



Monument Manor Neighborhood Association

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MMNA Board Meeting

June 3, 2025, 4:30 pm on Zoom

Minutes for this meeting was approved at January 10, 2026 Board Meeting

Agenda

1. Call to Order 4:38pm – Terry Stone

Board Zoom Attendance: Geary Hund, Linda Doyle, Terry Stone, Will Harner, Daniel Brenner, Bill Gilman, Joe Ingram

Table approval of minutes and get approval via email later

2. Review and approve October 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes – Daniel Brenner

- Minutes for October 8 meeting were sent to Board prior to meeting. Linda asked if there were any questions/discussion. Dan Stork made motion to accept October 8, 2024 minutes. Will Harner seconded motion. No objections were noted. All in attendance were in favor. Minutes were adopted.

TO DO: Linda will post approved minutes on MMNA website. **Done✓**

3. Reports

- **Treasurer's Report** Prepared by Joe Ingram

US Bank account current balance \$27,414.96

- This amount is after we have recently paid Molina Tractor Service \$13,125.00 for recent road work and several loads of dirt to be stockpiled for future use.
- Approximately 47 individuals have contributed so far this year.
TO DO: Joe will find how much these 47 individuals contributed.
- Every individual contribution is recorded by name and/or photo check in the US Bank account.
- I have subsequently updated the MMNA account ledger with that information.

Discussion: Geary suggested it was time to send a second donation request to those that have not contributed in 2025, 2024 and 2023.

TO DO: Joe will send Linda the list of people who have not donated in 2025, 2024. **Done✓**

TO DO: Terry will write the email. **Done✓**

TO DO: Linda will send the email. **Done✓**

Pay pal Concerns

- Main concern continues to be fee that Pay pal "charges" association for each individual transaction.
- Individual Pay pal payments don't go through directly to the US Bank account (Zelle payments do).

- They go through to the Pay pal account and then "lump sum" deposits are transferred into the US Bank account (via Geary or Daniel or..?) For example, the last "lump sum" deposit occurred on 4/14/2025 for the amount of \$1,635.68 and most certainly included multiple member payments.
- Makes tracking donations on MMNA Account Ledger difficult because then, Pay pal payment notifications have to be circulated via email to me & possibly some donations are missed/not accounted for.
- We have discussed shutting down the Pay pal account for some time now but have refrained from actually doing so because we wanted to give sufficient notice to our members to make arrangements for alternative avenues for donation.
- If we are going to close this account soon (by August was the last approx. date discussed) then we need to specifically notify regular, monthly Pay pal contributors of which there are really only two. (Jesse Ditson, Donette Swain).
- If I could get a printout or forwarded email list of all of the Pay pal account contributors and dates of their contributions from this year (YTD 2025) it would go a long way towards helping me make sure the MMNA account ledger is up to date and correct.
- There is still the issue of an individual specific payment, made from our US Bank account, via Pay pal, to a third-party vendor in the amount of \$114. 84 on 4/30/2025. This amount was subtracted from the US Bank account. I don't know if it was returned into the Pay pal account and will became part of a "lump sum" Pay pal deposit to the MMNA US Bank account in the future. Maybe Geary or Daniel have some information on this...?

Discussion: Terry agrees that MMNA should stop using PayPal. Joe reminded the board that he tried to close the PayPal account with no luck.

TO DO: Joe will work with Daniel and Dan Stork to find a way to close the PayPal account.

TO DO: Terry will write email advising residents that MMNA will no longer accept contributions via PayPal.

Other MAJOR Concern

- As stated above, the current US Bank account balance is \$27,414.96.
- However, as of right now, the current balance on the MMNA account ledger is \$24,982.01
- A difference of (+) \$2,432.95. This means there is more money in the US Bank account than in the MMNA account ledger. (obviously, if it was the other way around there would be an even bigger concern.)
- What this means is that not all contributions (probably Pay pal) have been accounted for. I have tried to address this issue above.
- I have audited all of the individual contributions made via actual paper checks and online Zelle contributions and Pay pal "lump sum" contributions and I cannot account for the EXTRA funds.
- **Then I noticed that we actually started fiscal year 2025 with a discrepancy between the two accounts...**
- The US Bank account balance (as of 1/1/2025) was \$32,040.26
- The MMNA account ledger balance (as of 1/1/2025) was \$29,652.31
- Again, a difference of (+) \$2,387.95
- It seems that we have always had a discrepancy between the actual account verses the ledger, although that discrepancy has grown by exactly \$45.00.
- I believe the unaccounted for \$45.00 is the result of an undocumented donation and/or Pay pal fees.
- I don't know how to "True up" the difference between the actual US Bank account and the MMNA Ledger, but it seems the issue predates my term as Treasurer.

Discussion: Terry asked Geary if he has any suggestions for resolving this issue. Geary did not. The board decided to table this issue for now, especially since it is in our favor. The board advised Joe to NOT pursue this further for now.

Additional concern

- In April, I tried contacting Rarick Financial Group, John Dombrowski (upon Dan Stork's advice) regarding getting MMNA's 2024 Tax Return filed. It was obviously a difficult time to be trying to get taxes done. I received one call from John, who stated that he didn't remember completing the 2023 MMNA Tax return. I told him that Dan Stork had assured me that he did and that MMNA had written a check for those services. He mentioned that MMNA wouldn't have a tax liability anyway. I sent him what financial information I thought he would need.
- He never got back to me.
- I don't know how to resolve this situation.

TO DO: Joe should look on MMNA google drive to see if tax documents are stored there.

TO DO: Joe should contact Dan Stork to get more information.

Discussion: Terry asked about MMNA insurance policy. Have we received a bill?

TO DO: Bill will contact insurance person since he initially set up policy when he was MMNA president.

Additional comment

- Back in March or April, I received an email from an individual (I don't remember his name, and I have since deleted the email) representing Chris Hanley's property management agency. He was interested in donating to MMNA road fund on behalf of Chris. I responded with email thanking him in advance and suggested he could just send a check since it would be easiest. I forwarded that email to some of you.
- I haven't received any further contact from this individual, nor has MMNA received a check from his agency but I understand Chris has inquired about whether a donation was made.
- I don't know how to proceed with this issue.

TO DO: Linda will send Chris Hanley's email to Joe to follow up on donation. **Done✓**

Discussion: Should we be investing the funds in our US Bank Account?

Geary suggested that since we have money in the bank, we should invest. He believes we should retain some funds in reserve for emergency road repairs. He reminded the group that the costs to make road repairs and obtain quality fill dirt is going up every year. He also has a list of road improvement projects for the future. Terry suggested that short-term CDs would be a good and low-risk option. Geary reminded the board that if we needed funds that were put into CDs would only lose the interest accrued, not the original amount invested. So, if we needed funds we could get the funds out of the CDs. Geary also suggested that we open an account with an investment firm, as they give a higher return than the bank.

Terry asked the group if they saw pros/cons. Daniel asked if investing would affect our non-profit status. Terry said no. MMNA is considered a club. She will look through notes to clarify our legal status.

Linda suggested we should do more projects with the money, instead of investing it. Joe asked if there were any road projects that should be done before we invest. Geary indicated not at this time.

TO DO: Terry asked Geary to create a list of potential road repair projects.

Geary and Terry do not feel the need to inform the community about our investment plans. Will agreed. We are also investing the funds in the US Bank account but the interest rate return is very, very low. So, we are just seeking a way to get a better interest rate on those funds.

Geary volunteered to set up the investment account. Joe will help manage the investment and Daniel will also be listed on the account. They will update the board every quarter on these investments.

How much do we invest? How much do we leave in the US Bank account? Geary suggested keeping \$12,000 in reserves and investing the remaining balance (\$15,000) in 3 month CD and 6 month CD. Geary/Joe/Daniel would assess whether to continue (roll over) the CDs as they come due. If we need cash for

road projects, we would not continue with a CD for that amount. As new donations come in, Geary/Joe/Daniel would discuss if/when we invest these funds.

~~MOTION TO CREATE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.~~

~~Retain \$12,000 in reserve in the US Bank account.~~

~~Invest \$7,500 in 3 month CD. Invest \$7,500 in 6 month CD~~

~~Geary/Joe/Daniel will be named on the investment brokerage account.~~

~~Geary/Joe/Daniel will invest the funds by the end of June 2025.~~

~~Geary/Joe/Daniel will review the investments in 6 months.~~

~~Any contributions received after today's meeting will remain in US Bank account & not invested at this time.~~

~~Geary/Joe/Daniel will report back at our next board meeting.~~

~~Bill Gilman made the motion to create investment account and invest the funds as indicated above. Daniel Brenner seconded the motion. No objections were noted. All in attendance were in favor (except Joe Ingram abstained, as he does not believe it is appropriate for the treasurer to decide on investment issues).~~

~~Investment strategy was adopted.~~

NOTE: At the January 10, 2026 board meeting the topic of creating an investment account was discussed and the group decided "TO TABLE" the investment account for now and to address and an upcoming board meeting.

- **Roads/Signs Report – Geary Hund**

Terry asked Geary's recommendation for repairing the hole at Quail Springs/Uphill, Desert Shadows/Quail Springs. Geary indicated that we could just ask Sean to fix these potholes quarterly. Terry asked Sean to have a conversation with Sean for the cost to do this quarterly. Joe asked Geary if this pothole is the biggest problem in the neighborhood. Uphill is the worst, Geary thinks we should maintain it depending on the costs. Rockhaven is also a problem. Geary thinks we should send a letter/email out about speeding.

- **Mailboxes -- Linda**

Dan Stork returned his MMNA mailbox keys. #13 mailbox on the right bank was then offered to new owners, Matt Palka and Kim Strouse on Wagon Wheel Rd. They accepted and gave \$150 via Zelle. Linda gave them mailbox use instructions and two keys to the mailbox.

TO DO: Bobby Furst remains on the Mailbox waiting list. **Done✓**

- **MMNA welcome packet**

Daniel, Diane Kuntz and Linda have been working on the welcome packet. Diane create a Welcome Packet folder, and she personally delivered it to two new neighbors. She said that it was well received.

4. Special Project Fire Hardening – Daniel

The issue of protecting our homes from wildlife risk has been raised by neighbor Jacqui Masson. She has sent Daniel information about the issue. Daniel indicated that we could send out information to the neighborhood outlining ways to protect your home. There is also the need to have better street signage in the Manor and access to fire hydrants, so that emergency vehicles and fire trucks can more efficiently locate an address. There is also a certification process that is more detailed and would require all properties to be involved. He believes receiving certification would reduce house insurance rates – but that would need to be clarified.

Daniel asked the board if this was something the board wanted to pursue. He stated that success would be (1) informing the community about fire abatement practices, and (2) installing new street signs where needed.

Feedback: We will need more funds for new street signs. Terry also suggested that we should poll our neighbors to see how they feel about this type of fire prevention project. She is concerned that we don't have the bandwidth on the board to take on this project directly. Will also expressed concern about burnout of board members with plenty on their plates already. Bill feels fire safe is better for everyone. Joe thinks this is a great idea. Joshua Basin Water District has recently painted all the fire hydrants in our area and clearing the area around them from brush.

MMNA would just be the clearinghouse for providing information to neighbors. Linda agreed to send out emails to neighbors. Geary agreed to buy/install new street signs. Daniel agreed that whatever we do moving forward he would be the liaison for MMNA.

TO DO: Daniel will reach out to Jacqui Masson for more details on the fire hardening project. Then we will invite her to a future MMNA board meeting to discuss the issue and how to move forward.

5. Social Project Walk Singletree - Bill

Bill had his first "Walk the Roads" and said that it was great with about 12 people joining at different times during the walk. The group discussed new roads to walk. Terry asked Bill how often we should hold a "walk the Roads". Bill thought that twice a year with cooler weather. He wasn't sure that ending the event at someone's house would necessarily work, as most folks were tired by the end of the walk. The group discussed a spring and fall walk (end of September).

TO DO: Bill will pick a date in the fall and determine road locations and make it a loop.

6. Next board meeting date, time and location

TO DO: Terry will pick dates for upcoming board meetings, every two months.

7. Other items

The group discussed electing Diane Kuntz on Rocking Chair Rd as a new At-Large board member. She has been active in creating the Monument Manor decal, Starry Nights postcard and a printed Welcome Packet. It was stated that we are allowed according to our by-laws to have four At-Large board members. We currently have three: Bill Gilman, Bobby Furst and Will Harner. Terry stated that due to a recent health issue Bobby Furst will remain as an At-Large board member but will be taking a leave of absence for now.

Geary Hund made the motion to add Diane Kuntz as an At-Large Board Member. Joe Ingram seconded the motion. No objections were noted. All in attendance were in favor.

TO DO: Terry will contact Diane to let her know and give her a brief outline of the position. **Done✓**

8. Adjourn 6:30pm

MMNA Annual Meeting.

Linda Doyle MMNA Secretary

