

## **MID-NORTH BOARD MEETING: APRIL 19, 2010 6:30 PM**

**In Attendance:** Ed Burnes, David Chernoff, Marco LaCava, Barry NewDelman, Harriet NewDelman, Margot Fenech, Marie Hassel, Melissa Macek, Nada Riley, Sue Saunders, Hillary Thieling

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no attendees for the Public Participation portion of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Nada called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. David moved to adopt the agenda, Marie seconded and all were in favor.

**MINUTES:** David moved that the March minutes be approved. Margot seconded and the Board approved the minutes with an addendum to add the names of those who had abstained, and a correction of the location of the volunteer party, which will be at Kelsey's. All approved the March minutes with those corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Marco presented the MNA 2010 Budget; he also stated that, at this point, MNA has a balance of \$94547.81.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:** David reported that the developer for the Lincoln Park Hospital site had filed an application with the City for a PUD, along the lines of the plan that had been presented at LP High School. He also stated that Andy Robertson had filed a suit to acquire title to a three foot strip that he has had fenced in for several years.

**BUDGET:** Melissa stated she had received information from Nada, but nothing else has been done yet.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Margot stated that letters had gone out to members whose memberships had expired. Marie and Hillary are still finalizing plans for business memberships to encourage these members to advertise on the Summer Fest bag. Other opportunities for business members include a mention in the MNA newsletter, links on the MNA website, invitations to all MNA events, and opportunities to host a MNA event. Twelve business card size ads can fit on the bag. The cost to print is \$2.02 per bag; the cost of an ad on the bag would be about \$300. Harriet motioned to approve purchasing and printing 1000 bags at a cost of \$2.02 per bag; Hillary seconded and all were in favor. This order must be placed no later than June 1 in order to receive them in time for the Fest. It was also announced that the LP Chamber of Commerce had become a MNA member for the first time.

**WEBSITE:** Nada has been giving Irena the information for the website updates. She has placed an excel spreadsheet on the site with the Festival volunteer slots, who has volunteered, with the time, gate, first and last names.

**NEWSLETTER:** Hillary stated that she is working on the newsletter, but still needs one officer biography. It will be emailed to the membership and mailed to those without an email address.

**SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS:** Nada reported that Lincoln Park High School is still searching for a new principal. The Final Candidate Forum will take place May 3 at 6:30 PM. Nada also stated that the Greenhouse glass at Lincoln Elementary should be installed by April 20. She then announced that the After School Center was closing on May 13, after 38 years in operation. The grant money awarded to them will be returned to MNA.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS and SAFETY:** Barry reported that he had not attended the last CAPS meeting but had called for the information. He will write something up for the website. He reported that they are willing to have a speaker come to a meeting.

**PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT:** Ed still needs information on repairs, maintenance issues and suggested projects to bring forward to Vi. Ed reported that the boardwalk at the zoo should be completed in June. He also stated that the following had been reported to Vi: the underpass east of Belden at Stockton, the flooding at Cambridge and Belden, and the pothole at 516 West Webster. According to Vi's office, potholes should be patched by Mid-May. Nada reported that a 'Green' alley, with a paver installation, is being planned for the alley behind the Lincoln Avenue bars at Belden.

**OLD BUSINESS:** David stated that discussion of the draft of the MNA Conflict of Interest is being tabled until the next meeting.

**FESTIVAL:** Nada stated that the MNA Volunteer party will be held Wednesday at Kelsey's from 6PM to 8PM. .

**GREEN SCENE:** No Report

**SSA:** Hillary reported that she had spoken to the director of the SSA about meeting with the MNA membership. He will do so but is unable to do so on Mondays due to commitments. She suggested using a vacant storefront on Clark Street with a banner that indicated the meeting was being sponsored by MNA.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Harriet reported that a Caldwell Lily Pond Tour is scheduled for May 22 at 10:00AM, with a possible group lunch afterwards.

Margot motioned to adjourn, Marie seconded.  
The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 PM.  
The next meeting will be May 17 at Saint Paul's.