



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.

2020-2021 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 2020 Annual Meeting, MNA members elected Mindy Ahler and Paul Thompson (Crocker Avenue) to share a seat at their request, Ron Berg (Grimes Avenue), Joni Bennett (Lynn Avenue), Eyleen Braaten (Crocker), Helen Burke (Grimes), Pat Corcoran (Monterey Avenue), Meriwether Felt (Grimes), Jon Gross (Grimes), Lisa Hollensteiner (Grimes), Kay Johnson (Oakdale Avenue), William Mantyh (W. 44th Street), Madelyn Nasser (W. 44th), Mufaddal Photographer (W. 42nd Street), and Bryan Schmidt (Branson Street), and voted for two additional seats to be filled by appointment by the SC.

On December 7, 2020, SC members elected Meriwether Felt MNA President for 2020-2021 and re-elected Mufaddal Photographer MNA Treasurer. Three SC members resigned during the year: Ron Berg (in May), William Mantyh (April) and Madelyn Nasser (July). On August 31, 2021, SC members appointed Will Bornstein (W. 44th Street) to fill one of the vacancies.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The Morningside Neighborhood Association held its 2020 Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 25, via Zoom. Prior to the business portion of the meeting, the MNA held a forum with candidates for the Edina City Council.

The business portion of the Annual Meeting began with a welcome by MNA President Madelyn Nasser, self-introductions by those attending the meeting, and review and approval of the 2019-2020 Annual Report.

The meeting continued with a review of the results of the Fall 2020 MNA Survey; election of the 2020-2021 MNA Steering Committee; and discussion of neighborhood concerns. Joni moved that the MNA send a broadcast email about the upcoming City of Edina flood risk mitigation/storm water management meeting and a potential citywide reduction in speed limits on residential streets. Meriwether seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

2021 SPECIAL EVENTS

- Morningside Winter Party at Weber Park, an annual MNA event since 2004, was canceled due to COVID.
- Morningside Neighborhood Night Out at Weber Park, an annual MNA event since the Morningside Centennial in 2005, was held on August 3, 2021. Over 200 residents attended. The Edina Police and Fire departments visited, Cool Planet led kids in frisbee activities, and the MNA hosted a Bike Parade and served cold treats.
- TPT Documentary film *Jim Crow of the North* viewing and small group discussions via Zoom on March 8, 2021.

- PBS Documentary film *Driving While Black: Race, Space & Mobility in America* viewing via Zoom on June 1, 2021 and in-person small group discussions at Edina Morningside Community Church on June 15, 2021.

MNA STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIONS

During the 2020-2021 year, MNA SC members advocated successfully for City of Edina approval of an improved pedestrian and bike crossing of France Avenue at W. 42nd Street and extended time for public comment on a just-proposed redesign of Weber Park. The SC used its list of member email addresses to inform residents of help available during COVID; direct balloting at Edina City Hall for the November 2020 elections; local activities including City of Edina meetings on the Morningside Neighborhood Flood Infrastructure Project, Morningside After Dark and Performances on the Plaza at 50th & France; and opportunity for public comment on City of Edina initiatives including reduction of local speed limits on residential streets, change in who pays for street reconstruction, reduction of parking spaces required for new developments and in commercial areas, and the proposed Morningside Neighborhood Flood Infrastructure Project. SC Member Joni Bennett also communicated on these activities through the Morningside Woman's Club newsletter.

In September, after learning that City staff was proposing an extensive redesign of Weber Park without notice to or engagement with the neighborhood, MNA SC members designed and conducted the Weber Park Design Survey. Survey results were shared with the Morningside neighborhood, City staff and the Edina City Council.

STAYING INFORMED

The MNA communicates with the neighborhood in five primary ways: email, Nextdoor.com, an MNA Facebook page, the MNA website (www.edinamorningside.org), and occasional delivery of flyers to every household. All Morningside residents and property owners are welcome to sign up for MNA emails. To add or change your address on the 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 25, 2020 of \$368.15. In-kind contributions in the form of unreimbursed expenditures were received from Jonathan Gross in the amount of \$802.81 for event signs and domain name registration; Bryan Schmidt in the amount of \$96 for web hosting; and Bryan, Helen Burke and Meriwether Felt in the total amount of \$61.44 for NNO cold treats. The balance on September 30, 2021 was \$368.15.

The MNA never charges for participation in MNA events but greatly appreciates voluntary financial contributions.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING • via Zoom • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

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 School Board Candidate Forum

4:45 to 5:30 PM Business Meeting

- Announcements
- Presentation and vote on approval of the 2020-2021 Annual Report
- Election of 2021-2022 MNA Steering Committee
- Discussion of neighborhood issues and concerns

Thank you to the City of Edina for printing and mailing notice of the Annual Meeting, and to Helen Burke, Meriwether Felt, Jonathan Gross, and Bryan Schmidt for their financial support!

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