meeting August 2023)

June 2023 minutes reviewed. Diana moved to approve the June 2023 minutes. Jim seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.

Upon review of the August 2023 minutes, Karie commented that the work session on City Council rules will be held on October 2nd at 6:00 PM, where individuals may give their input. Voting on amendments will then occur at the next regular City Council meeting. Teri moved to approve the August 2023 minutes. Diana seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.

5. Treasurer's report

Christine reviewed the report including bank statement, recent annual stipend deposit, monthly Zoom fee, and costs associated with the recent social event.

CJ suggested that money could be saved by moving the Zoom account from a monthly (~\$192/yr) to an annual plan (\$149/yr). Christine will review this with Ida and suggest switching subscriptions.

6. Any other business

Christine contacted public works (Erich Lais) about a request to paint a crosswalk on the South side of the intersection of Suncrest @ Valley View and is awaiting an update.

Christine also contacted public works about having the weeds maintained on Marylhurst Drive to help with pedestrian access and is also awaiting an update. Discussion on history of difficulty getting code compliance to follow up on having individual property owners maintain their land, especially in difficult to maintain areas on steep terrains. Carol offered to discuss the problem of overgrown vegetation with John Williams the following day. Discussion that sidewalks would be difficult to implement because homeowners would have to sacrifice land. There also has been a history of the city building sidewalks/medians/the like without homeowner approval and then requiring homeowners to maintain such implementations, causing contention. Karie noted that about two years ago, the neighborhood transportation plan was reviewed and sidewalks were discussed with much neighbor input. Sidewalks are a part of the city's capital improvement plan under medium priority. City Council also created a process where residents would get to voice where sidewalks were desired, but the process was not implemented. Overall agreement that it would be more productive and desirable to focus on having the overgrown vegetation addressed and how code compliance could be more helpful, and that would be the preferred way to address the concern about pedestrian safety, and forego pursuing sidewalks at this time.

7. Adjournment:

Jim moved to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Diana seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion passed.