



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.

2021-2022 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 2021 Annual Meeting, MNA members elected Mindy Ahler and Paul Thompson (Crocker Avenue) to share a seat at their request, Joni Bennett (Lynn Avenue), Will Bornstein (W. 44th Street), Eyleen Braaten (Crocker), Helen Burke (Grimes Avenue), Pat Corcoran (Monterey Avenue), Ann Marie Curtin (Grimes), Meriwether Felt (Grimes), Jon Gross (Grimes), Lisa Hollensteiner (Grimes), Kay Johnson (Oakdale Avenue), and Bryan Schmidt (Branson Street), and voted for two additional seats to be filled by appointment by the SC, one reserved for Mufaddal Photographer, MNA Treasurer since 2019.

On November 1, 2021, SC members elected Meriwether Felt MNA President for 2021-2022. They also appointed Mufaddal Photographer to the SC, and elected him MNA Treasurer for 2021-2022.

2021 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The Morningside Neighborhood Association held its 2021 Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 10, via Zoom. Prior to the business portion of the meeting, the MNA held a forum with candidates for the Edina School Board.

The business portion of the Annual Meeting began with a welcome by MNA President Meriwether Felt, self-introductions by those attending the meeting, and review and approval of the 2020-2021 Annual Report.

The meeting continued with a report on and discussion of the results of the Fall 2021 Survey on Weber Park Design; election of the 2021-2022 MNA Steering Committee; and discussion of neighborhood concerns. Attendees stated interest in working on a safe pedestrian crossing at W. 42nd & France; street reconstruction; Weber Park changes; flood prevention/mitigation; parking; and the new Edina Climate Action Plan.

2022 SPECIAL EVENTS

- Morningside Winter Party at Weber Park, an annual MNA event since 2004, was held on January 30.
- Morningside Neighborhood Night Out at Weber Park, an annual MNA event since the Morningside Centennial in 2005, was held on August 2. The Edina Police Department visited, Cool Planet led kids in frisbee activities, and the MNA hosted a Bike Parade and served cold treats.
- An Earth Day Celebration was held at Weber Park on April 22 with electric bikes and vehicles, yard and garden tips, and an update from City staff on the Weber Pond and Woods project.
- A Morningside Neighborhood Safety Meeting with Edina police was held at Weber Park on June 10.

MNA STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIONS

During the 2021-2022 year, the SC used its list of member email addresses to inform residents of new City policy that will shift funding of the costs of roadway reconstruction from special assessments of adjacent property owners to property taxes paid by all City taxpayers; City Council consideration of the Climate Action Plan; updates on public safety from the Edina Police Department; Morningside street construction (spring and summer updates); a request for help identifying the rabies vaccination status of a dog which had bitten a child; open invitations to local events including Morningside After Dark and a discussion with author Chad Montrie of his book “Whiteness in Plain View: A History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota”; and opportunity for public comment on the Metro Transit E Line, proposed Hennepin County France Avenue Road improvements, and City of Edina Climate Action Plan. SC Member Joni Bennett also communicated on these activities through the Morningside Woman’s Club newsletter.

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 bank balance on September 30, 2021 of \$368.15. It received financial contributions by check and cash in the total amount of \$270 from Joni Bennett, Helen Burke, Pat Corcoran, Ann Marie Curtin, and Meriwether Felt for Annual Meeting and miscellaneous expenses. It received in-kind contributions from Bryan Schmidt in the form of unreimbursed expenditures in the amounts of \$96 for web hosting and \$81 for cold treats and ice for Morningside Night Out. It paid expenses of \$100 to Edina Morningside Community Church for use of space to hold the Annual Meeting and \$100 to Conie Borchardt for audio/visual technology assistance for the Annual Meeting. The balance on October 5, 2022 was \$438.15.

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

2022 ANNUAL MEETING • in-person and via Zoom • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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 4:45 PM Edina School Board and City Council Candidate forums

5:00 to 5:30 PM Business Meeting

- Announcements
- Presentation and vote on approval of the 2021-2022 Annual Report
- Election of 2022-2023 MNA Steering Committee
- Discussion of neighborhood issues and concerns

**Thank you to the City of Edina for printing notice of the Annual Meeting;
to Edina Morningside Community Church and Conie Borchardt, EMCUCC Music Director, for hosting and
facilitating the Annual Meeting; and to Joni Bennett, Helen Burke, Pat Corcoran, Ann Marie Curtin,
Meriwether Felt, and Bryan Schmidt for their financial support!**

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