

## BMNA Minutes

June 9, 2010

**Present:** Larry Skov, Vice President; Adam Maki, Co-Treasurer; Greg Froehle, Area 1; Dave Holets, Area 1; Linda Shaheen, Area 2; Dave Wahlstedt, Area 2; Sue Verrett, Area 2; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; Stephen Harvey, Area 7; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle editor/Community Schools Liaison; Scott McLaughlin, NRP chair,

**Guests in attendance:** Lisa Goodman, City Council Rep; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Rick Pertile, Area 3; Matt Stark, Area 4; J. Pam Weiner, Friends of The Wildflower Garden; Claudia Egglehoff, Wendy Nove, BM Presbyterian Church, Ted Kiesselbach, Area 7

### 1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Larry Skov at 7:05 in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. A quorum was present. Introductions made.

### 2. Approval of consent agenda

Minutes of last month's meeting.

Today's agenda

Acceptance of this month's Financial Report; available at our website.

Moved by Jay, seconded by Barry.

### 3. City Updates- Lisa Goodman, City Council Member

Lighting for BMNA downtown area approved. Lisa thanked neighbors for working on this. Repaving starting.

Construction is allowed at 7:00 am., not 6:00!

Very impressed with the solar project; cutting edge. She congratulates the neighborhood for this. Lisa's office sent out News Bites-describes the funding for NRP; will be funded at 100%. No Lunch with Lisa in June; back in July.

### 4. Neighborhood Coordinator Update

The ice cream social will held July 20. Scott passed out welcome packets that Patty sent.

### 5. Garage Sale

Final report- in the June Bugle

### 6. Bugle Report-JoEllyn Jolstad

Distributed a copy of who is advertising with the Bugle. As announced at the annual dinner, the neighborhood coordinator position will be advertised this summer.

### 7. NRP Report-Scott McLaughlin

Distributed a written report of strategies, summaries, and financial balances. Pointed out that the \$54,000 that was being held because of the 80% cap would now be available. Discussed the process for initiating new projects for NRP dollars. Send ideas to Scott for discussion. A small committee might be formed to work on the idea. All ideas are eventually approved by the BMNA board. Ideas should be placed within one of the existing NRP strategies. City NRP also needs to approve expenditures. Will put the NRP report on the website.

CEE Energy workshops. We have 60 residents signed up for the June 17 and 22 energy workshops. There is a city wide competition-the neighborhood with the highest percentage of participants might receive a \$5000 bonus for the neighborhood. Continue to recruit neighbors to be a part of this. We want to meet our goal of 100 participants.

Downtown project is in the final stages of NRP approval. Taking down the sodium lights. Four LED street lights will be installed. LED lights will be ½ the cost. Will involve cleaning up the corner of Cedar Lake Rd and Penn.

Solar grant open house on June 16. Three types of solar projects being funded—solar voltaic, solar thermal water heating systems, solar space heating. NRP is supportive of options. Up to \$2000 given to neighbors with qualifying projects. We have \$40,000. A lottery will be held if there are more proposals than dollars.

**Rain Gardens**-This will be a July project. In the process of organizing a committee; Dave Logsdon is chairing. Participants will receive a consultation and design plan for a \$25 co-pay. We are working with Betsy Rice look at a neighborhood wide rain garden and grant.

Meeting with NCEC representatives-They are gathering data about neighborhood concerns. NRP program is phasing out, NCEC will be taking over. They have a website if reps want to find out more.

**Hour Car**-Claudia Egglehoff

Car can be used for weekends. Use is up but want to increase memberships. Regular joining fee is \$50; cutting joining fee in half. There is also a coupon in Blue Sky book.

8. **Chimney Swift Tower Project**- Rick Pertile and Claudia Egglehoff  
Rick and Claudia submitted a proposal for a grant to build a chimney swift tower in Wirth Park. Barry moved, Dave L. seconded that we accept the offer of a grant given by the Audubon Society of Minnesota in conjunction with Parks and Rec for \$700. The neighborhood association will be the pass through agent. Dollars will be used to build a chimney swift tower in JD Rivers Children's Garden. Rick presented information on chimney swifts, a declining species. They eat 10,000 insects a day. There will also be a kiosk. Grantors are requesting \$150 from the neighborhood association to pay for the education information on the kiosk. Steve shared a concern that construction at Wirth might conflict with this project. Claudia will pursue this. Rick will submit an article about chimney swifts for the Bugle.
9. **Eloise Butler**-Pam Weiner, President of the Friends of Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden.  
Pam discussed the history of the Loppet. It was routed next to the back gate of Eloise Butler. Major trail grooming comes right next to the garden. In 2007 a proposal was made to reroute a small part of the trail away from the back gate. A change in commissioners, the south Wirth woodland project, and attention on south Wirth in general have moved this project forward. It's possible this may happen this fall. John Munger, President of the Nordic Ski Association, is cooperating with this plan. There could be disturbances if the trail is moved. Large equipment will need to be used. Pam would be willing to arrange a walk for anyone who wants to see how the path is changing.
10. **BM Presbyterian Church Renovation**- Wendy Nove, chair of the project.  
The church is breaking ground next month, around July 12; hoping to be done by December. Changes will make the building handicapped accessible, create more friendly spaces for kids, increase energy efficiency, and provide more usable rooms. The addition will be on the east end of the building. The construction trailer will be kept on the property. Coordinating with street work. Email [wendy@wknove.com](mailto:wendy@wknove.com) if you have questions.
11. **Website Review**-Dave Holets  
Dave would like suggestions. At this time he's putting everything on the front page. The website costs us \$200 per year Question about whether we can put advertising up on the website; would that raise dollars for the neighborhood association? As we look to the future, what are our goals for the website? The Communication Committee will address this at their next meeting.
12. **Update on BMNA Community Projects**
  - Downtown kiosk project-no news
  - Ash Borer project-Jessica Wiley
    - Article in June Bugle. Creating a graphic for helping neighbors make decisions. Still exploring whether we can get a reduced rate for neighborhood-wide use of a treatment.

### **13. Standing Committee Reports**

- Redistricting- no report
- Land Use-no report
- Schools Committee-Lynda Shaheen
  - Committee met in May with school board member Pam Costain. Discussed board priorities and direction for the future. School Board election in fall. Article in Bugle will explain process.
- Traffic-no report
- Parks and Rec-no report
- Communications Committee – Jay Peterson
  - Letter to the editor policy placed in Bugle.
- BFR Committee- no report

### **14. Treasurers Report**

Membership letters mailed to those who have contributed in the past but not yet joined this year. Financial report available online.

### **15. Reports from BMNA Reps to Affiliated groups**

BCV-ROC— no report  
SWLRT-no report  
Cedar Lake Parks-no report

### **16. Discussion Items and Announcements**

Juneteenth will not be at Wirth Park due to renovation. Will be at Mississippi North Regional Park, June 19.

Dave Logsdon brought up a need for more volunteers for the community gardens and planters. Suggestions made to work with the NRP parks committee or the garden club. Dave Wahlstedt volunteered to follow up on this.

### **17. Adjourned at 8:54 PM**

Submitted by Jessica Wiley for Claire Plank