



BMNA Reporter

**Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
Board Minutes
March 12, 2008**

Present

Marlin Possehl, President; Chad Smude, Co-Treasurer, Rachel Banken, Area 1, Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Rick Carter, Area 3; Barry Shade, Area 6; Carey Sirianni, Area 6; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Steve Harvey, Area 7, Rob Harris, NRP Chair; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda including

- Today's agenda
 - Acceptance of February Treasurer's Report
- Motion to approve and seconded

3. City Council Report Douglas Kress reported on behalf of Lisa Goodman

The Joffe appeal for a variance for signage will be heard in the city council chambers on March 27. Design Studio on Wayzata Blvd at Xerxes is proposing to include a coffee shop. A group is exploring buying the Discover Mortgage building for a Muslim center focused on culture and education. They would need a conditional use permit.

Lunch with Lisa will be held March 26. The city is discussing the pedestrian master plan. Rob Harris commented positively on the pedestrian focus. Tree Trust will again provide 1000 trees for \$25. Kress briefly commented on the library consolidation, the Step-Up program, and the progress with wireless Internet connection for Minneapolis

4. Activity report Neighborhood Coordinator- Possehl reported for Patty Wycoff

Wycoff met with Maggie, the program planner at Kenwood Park, to discuss events that could occur this summer at Bryn Mawr Meadows. Thinking about collecting and recycling used florescent bulbs as a neighborhood project.

5. Update from Nominations Committee and request for any changes anticipated

Elections in May for president, secretary, and even numbered area representatives. NRP chair will not be running again.

6. Update on website reconstruction committee

Ron Sterbenz submitted a written report. Work to convert the website to a tool that can be easily maintained will be starting on March 17 and completed by April 9. Our current website hosting company, Network Solutions, will draft the modified website and host its result.

7. Update on Bugle review.

No report

Committee Reports

8. Land Use Committee -

Possehl reported for Vida Ditter. Committee has discussed the sign appeal by the Joffe Company. Bryn Mawr was contacted by Tyrol Hills to discuss the impact of the West End development on the Area 2 frontage road.

9. NRP Funding and Committee Reports-Rob Harris

Harris referred to his request by email for ideas for the non-motorized transportation pilot program. He will be submitting a proposal by March 14.

- Housing Committee-no report
- Traffic Committee-Met with Commissioner Mark Stenglein about

slowing traffic on Penn. Harris was assured that the county would paint crosswalks at Penn and Cedar Lake Road. Larger stop signs will also be installed.

- Parks and Rec Committee-no report
- Schools Committee- Jolstad reported. Family Fun Night at Bryn Mawr Elementary will be held March 20. Target will be supporting the school with their "Hands On Schools" program. 50 Target volunteers will work at the school on April 30 to create a literacy oriented feel. Summer school will be offered from 7:30 -3:30 four days a week in July. This will have a negative impact on the Sports Arts program.

10. BFR Committee- (Fundraising)

The annual membership drive has raised \$9000 to date. 45 new neighbors joined, 150 renewed their membership from last year. Letters will be sent reminding neighbors to join. Area reps will be asked to make phone calls. We will again host a BMNA garage sale in May, and the ice cream social in July.

11. Reports form BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups

• ROC- Possehl reported. Property owners are worried about the height limit proposed on Glenwood. This will be the focus of the next meeting.

- LRT-Barry Shade reported. Will have a table about light rail at the annual meeting in May to showcase the variety of activities occurring around this development.

12. Discussion Items and Announcements

- The West End Development, near 394 and Park Place, was discussed.
 - o Future agenda topic on recycling toxic waste.
- Neighborhood Capitol Project. Carter reported. The process for selecting a project was approved in February. Ideas will be solicited from neighbors through the Bugle.

13. Adjourned at 8:26 PM

Submitted by Jessica Wiley for Lisa Mills

Wanted: Good Ideas for Improving the Neighborhood!

Over the last few years, the BMNA focused on redesigning the Upton Garden in Area 4. Board member Cathy Skalicky, who is a landscape architect, created a design, and with help from board members and committed neighbors, planned and carried out the planting of the garden.

The neighborhood association is soliciting ideas for our next

project. We will be collecting suggestions, which will be reviewed by a board committee and presented to the BMNA board for a vote. These projects are mainly supported with sweat equity and donations, although the board has a small budget to support some expenditures.

If you have an idea for a project, contact Jessica Wiley, jesswiley@comcast.net, or at 374-3481.