



# 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		
President	Paul Sableman	Welcome everyone!  Regular Meeting Agenda  - Government Officials - General Updates - Committee Admin Updates - Guest - Heybet Sun, Cartopia Auto Sales  McKinley Heights NH Association Website link: https://www	~ 10 minutes ~ 10 minutes ~ 10 minutes ~ 10 minutes <b>v.mckinleyheights.org/</b>	

## **Government Official Updates**

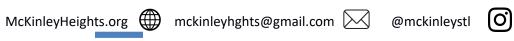
Office	Role	Who	What
SLMPD	Public Affairs Officer	Officer Kanisha Roberts	Crime stats City police updates General Q & A
Board of Aldermen	8th Ward Alderwoman-Elect	Jami Cox Antwi	General Updates
Neighborhood Improvement Specialist	Representative from the city to help with NH issues	Alexander Weir (Paul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

## **MHNA Board Topics:**

Role	Who/Chair	What
President and VP	Paul Sableman, Shedrick Kelley	<ul> <li>General Updates</li> <li>Board openings - unfilled positions of Secretary and Safety, Beautification &amp; Branding, Social Media</li> <li>Jack in the Box; 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>Fiscal Year 2026 Membership - Please pay dues if you haven't already</li> </ul>
Secretary	Paul Sableman (chair pending)	6/2/25 meeting minutes















Role	Who/Chair	What			
Treasurer	Dan Humphrey	Treasurer's Report - May and June			
Parliamentarian	Jim Sonnemaker	Updates as needed			
	Committee Updates				
McKinley Meadows	Bryan Dematteis - Chair	Updates as needed			
Development	Jami Cox-Antwi - Chair	Potential new infill project at 2261 Indiana			
	Alex Winters, - Chair	Planning for a block party later this year - more to come			
Block Captain Committee	Chair TBD	<ul> <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>			
	Billy Croghan - Chair	<ul> <li>Update on Geyer and MS property</li> <li>Meetings forthcoming on Waverly Place Associates properties</li> </ul>			
Safety, Beautification and Branding	Chair Pending	• TBD			
Web Development	Jason Antwi, Chair	Latest site updates, association feedback			
Other Topics and/or Guests					
	Heybet Sun of Cartopia Auto Sales	Updated detail on proposed plans for 2255 McNair			





# 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.

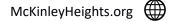
#### Jim Dallas

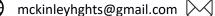
- Retired actuary with finance/legal background.
- Former SRG president; spearheaded expansion of Soulard's Community Improvement District.
- Priorities: downtown revitalization, fiscal oversight, community building.

### **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
  - o 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.
  - o Discussion included neighborhood concerns about aesthetics, use compliance, and prior behavior of employees.
  - o 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):**

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

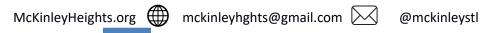
## **Vacant Properties (Billy):**

- Concerns raised about unpermitted construction on a fire-damaged property (2209 Geyer).
- o Ongoing focus on properties owned by absentee landlords using multiple LLCs.
- o 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**















## 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	Projects & Outreach - Chair	Alex Winters		lxwntrs@gmail.com
MHNA	McKinley Meadows- Chair	Bryan Dematteis	-	mckinleymeadowsstl@gmail.com
MHNA	Vacant Properties Chair	Billy Croghan	(314) 640- 9381	billy@croghanhome.com
MHNA	Beautification, Safety and Branding	chair pending	TBD	TBD
MHNA	Block Captain Committee	Chair pending		TBD