



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.

2019-2020 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 2019 Annual Meeting, MNA members elected Mindy Ahler and Paul Thompson (Crocker Avenue) to share a seat at their request, Joni Bennett (Lynn 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), Mufaddal Photographer (W. 42nd Street), Kate Quale (Grimes Avenue), and Bryan Schmidt (Branson Street), and voted for two additional seats to be filled by appointment later by the SC.

On December 11, 2019, SC members re-elected Madelyn Nasser MNA President for 2019-2020 and elected Mufaddal Photographer MNA Treasurer.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The Morningside Neighborhood Association held its 2019 Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 27, 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 School Board.

The business portion of the Annual Meeting began with a welcome by MNA President Madelyn Nasser, self-introductions by MNA Steering Committee members and others in attendance, and review and approval of the 2018-2019 Annual Report.

The meeting continued with election of the 2019-2020 MNA Steering Committee and concluded with discussion of neighborhood concerns.

2020 SPECIAL EVENTS

Morningside Winter Party at Weber Park on January 26, 2020 (an annual MNA event since 2004).

Morningside Neighborhood Night Out at Weber Park, an annual MNA event since the Morningside Centennial in 2005, was rescheduled from August to October and, ultimately, canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MNA STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIONS

During the 2019-2020 year, MNA SC members toured the Grandview water treatment plant and scheduled a neighborhood meeting with City staff (postponed and rescheduled from an in-person to virtual meeting due to COVID-19) to inform residents about Edina's Flood Risk Reduction Strategy and the proposed Morningside Neighborhood Flood Infrastructure Project. The SC used its list of member email addresses to inform residents of local activities including: a public meeting held by the City of Edina and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to

discuss a proposed Superfund site; opportunity for public comment on the Route 6 Corridor E Line Bus Rapid Transit Project; Morningside After Dark events; precinct caucuses and the Presidential Primary Election; the 2020 U.S. Census; opportunity for public comment on a parking variance requested at 4532 France Avenue; opportunity for public comment on a parking variance requested at 4500 France Avenue; two virtual Morningside Neighborhood Flood Infrastructure Project meetings held by the City of Edina; change of polling place location for primary and general elections and options for voting early and by mail; and opportunity for public comment on potential development of the Grandview site and construction of a new Edina Fire station. SC Member Joni Bennett also communicated on these activities through the Morningside Woman's Club newsletter.

In September, the SC created and conducted a survey to learn more about current interests and concerns of Morningside residents.

STAYING INFORMED

The MNA communicates with the neighborhood in five primary ways: an email distribution list, Nextdoor.com, an MNA Facebook page, the MNA website (www.edinamorningside.org), and through occasional delivery of flyers to every household. All Morningside residents and property owners are welcome to sign up for MNA emails. 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 it sends, and never shares its list with any outside organization.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The MNA had a balance on October 1, 2019 of \$464.15. It received financial contributions at the 2019 Annual Meeting and 2020 Winter Party and from Jonathan Gross, and paid \$96 for website hosting on Squarespace. Madelyn Nasser made an in-kind donation worth \$48.75 of four new signs for the Winter Party. The balance on September 30, 2020 was \$368.15.

The MNA never charges for participation in MNA events. Voluntary financial contributions are very much appreciated.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING • via Zoom • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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 or appointed 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.

3:00 to 4:30 PM Edina City Council Candidate Forum

4:45 to 5:30 PM Business Meeting

- Announcements
- Presentation and approval of the 2019-2020 Annual Report
- Election of 2020-2021 MNA Steering Committee
- Discussion of neighborhood issues and concerns

**Thank you! to the Edina Morningside Community Church for providing Steering Committee meeting space;
to the City of Edina for printing and mailing notice of the Annual Meeting; and to
Caribou Coffee, Jinx Tea, Jonathan Gross and Madelyn Nasser
for their contributions in 2020!**

For more information, please contact the MNA at edina.morningside@gmail.com or see www.edinamorningside.org.