

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday – April 12, 2006

Call to Order and Introductions:**Kevin Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm**

Present: Kevin Thompson, President; Marlin Possehl, co-Vice President; Joanna Danks, co-Vice President; Greg Lecker, NRP Chair; Vida Ditter, Neighborhood Coordinator; Lynda Shaheen, Area 2 Rep; Jessica Wiley, Area 3 Rep; Alan Torborg, Area 4 Rep; Robert Lindquist, Area 5 Rep; Barry Schade, Area 6 Rep; Mike Pengra, Area 7 Rep.

Guests: Grant Martin, Maxfield Research; Dick Heglund, Area 6.

Approval of Agenda and March 8, 2006 Minutes: Approved as written.

City Council Report: CM Goodman absent for Passover. However, she forwarded two pieces of information:

1. With respect to the road resurfacing work completed on all streets in Area 1 and 2: “In the case of *Curiskis v. the City of Minneapolis*: I am pleased to report a favorable court decision in the above referenced matter. This case arose from the appeal of approximately 40 property owners who challenged the special assessments of their property for road renovation. The City brought a motion to dismiss before Hennepin County District Court Judge McShane as to all but one of the appellants. This motion was granted. Subsequently, the City brought a summary judgment motion. On April 4, 2006, Judge McShane granted our (the City’s) motion and dismissed the case with prejudice.”
2. A Bryn Mawr resident complained to both city and park police of a man living in Wirth Park for the past year, creating large amounts of debris, some of which was falling into Bassett Creek. Neither city nor park police had responded to the complaint. So, the complaint was forwarded to CM Goodman’s office.
 - a. CM Goodman sent a note immediately to Chief Brad Johnson of the Park Police. “Please let me know when and how you plan to have the park police handle this problem.”

Industrial Land Use Survey: Grant Martin – Examining, for the City, current and future industrial market trends in Minneapolis; determining where market demand exists for industrial uses and propose a policy and land use framework that will guide future land use decisions. The research has included jobs analysis, land analysis, neighborhood meetings, focus groups with brokers, businesses and business owners, and industrial employer survey. Finished study will be presented to the City Council on May 5. Maxfield Research is not making any recommendations other than what ROC has recommended for the Bassett Creek Valley – are supporting the ROC recommendations – since ROC is already asking for living wage jobs in the Valley.

Potential future sites- SEMI and Shoreham Yards. Uses are and will mostly be light industrial, though there will still be some heavy industrial in the city of Minneapolis. There will be a natural transitioning from heavy industrial to light industrial over the coming years - light industrial provides entry level jobs at higher proportions than other land uses – trade off is employment per acre is lower than for other uses, but a lot of the 21st century high tech businesses are light industrial. A lot of support in communities next to industrial uses, especially when neighborhoods are buffered from the industrial uses and their trucks, and appreciate the jobs they provide.

BMNA.org Funding - Alan Torborg

Web hosting fees are due in May, \$110. Send ideas for enhancements to the website to Alan. Also, please refer any one who is interested in helping to maintain the website – suggestion that Alan should

write a small article for the Bugle asking for help and ideas for enhancements

Annual Meeting/Dinner Planning and Budget – Marlin Posschl and Joanna Danks

Is on May 10 and starts at 6 pm: budget set at \$1,000 – BMNA to order chicken and a roasted veggie platter; discussion about door prizes and entertainment; La Creche will provide the daycare for the young; invitations to be sent to elected officials (Vida to provide a list of names and email addresses to Marlin). There will be no BMNA business meeting on the 3rd Wednesday in May – Next formal BMNA meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday, June 14. This meeting will be held in the basement of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve during the event, and help cleanup. Set up begins at 5 pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary School. Anyone willing to volunteer should contact Joanna Danks.

Land use report: Vida Ditter

Land Use meeting held on April 5. CM Lisa Goodman joined the Committee for a discussion of land uses in Bryn Mawr. Mike Palm discussed next steps for the Palm Properties with LUC. LUC Recommendation, approved by BMNA. Next step for Mike Palm is to design the actual project for Palm Properties. Design what is best for the site. Bring the plan back to the entire neighborhood for review and Comment. Start the dialogue once more with the neighborhood.

Other Land Uses in and around Bryn Mawr:

1. David and Greg Klopp – have bought 2909 Wayzata Boulevard and plan on changing it into an interior design company
2. Paul Stepnes and Bob Gustafson have signed a letter of intent for the 6 Stucki lots on Xerxes. Plan on replatting and building 4 homes on the property. Have asked Ted Wirth (grandson of Theodore Wirth and a landscaper in his own right) to assist with landscaping. Hope to condo-ize the four homes, association would own the land and homeowner would only own the land on which their house is built. LUC requests Paul and Bob share their actual plan, once designs are completed, and share with the neighborhood, which they have agreed to do.

Variances sought and recommendations from LUC:

1. Steve Maurelli variance for addition to his home on Penn Avenue. May need a variance if the city deems that the garage which shares a small section of common roof with the house is an attached garage, rather than a detached garage.
 - a. Recommendation: Land Use Committee voted to recommend to the BMNA support of Steve Maurelli's garage work. Land Use Committee deems the addition is a detached garage.
2. Stuart Flake needs one variance and 2 conditional for changes to his property at 1933 Ewing.
 - a. Recommendation: Land Use supports the variance and conditional uses requested, but will wait to make a formal recommendation to BMNA until Stuart files his plan with the city. Need to be sure that the plan presented to LUC is the exact same plan Stuart will file with the City.
3. Annie Pivek needs one variance – 2102 Cedar Lake is a reverse corner lot. House is being torn down and replaced. Variance requests that one side of the new building, on 21st street, be built with a 10 foot setback, same as other properties on the street.
 - a. Recommendation: LUC recommends approval of the variance request.

LUC discussed whether it should be involved in sending notes to homes needing visible external repairs. City Inspectors should be invited to check the neighborhood and LUC should not be doing the work of City Inspectors.

Recommendation: it is inappropriate for the Land Use Committee to be doing the City

inspectors' jobs. Each resident is able to call 311 to report a home is in visible disrepair. BMNA voted to accept all the LUC recommendations. BMNA requested that a boxed ad be placed in the Bugle on how 311 can be used

Request from a neighbor that the staff report on the Bryn Mawr Land Use Plan be published in the Bugle for all to read. Since the document is 7 pages long, it cannot be included in the Bugle. However, a link to the report will be placed on the BMNA.org web site.

Membership Drive Update – Marlin Possehl. Letter thanking those who've completed their membership cards mailed out. Included in the mailing were coupons from several of the businesses in Bryn Mawr. For future discussion - list skills the neighborhood needs, e.g. data processing, graphic design, etc., and ask if volunteers with these skills can help out – still need a secretary – Vida providing a list of those who have indicated they are willing to volunteer to the current BMNA secretary for finding a volunteer to succeed her in the post.

NRP – Bryn Mawr Phase II has been approved by the City Council – Rob Harris has offered to serve as NRP chair

Board Nominations Update:

- Ed Juda has agreed to serve as co - Vice President.
- Rob Harris has agreed to serve as NRP chair
- Still seeking the following volunteers:
 - Co-Area 2 representative
 - Co-Area 6 representative

Roundabouts: Vida Ditter and Steve Maurelli (traffic chair) attended a conference on roundabouts to see if a roundabout might be a successful method for slowing traffic on Penn Avenue. Will discuss further at the next traffic meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Potluck Dinner and Elections – 6 pm, May 10, 2006 in the Cafeteria of the Bryn Mawr Elementary School.

BMNA meeting - 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2006