



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2011, 7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

1. Call to Order and Introductions –  
The following Board Members attended:  
Marlin Possehl-President, Ted Kiesselbach-Vice President, Dave Holets-Co-Treasurer, Greg Froehle-Area 1 Rep, George Seebach-Area 2 Co-Rep, Susan Verrett-Area 2 Co-Rep, JoEllyn Jolstad-Area 4 Rep and Bugle Editor, Dave Logsdan-Area 5 Rep, Jay Petersen-Area 6 Co-Rep, Andrew Kraehling-Area 7 Co-Rep, Steven Harvey-Area 7 Co-Rep, Scott McLaughlin-NRP/NCEC.  
The following guests attended:  
Paul Johnson and Lauren Rimestad-People Serving People, Yonethan Guthmann-Area 7 Visitor, Matt Stark-Area 4 Visitor.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda – Including: Consent Agenda moved to be accepted. 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 (possibly attending this month) No Report
4. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report-No Report
5. JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report
  - Bugle Editor update – Ted/Jay  
Notice for Editor position will be in September and October Bugle. Advertising editor position still open.
  - Next issue is the back to school issue. Good advertising and lots of summer interest in the Garden Tour and 100 hundred year old man.
6. ICSO report – Marlin  
Ice Cream Social very successful with great turnout, good return and hot weather.
7. People Serving People shelter presentation – requested, Lauren Rimestead  
People Serving People is an organization that houses up to 200 homeless kids and families at any one time. The families often leave with resumes, jobs or job applications, plus a care package provided by the organization. The clients are often the victims of domestic violence, evictions, job loss, sickness, family crisis, etc. The volunteers act as role models for the homeless and assist in helping them connect with resources needed. There is an increase in 2 parent families. Some are glad to be there and have moved out to become productive families. Volunteers are needed to model family values so that the families have a better chance to not fall victim to cycle of poverty. Any interested parties should check the website. There are currently 350 people at the shelter. Open atmosphere and kid friendly. Have lots of books and need volunteers for readers. An article will be included in the BMNA newsletter. See attachment for brochure and contact information.
8. PayPal proposal – Dave Holets  
Garden Group members discussed how to sell tickets coming up with suggestion to use PayPal. It is set up as a system to purchase items with link to personal credit card and the individual does not pay a fee. Suggestion to use for membership fees with link on BMNA website. Need someone to experiment with the account to determine how to use and separate payments for membership or tickets. Discussion tabled until next meeting.
9. NCEC report - Scott
  - NRP status update- Some energy audits still available for energy conservation.

- Projects-Rain Garden is currently maxed out with 2 people on waiting list. Plans sent to all members of group. 12 scheduled to be done in Sept and Oct using Metro Blooms for excavation. Not required to continue with Metro Blooms. Money available from Solar program so project can be expanded. Keep putting people on list. \$25 required.
  - Banner-BMNA Insurance Policy will cover liability and provide banner rider. City will not install but must go thru City approvals. Scott filling out application.
  - Committee for Continued improvements to downtown will reconvene and asked for volunteers. Marlin, Scott, Steve Harvey, Greg Lecker, Rob Harris, and Sandie Gay are signed up. \$20,000-\$40,000 may still be available. Some of the suggestions are for downtown gardens, improvements to schools, improvements to businesses.
  - Energy Audits-End of competition this fall and the winner will be announced.
10. Community Project committee report/recommendation – Rick/Jessica  
Work on 2012 project will begin soon.
11. LRT Project updates
- Station Area Strategic Planning
  - Hennepin Co CAC – Barry
  - St. Louis Park is proposing legal options to prevent freight rail going thru. Capstone Project documents were presented to County Commissioners and strong support was shown. Developers interested. \$80 per copy to print. PDF on website. Don't want to spend a lot of money on Penn Station. Move from cheaper to more expensive will need lots of work. Report will come out in October. Need document to be included in draft Impact Statement.
12. Garden project developments – Dave L  
Rain Garden, Community Garden, Garden Tour (Informal)- Committee developed ideas and worked on design. The Committee had a successful Work Day for weeding and replanting. DOT has not mowed near BM. Will contact to find out why and report back. The Bryn Mawr “letters” in hedge have deteriorated. Pedal to Petals was part 1 of revitalizing garden tours in Bryn Mawr. The follow-up will be the 2012 garden tour and volunteers are needed. Informal garden tour is scheduled for Aug 20 from 5pm. Invitation will be sent out to visit gardens, food will be at progressive garden stops. Email Ted to volunteer for 2012 Garden committee. Urban Reforestation -Looking for committee and Chair. Private landowners would be solicited to let trees be planted. For example, across from the Qwest Building, planting of prairie grass and trees is allowed. This committee would be a part of the Garden Committee and set up as a sub-committee. Published an article in the Bugle but can't find volunteers. . Work with public agencies.
13. Standing Committee Reports
- Redistricting Cmte / Report – Barry No Report
  - Land Use Committee Report— No Report
  - Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen  
Action for this Committee will start up again after school starts.
  - Communications Committee – Jay  
Preliminary report will be in November and recommendations in December.
14. Treasurer's report– Liz Pederson/Dave Holets  
Liz will investigate changing BMNA investments to make more interest. Perhaps, recommend putting 20% in riskier investments.
15. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups  
(BCV-ROC, SWLRT, CL Parks)
16. Discussion Items and Updates and Announcements:
- .Bryn Mawr Coffee Shop is closing Aug 31 after 17 years. The fundraising event was very successful and fun. They will be selling off equipment and furniture. Dave Holets presented a resolution: **BMNA Board wishes to thank the Owners of the Bryn Mawr Coffee Shop for their many years of active service to the community which contributed to the enrichment of our neighborhood. Their presence will be missed and best of luck for the future.** Seconded and passed.
  - Harvest Dinner- Input from Patty needed to confirm the date has been set for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November.

- Resolved by Scott for the Board to continue meeting in BM Church as the layout is more conducive for productive discussions. Dave H. spoke for continuing our meetings at BM Elementary School. Discussed the possibility of using Media Center and re-arranging the furniture. Discussion tabled.
- Suggestion was made to add a sign near the BMNA kiosk (Bulletin Board) next to Cock-a-Doodle-Do (makes vintage signs). Downtown Committee will look into the design. Perhaps, upgrade kiosk lighting and signage.

17. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, September 14**  
7:00 p.m., BM Elementary

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Garden Stroll Sat, Aug 20 – 5:00 pm.
- Harvest Dinner day/date?