

**MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING - Monday 7/7/25 7:00 PM - 8:00****Refer to last page for contact information****Serbian Church/Four Seas - 1910 Serbian Drive**

Role	Who	What
<b>President</b>	Paul Sableman	<p><b>Welcome everyone!</b></p> <p><b>Regular Meeting Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Government Officials ~ 10 minutes</li> <li>- General Updates ~ 10 minutes</li> <li>- Committee Admin Updates ~ 10 minutes</li> <li>- Guest - Heybet Sun, Cartopia Auto Sales ~ 10 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>McKinley Heights NH Association Website link: <a href="https://www.mckinleyheights.org/">https://www.mckinleyheights.org/</a></b></p>

**Government Official Updates**

Office	Role	Who	What
<b>SLMPD</b>	Public Affairs Officer	Officer Kanisha Roberts	Crime stats City police updates General Q & A
<b>Board of Aldermen</b>	8th Ward Alderwoman-Elect	Jami Cox Antwi	General Updates
<b>Neighborhood Improvement Specialist</b>	Representative from the city to help with NH issues	Alexander Weir (Paul to provide updates)	General updates
<b>State Representative</b>	78th District Rep	Marty Joe Murray	General updates

**MHNA Board Topics:**

Role	Who/Chair	What
<b>President and VP</b>	Paul Sableman, Shedrick Kelley	<p><b>General Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board openings - unfilled positions of Secretary and Safety, Beautification &amp; Branding, Social Media</li> <li>• <b>Jack in the Box;</b> working with owner and CSB to cover graffiti (again), owner has a lease signed with new tenant and hopes to have a construction eta this month.</li> <li>• <b>Fiscal Year 2026 Membership - Please pay dues if you haven't already</b></li> </ul>
<b>Secretary</b>	Paul Sableman (chair pending)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/2/25 meeting minutes</li> </ul>



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<b>Treasurer</b>	Dan Humphrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treasurer's Report - May and June</li> </ul>
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Jim Sonnemaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates as needed</li> </ul>
<b>Committee Updates</b>		
<b>McKinley Meadows</b>	Bryan Dematteis - Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates as needed</li> </ul>
<b>Development</b>	Jami Cox-Antwi - Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential new infill project at 2261 Indiana</li> </ul>
<b>Projects &amp; Outreach</b>	Alex Winters, - Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for a block party later this year - more to come</li> </ul>
<b>Block Captain Committee</b>	Chair TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue getting plan and communication ready to notify residents</li> <li>Will continue to look for new block captains as we evolve this committee</li> </ul>
<b>Vacant Properties</b>	Billy Croghan - Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Geyer and MS property</li> <li>Meetings forthcoming on Waverly Place Associates properties</li> </ul>
<b>Safety, Beautification and Branding</b>	Chair Pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>
<b>Web Development</b>	Jason Antwi, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latest site updates, association feedback</li> </ul>
<b>Other Topics and/or Guests</b>		
	<b>Heybet Sun of Cartopia Auto Sales</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated detail on proposed plans for 2255 McNair</li> </ul>



# McKinley Heights Neighborhood Association (MHNA) Meeting Notes

Date: June 2nd, 2025

## I. Neighborhood Updates

- **Jack-in-the-Box Site Redevelopment:**

- The property on Gravois has a signed Letter of Intent with a new tenant—a small Mexican restaurant chain (4-5 locations).
- Exterior improvements are part of their planned renovations.

- **Dues Reminder:**

- The new fiscal year began last month. Members were reminded to pay dues; see Dan to submit.

## II. Tornado Relief Efforts

- **North City Relief Initiatives:**

- Action St. Louis is coordinating grassroots relief at O'Fallon Park YMCA.
- New hours: Tuesday–Friday, 11am–4pm.
- Needed donations include:
  - Canned food, snacks, hygiene products (e.g., deodorant, adult diapers, lotion)
  - Baby items (Pedialyte, baby food, distilled water)
  - Cleaning supplies, shovels, and other tools
- Updates available via Facebook and Instagram: People's Response and Action St. Louis.

## III. Police Report – Officer Roberts

- One auto theft in the past 28 days.
- SkyCop camera units are currently prioritized for disaster relief zones.
- Residents discussed the need for updates on calls for service and more localized data on incidents.

## IV. State Representative Update – Rep. Marlene Terry (78th District)



- **Legislative Session Summary:**

- Passed more amendments than any other Democrat this session.
- Secured ~\$2M in funding for the district.
- Key focus: revitalization of downtown/Main Street and public safety legislation.

- **Challenges:**

- Senate dysfunction disrupted several progressive initiatives.
- Notable issues: DEI ban, policing control removed from the city, threats to ballot initiatives.

- **Upcoming:**

- A July town hall is being planned.
- Special legislative session called by the Governor is in progress.

## **V. Alderperson Candidate Forum**

Each candidate was given 5 minutes for remarks followed by Q&A. Highlights below:

### **Jami Cox Antwi**

- McKinley Heights resident and Vanderbilt/Tsinghua alum.
- Experience in affordable housing and community development at US Bank.
- Priorities: legislative action, budget oversight, public safety, neighborhood growth.
- Endorsed by multiple former alderpersons including Cara Spencer.

### **Jim Dallas**

- Retired actuary with finance/legal background.
- Former SRG president; spearheaded expansion of Soulard's Community Improvement District.
- Priorities: downtown revitalization, fiscal oversight, community building.

### **Alicia Hoyt**

- 20-year small business owner (photography studio); resident of Benton Park.



- Focuses: traffic calming, park safety, equitable city services, government transparency.
- Emphasized parent perspective and grassroots organizing experience.

### **Shedrick "Nato Caliph" Kelly**

- McKinley Heights resident for nearly a decade.
- Emphasized on-the-ground involvement and responsiveness.
- Priorities: city cleanliness, safety, active engagement with underserved areas.

### **Q&A Topics:**

- City manager proposal: All candidates expressed support in principle, emphasizing need for clearer details.
- First board bill if elected:
  - Jami: zoning reform tied to SLU/Zoning overhaul
  - Jim: influence on Rams settlement fund allocation
  - Alicia: immediate traffic calming implementation
  - Shedrick: support for Board Bill 23 (tenant protections)

## **VI. Special Presentation: Business Permit Appeal**

- **Mr. Sun (Cartopia Lot Expansion):**
  - Seeking community support for conditional use permit to convert 2255 McNair into a secure vehicle display lot.
  - Plans include fencing, pavement, lighting, and cameras with an \$80K budget.
  - Discussion included neighborhood concerns about aesthetics, use compliance, and prior behavior of employees.
  - Mr. Sun stated no repairs or detailing will occur on-site—only parking and showing vehicles.

## **VII. Committee & Neighborhood Updates**



- **Garden Committee (Bryan via proxy):**

- Garden workday moved to Saturday, Noon–2pm, ahead of Spring Party.

- **Development (Jamie Cox):**

- Update forthcoming on neighborhood historic code reform. Committee reviewing code dating back to 2005.

- **Events Committee (Laura & Alex):**

- Spring party scheduled for Saturday at 5pm.
- Request to increase event budget from \$1,500 to \$1,800 was unanimously approved.

- **Block Captain Program (Ben):**

- 6 of 10 blocks staffed.
- Community outreach letter being finalized to collect contact info and engage residents.

- **Vacant Properties (Billy):**

- Concerns raised about unpermitted construction on a fire-damaged property (2209 Geyer).
- Ongoing focus on properties owned by absentee landlords using multiple LLCs.
- Active effort to reduce vacancy in the area around Geyer and McNair.

## **VIII. Final Notes & Reminders**

- **Community Gravel Offer:** Free landscaping gravel available behind 2037 Allen.
- **Dues Reminder:** If you haven't paid yet, please see Dan.
- **Meeting Adjourned**



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### **Membership (Fiscal year: April 2025 to May 2026)**

	Person	Household
Owner:	\$20	\$25
Renter:	\$15	\$20
Business:	\$35	

### **Contact Information**

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MHNA	Beautification, Safety and Branding	chair pending	TBD	TBD
MHNA	Block Captain Committee	Chair pending		TBD