

# Minutes of MCNO Board Meeting: January 2nd, 2007

January 8, 2007 by Janet Ward Pease

## MCNO Board Meeting at Grace Episcopal Church

Board Member	Present	Absent	Comments
Virginia Blanque		Y	recovering from knee surgery
Val J. Dansereau	Y		
Bart Everson	Y		
Dawn Falgout-Loebig	Y		
Tracy Hamlin	Y		
Doug Joubert	Y		
Michael Homan	Y		
Natalie Lafont	Y		
Wendy Laker	Y		
Clay Latimer		Y	
Becker Rutledge		Y	recovering from flu
Richard LoRusso	Y		
Geneva Marney	Y		
Alene Peake	Y		
Doug Pease	Y		
Janet Ward Pease	Y		
Jeannette Thompson	Y		
Miles Trapolin		Y	
Jennifer Weishaupt	Y		
W. Brice White	Y		
Dr. Ronald Wismar		Y	

Meeting started with introductions.

Bart Everson passed out copies of the bylaws to every attending board member.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations and votes were taken for officers positions.

Position	Candidate	Nominated & 2nd'ed by:	Result
President	Wendy Laker	Janet Pease; Jeannette Thompson	Elected Unanimously
Chairperson	Rick LoRusso	Wendy Laker; Val Dansereau	Elected Unanimously
Vice-President	Jennifer Weishaupt	Wendy Laker; Dawn Loebig	Elected Unanimously
Secretary	Janet Ward Pease	Bart Everson; Natalie Lafont	Elected Unanimously
Treasurer	Becker Rutledge	Michael Homan; Doug Joubert	Elected Unanimously
Membership Coordinator	Geneva Marney	Michael Homan; Janet Ward Pease	Elected Unanimously

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

After election of officers, remaining Board members volunteered for committee chairmanships based upon their interests and qualifications and the areas of need:

Committee	Chair & Notes
City Services	(Virginia Blanque will be asked to chair committee.)
Communications (build a robust communications network for Mid City neighbors by working with the Membership Coordinator, the Newsletter editor, the Webmaster, and community volunteers)	Bart Everson (who will also remain MCNO's Webmaster)
Crime Prevention & Safety	Clay Latimer will be asked to chair committee; Alene Peake will attend 3rd district NONPAC mtgs and report back to Clay; will aks Angela Brenneke if she will report on the 1st district.
Economic Development	Jennifer Weishaupt
Education	Michael Homan
Fundraising	(no chair appointed yet)
Governance	Doug Pease
Green Space / Public Space (including new community center project at Comisky Park)	Doug Joubert (Brenda Napolitano has indicated willingness to take lead role with Comisky Park community center project)
Healthcare	(no chair appointed; undetermined whether or not it makes sense to have a healthcare committee at the neighborhood level since decisions on healthcare services are being made Citywide. )
Housing	Brice White
Library (new committee to handle efforts related to new Mid City library branch)	Jeannette Thompson
Newsletter	Natalie Lafont
Transportation	Tracy Hamlin
Work with Mercy Corps on establishing a Rebuilding Center in Mid City	on hold until determine what Mercy Corps needs from MCNO
Zoning - Commercial	Val Dansereau
Zoning - Residential	Miles Trapolin

## TERMS OF OFFICE

The entire MCNO Board came up for re-election in December, 2006. This situation makes it possible that a new Board could be elected which would include no one with prior MCNO Board member experience. Consequently, MCNO prefers to have staggered Board terms of office from this point forward so that only half the Board will be renewed in any single year. To accomplish this, of those elected in December, 2006, approximately half will serve a 1-year term and the remainder will serve a 2-year term. To determine which individuals will serve 1-year and which will serve 2-year terms, the list of Board members were divided into two groups alphabetically (10 in 1st group and 11 in second group) and the 1-year terms were assigned to the 1st group by the flip of a coin. Here is the list of term expiration dates:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Virginia Blanque	December, 2007
Val J. Dansereau	December, 2007
Bart Everson	December, 2007
Dawn Falgout-Loebig	December, 2007
Tracy Hamlin	December, 2007
Doug Joubert	December, 2007
Michael Homan	December, 2007
Natalie Lafont	December, 2007
Wendy Laker	December, 2007
Clay Latimer	December, 2007
Becker Rutledge	December, 2008
Richard LoRusso	December, 2008
Geneva Marney	December, 2008
Alene Peake	December, 2008
Doug Pease	December, 2008
Janet Ward Pease	December, 2008
Jeannette Thompson	December, 2008
Miles Trapolin	December, 2008
Jennifer Weishaupt	December, 2008
W. Brice White	December, 2008
Dr. Ronald Wismar	December, 2008

## **OTHER ISSUES**

### **ENDYMION**

Jennifer Weishaupt and Janet Pease asked the Board to try to attend Thursday's City Council meeting to request that the Endymion parade roll in Mid City this year although the Mayor and Police Chief Riley want to keep it Uptown. Jennifer will make a statement to the Council on behalf of MCNO. Also, Jennifer said that if Endymion cannot parade in Mid City this year, MCNO would ask the Council for a resolution saying that the parade will return to Mid City in the future.

### **CHOCOLATE AFFAIR**

The date of this year's Chocolate Affair fundraiser will be April 1st.

### **FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

- Hear reports from committee chairs explaining goals for the year set by their committee. (Committees to meet prior to Feb Board meeting.)
- Determine the year's schedule for Board and membership meetings and publish it.
- Determine committee assignment for Board member Ron Wismar.

*These minutes approved by MCNO Board on February 6, 2007*