



THE MNA

The Morningside Neighborhood Association (MNA) was founded in 2003 to promote a better community through group action and involvement in local decision-making, and to represent the interests of all residents and property owners in Morningside. The MNA incorporated as a non-profit in 2005. In 2013, the MNA became the City of Edina's first officially recognized neighborhood association. MNA membership is open to all in the neighborhood.

2018/19 MNA STEERING COMMITTEE

MNA activities are guided by the MNA Steering Committee (SC), elected each year at the Annual Meeting, with mid-year vacancies filled by appointment.

At the 2018 Annual Meeting, MNA members elected Mindy Ahler and Paul Thompson (Crocker Avenue) to share a seat at their request, Joni Bennett (Lynn Avenue), Ron Berg (Grimes Avenue), Sylvia Carlson (Inglewood Avenue), Pat Corcoran (Monterey Avenue), Meriwether Felt (Grimes Avenue), Jon Gross (Grimes Avenue), Kay Johnson (Oakdale Avenue), Madelyn Nasser (W. 44th Street), Eric Olson (Curve Avenue), Kate Quale (Grimes Avenue), Scott Smith (Morningside Road) and voted for two additional seats to be filled by appointment later by the SC.

On December 11, 2018, SC members appointed Judy Plant (Morningside Road) to fill one of the open positions and re-elected her as treasurer; they also re-elected Madelyn Nasser as president for 2018-2019.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The Morningside Neighborhood Association held its 2018 Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 28, in the Weber Park Shelter. Prior to the business portion of the meeting, the MNA held a meet-and-greet and forum with candidates for the Edina City Council.

The business portion of the Annual Meeting began with an introduction of MNA Steering Committee members, and others in attendance and review and approval of the 2017-2018 Annual Report.

Three amendments to the MNA bylaws were moved, discussed, and approved.

The meeting concluded with the election of the 2018-2019 MNA Steering Committee, setting of a date for the MNA winter party and discussion of neighborhood concerns.

2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

- Morningside Winter Party at Weber Park on January 27, 2019. An annual MNA event since 2004.
- Morningside Neighborhood Night Out at Weber Park on August 6, 2019. An annual MNA event since the Morningside Centennial in 2005. Over 200 residents celebrated this year with a potluck dinner, visits from the Edina Police Department, frisbee activities with Cool Planet and a bike parade for children reviving the historic Morningside bike parade.

MNA STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- During the 2018-2019 year, the MNA SC used its list of member email addresses to inform residents of local activities, including: Morningside After Dark events; the 44th and France Small Area Plan; the City of Edina Race and Equity Task Force; Earth Day festivities; Cool Planet's 7th Annual Frisbee Festival at Weber Park; proposed redevelopment of property at 4532 France; the Market Street Development and the 50th and France Small Area Plan; City of Edina Neighborhood Connections and Family Fun Night; and the redevelopment of the Edina Cleaner's site. SC Member Joni Bennett also communicated on these activities through the Morningside Woman's Club newsletter.
- In January, the SC created and began utilizing social media handles on Nextdoor and Facebook to offer another digital connection with Morningside residents who may not be on the MNA mailing list.
- Also in January, the SC reviewed and updated the MNA policies.
- In August, the SC created a petition to measure interest of Morningside residents in a safer pedestrian crossing of France Avenue at W 42nd st.

STAYING INFORMED

The MNA communicates with the neighborhood in five primary ways: an email distribution list, posts on Nextdoor.com, a MNA Facebook page, the MNA website (www.edinamorningside.org), and through flyers delivered to every household. Additions to the MNA email list are welcome. If you are not currently on our email list, please email your name and address to edina.morningside@gmail.com. The MNA makes every effort to limit the number of emails sent and never shares its list with any outside organization.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The MNA's starting balance on October 1, 2018 was \$317.26. The MNA received donations at its sponsored events and from Jonathan Gross. Additional donations of \$125 were solicited for bike parade prizes and were subsequently disbursed at the August 6th event. The balance on September 30, 2019 was \$317.26. The MNA never charges for participation in MNA events. Voluntary financial contributions are very much appreciated.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING • WEBER PARK SHELTER • SUNDAY, OCT. 27

MNA membership is automatically extended to all Morningside residents and property owners age 18 and older. All MNA members may participate in and vote at MNA meetings, be elected to serve on the MNA Steering Committee, and serve on subcommittees. Please state your name and address the first time you speak at today's meeting. Please sign in and/or update your information for the email distribution list.

2:45 p.m. Edina School Board Candidate Meet-and-Greet

3:00 p.m. Candidate Forum

5:00 p.m. Business Meeting

- Announcements
- Presentation and approval of the 2018/2019 Annual Report
- Election of 2019/2020 MNA Steering Committee
- Discussion: neighborhood issues and concerns

Thank you to the Edina Morningside Community Church for providing Steering Committee meeting space in 2018-2019.

Thanks also to Caribou Coffee, Jonathan Gross, Hello Pizza and Milio's for their contributions in 2019!

For more information email edina.morningside@gmail.com or see www.edinamorningside.org.