



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Marlin called meeting to order and introductions made. Attendees as follows:
Board Members-Marlin Possehl-President; Ted Kiesselbach-Vice President; Liz Pederson-Co-Treasurer, Dave Holets-Co-Treasurer, Sandie Gay-Secretary, Scott McLaughlin-NRP/NCEC, Linda Shaheen-Area 2, Jessica Wiley-Area 3, Rick Carter-Area 3, Christopher Etz-Area 4, Dave Logsdon-Area 5, Barry Shade-Area 6, Jay Peterson-Area 6, Vida Ditter-Area 6, Andrew Kraling-Area 7, Stephen Harvey-Area 7, JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor.
Guests- Larry Hiscock-HNA, Director/Lead Organizer, Aster Nebro-HNA, Kari Anderson-HNA, Pamela McCain-HNA, Claudia Egelhoff-BM, Chris Kirwan-BM, Dylan Thomas-SW Journal.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda – Including: Moved, seconded and passed.
 - o Minutes of last month’s meeting
 - o Today’s Agenda
 - o Acceptance of this month’s Financial Report (available online)
3. City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman – Lisa was unable to attend the BMNA Board meeting this month. Late Night with Lisa is at the Normandy on Dec 19th.
4. Presentation by John Erickson, representing West Calhoun, Cedar-Isles-Dean and Kenwood Isles Neighborhood Associations: re: coalition letter from West Calhoun, Cedar-Isles-Dean and Kenwood Isles Neighborhood Associations. Concerned with “building it right” because either the freight or LRT would go by townhouses. The Neighborhood Associations would like to see a higher level of commitment from City and Park Board. Document (Joint Goals for SWLRT Design and Mitigation) was presented to SW neighborhood associations for agreement on planning principles. All elected officials have positive reaction although generic. BMNA is the third group for a presentation. Document distributed and discussion followed. Generally, well received. The goals stated are as follows:
 - a. Maintenance of current healthy, stable, livable communities.
 - b. Safety and enjoyment of parkland and trails for recreational users and bicycle commuters.
 - c. Protection of vital urban green space and wildlife habitat.
 - d. Maintenance or creation of traffic patterns that would ease congestion and enhance neighborhood livability.
5. Presentation on the HourCar by Claudia Egelhoff-Goal is to add 20 new members in two years. There have been 13 new members since November 2009 and there are 29 unique users of car (including members from other areas). Averaging 3 hours of use per day. Continuing with recruitment efforts through distribution of information to homes in Bryn Mawr and Harrison neighborhoods, specials for all local school employees, distributions to neighborhood organizations in Harrison, ads in the Bugle, and posters in Bryn Mawr businesses.
6. Presentation by Harrison Neighborhood representatives on development plans for a Linden Yards Layover Facility: A power point presentation on the Harrison Neighborhood described the neighborhood vision, history, statistics, Bassett Creek Master Plan and impacts on neighborhood by proposed development. A letter was sent to the Mayor of Minneapolis and other authorities involved in the development decisions in which a full Environmental Justice review was called for prior to any final decisions on the Linden Yards Layover Facility. Harrison Neighborhood Association opposes rail storage on that site. Ryan has development rights and their proposal includes office towers. Vida Ditter spoke in favor of the development proposal.

7. Wirth/Brownie Lake CAC updates- 2nd meeting for development at Brownie Lake was held and the consultants will start making proposals. There is information on the Park Board website.
8. Wirth Park-Feasibility study underway for area on former Par 3 course. MPRB/Wirth. A storage structure is proposed. The walkway around Wirth Lake is well done.
9. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report – out of town for the holidays.
10. JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report-No Bugle in January, next in February. JoEllyn has connected with a potential volunteer.
11. Treasurer’s report– Liz Pederson/Dave Holets-Statement sent by email and distributed. \$1200 will be separate line item for Community Ed. The full statement is posted on BMNA website.
12. Bugle Editor update – Ted Kieselbach-Confirmation of one applicant for job of Bugle Editor. The Communications Committee recommends JoEllen Jolstad’s contract be extended. Minor change to scope of services. There is no conflict of interest for Jo Ellen to be on Schools Committee. Moved and seconded that JoEllen’s contract be extended. Passed.
13. NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin
 - NRP status update-\$7000 check for funding neighborhood improvements from City of Mpls. \$20,000 NRP funds to be used for downtown façade improvement program.
 - Projects-Rain garden participants are getting \$\$\$\$ back for expenses. Have had positive response.
13. Safety/Traffic Committee-Found Co-Chair in Area 3. Still need another volunteer.
14. LRT Project updates
 - Station Area Strategic Planning
 - Hennepin Co CAC – Barry
 - Other-Vida Ditter will send around position statement for the Linden Yards Layover facility. Preliminary engineering to start in the new year.
15. Garden projects – Dave L on hold for winter
16. Standing Committee Reports

Committee Reports

 - Redistricting Cmte / Report – Barry
 - Land Use Committee Report— Fruen Mills email passed around.
 - *No variance requests this month*
 - Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen – Jessica Wiley-On the issue of administrative transfers, there was an agreement to review policy. Bullying policy in place. Cost of soccer improvements estimate is \$80,000. School choice changes will be discussed in Jan.
 - Communications Committee – Jay-Clarification of use of distribution list-primarily for Board use i.e. event notification and is not for political use, surveys, commercial, etc. Patty is gatekeeper of the list. The standing committees will be listed on website.
17. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups (BCV-ROC, SWLRT, CL Parks)
18. Discussion Items and Updates and Announcements:
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19. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, Jan 11th**
7:00 p.m., BM Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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