



BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, June 11th, 2008

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm
Approval of Agenda, Financial Report and March minutes:
Approved as written.

Attendance: Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Chad Smude, co-Treasurer; Lisa Mills, Secretary; Rob Harris, NRP Chair; Christopher Etz & Paul Markert, Area 4 co-Reps.; Robert Lindquist, Area 5 Rep.; Barry Schade, Carey Sirianni & Jay Peterson, Area 6 co-Reps.; Stephen Harvey, Area 7 Rep.; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator, and JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor. Also in attendance were neighbor Matt Stark; City Councilmember Lisa Goodman; Gen McJilton & Rick Collins from Ryan Companies; Mary Merrill Anderson, member at-large of the MPRB; Beth Grosen, City of Mpls CPED; Michael K. Boe from the Walker Library; and Dylan Thomas from the Southwest Journal.

City Council Report - Council Member Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa on July 23rd will feature Cynthia Loescher - Pres/CEO Republican National Host committee, to discuss how the convention will affect Minneapolis residents. There will also be representatives from the MPD and Mayor's office. In preparation for the convention, the city is launching a program to encourage residents to help clean up our city. They'll supply paint, or paint remover/scrubbers (for graffiti), or bags for trash pickup. For more info about this and upcoming 'Lunch with Lisa' events, call the hotline at 612.673.3195. Lisa also mentioned the positive progress of the Hennepin County & Minneapolis Library Systems integration, and passed out bookmarks, brochures and posters about the public library.

Before she left, Lisa was asked her opinion on a variance request -

she concurs with our LUC on denying the variance for a new, larger sign on the Bolin building.

Mary Merrill Anderson, VP MPRB and Bryn Mawr resident

The 'Summer Guide' is out - you should have received a copy in the mail.

We will have the summer playground program again at Bryn Mawr Meadows. The park will be staffed from 2-9pm M-F. Maggie Mercil, center Director at Kenwood, is managing the program. Email her with questions at mmercil@minneapolisparcs.org.

There will be 'guarded' beaches at Wirth Lake and Cedar Lake. It's the 125th year of Mpls Park system, and there will be lots of celebratory activities.

Ms. Anderson spoke in favor of a ballot initiative which will be on the ballot this Fall. It's a Constitutional Amendment, creating a 3/8 cent sales tax - the proceeds of which would go to clean water, land, parks/trails, and legacy arts & historical facilities. She stated that our immense water resources have been ignored, and we need to put more resources there to save the waterways, State Parks etc...

There will be buckthorn removal in Wirth Park again this year.

The MPRB is still working on a master plan for Brownie Lake - to build upon the buckthorn removal and erosion control done last year. They're considering paths, etc. - now's the time to give input to your MPRB rep. - ours is Tracy Nordstrom.

They have adopted the Comprehensive Plan - it's on the website. You can also get a copy if you call the Park Board, or check their website.

BCV-ROC

Presentation on changes in development plans for Bassett Creek Valley - Gen McJilton and Rick Collins from Ryan Companies, along with Beth Grosen from the City, outlined the revised plans for developing the Bassett Creek Valley area.

The full Power Point of their presentation and the proposed changes can be found at

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/bassett_creek_valley_rfp_home.asp.

After the presentation, Barry Schade brought up issues with Kenwood and Cedar Isles opposition to LRT routing - he said the other neighborhoods represent our position (at the ROC) as neutral on both the Bassett Creek development, and the proposed routes of LRT. We are NOT neutral - we have passed a resolution in favor of the Kennilworth Trail alignment, and a station at Penn Ave. The Board discussed passing another resolution, in favor of the current plan by Ryan Company and the Kennilworth alignment, which is vital to its success. A resolution will be written and voted upon at July's meeting.

Hennepin County Library

Michael K. Boe from the Walker Library spoke to the Board about the ongoing process of merging the Hennepin County and Minneapolis Library systems. He highlighted the many (free) Summer reading programs and activities at the libraries, and especially at the Walker Library.

Patty Wycoff, NC activity report

All 4 fire hydrants we've rented again for the Summer. They're locked, we have the combos somewhere, to hook up hoses to water our public gardens. She's also been helping with the planning of the Ice Cream Scoop-Off.

Land Use Committee

The LUC recommends denial of a variance requested by Bolin Advertising at 2523 Wayzata Blvd., for a larger exterior sign. A motion was made and seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to support the LUCs position. This is consistent with the position we've taken on requests of this kind in the past. Our neighbors have expressed their wish to maintain the 'neighborhood' feel along Wayzata Blvd., and not have the area turned into a field of giant billboards.

Budget/Fundraising Committee

The 2nd annual Ice Cream Scoop-Off will be held THURSDAY, July 24th - note the new day. The event will not be on the same night as the Aquatennial Torchlight Parade, this year. We have already received promises of donated ice cream from most of the vendors who participated last year, and are seeking some new ones, as well.

Membership fundraising has increased over last year at this time, however the number of households participating is down. The committee discussed ways - using Bob's terrific plan as a guide - to increase participation.

The Annual Meeting brought in quite a few new memberships, including some brand new neighbors!

NRP Report - Rob Harris

Sadly, this will be Rob's last report as NRP Chair - he will be sorely missed and we are still searching for his replacement! With that in mind,

Marlin, Ron & Chad will meet with Rob to ensure that they all understand NRP Funding and the Phase 2 contract, so that we can maintain continuance of oversight, in the interim.

Due to recent budget restrictions imposed by the NRP, Bryn Mawr has approximately \$110K to spend in all of Phase 2. The BMNA Board voted in November to keep the money allocated for Administration and Environment Categories in place.

The NRP Committee Chairs have recommended keeping the current funds targeted for Downtown (\$8K), Parks (\$6K), Traffic (\$34K) and Schools (\$5K) in those categories. Below is a summary of the NRP Committees activities - Rob will publish a more detailed report in the Bugle.

NRP Traffic Committee

The committee has been busy working on several issues, including crosswalk painting and new lighting at the Penn Ave. / Cedar Lake Rd. intersection; Sidewalk addition on the south Wayzata Blvd. frontage Rd; and traffic issues around the West End Development at I-394 and Hwy 100.

NRP Housing Committee

Approximately \$7,000 was left in the Housing Program fund. Rob recommended that the Board roll this money over to the Phase 2 Program which (according to Jim Hasnik of the CEE) could be used to fund some or all of the four remaining Phase 2 projects. A motion was made to move these funds and the Board voted unanimously to support this recommendation. Rob will follow up with CEE to ensure the funds are moved to the Phase 2 Home Improvement Program.

NRP Downtown Committee Greg Lecker and several other volunteers planted honey locust trees and other large flower beds at the downtown intersection - many of the plants donated by neighbors.

NRP Schools Committee

Why did we lose the summer sports/arts program at BME/Anwatin/Parkview? In part, because they struggled to get 30 kids signed up, which is the minimum they need. One issue is that the coordinator for community Ed in Bryn Mawr needs to get the word out so that people know how to sign up. Next year, we'll start working for it right away in the Fall, to make sure we get it back next Summer. Summer school will be full course in July for all 3 schools.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 9th, 7pm, in the conference room at Accent Signs at 2322 Chestnut (just off the Penn Ave bridge).

Upcoming Events -

- Ice Cream Scoop-Off, Thursday, July 24th at Cedar Lake Road and Penn Avenue.



Recycling

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste
(612) 673-2917

Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	July 14 July 28	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	July 7 July 21	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		July 8 July 22
Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle — 673-2917		