



# BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association  
Board Minutes September 9, 2009

**Present:** Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Ben Horn, Co-Treasurer; Adam Maki, Co-Treasurer; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Rick Carter, Area 3; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Co-Chair.

**Guests in attendance:** Mimi Bowen, Area 1; David Holets, Area 1; Dorene Scriven, Area 1; Nancy Arneson, Area 1; Matt Stark, Area 4; Kevin Johnson, Area 4; Davis Klaila, Area 6; Tim Hammett, MPD.

### Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 in the Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria. A quorum was present. Introductions made.

### Approval of consent agenda:

Approved with additions and changes to the agenda. Moved to approve by Barry, second by Jessica.

### Bike Trail Issue -Neighbors in Area 1

Neighbors have approached the Park Board to erect additional signs notifying bikers that bike trails are for there for multiple uses—walkers, bikers, skateboarders, etc The major issues are design of the trail, lack of signage, and speed of the users. The Park Board has agreed to put up the signs but nothing has happened to date. Board members expressed their concern. Marlin will contact Dick Adair and Vida Ditter from the Park liaison group to encourage the Park Board to put up the signs.

### Police Safety Report - Tim Hammett

Bryn Mawr leads Tim's areas in crime reduction; both burglary and theft are down. There were three burglaries; all unforced. The aggravated assault reported involved acquaintances and alcohol. Tim described the nuances between larceny (such as driving away from a gas pump) and robbery and burglary. Policing Plan Meeting on October 19 in Bryn Mawr. This is the neighborhood's opportunity to give input to the police department about crime prevention.

Tim continues to recruit people to take advantage of the home security evaluation.

In response to a question about whether increased bicycle ridership results in increased assault, Tim answered no from his point of view.

### Schools Report-Jessica Wiley

Jessica summarized the options presented in mid July by the Minneapolis Public Schools in their Changing Schools Option (CSO) plan and the response of the Schools Committee

to date. The committee sent a letter of response to school board members on behalf of the BMNA. Committee members are attending town hall meetings hosted by the school district on September 9 and 14. The BMNA Board reiterated their support to have the School Committee give input to the School Board with regard to the CSO plan.

### Land Use Committee- Marlin Possehl/ Kevin Johnson

A written summary was sent to all board members from the LUC before the board meeting articulating the purpose of the LUC. Some of the major points discussed included that although the city does not need an LUC endorsement for variances, the LUC encourages neighbors to present to them because the neighbors benefit from the expertise of the committee.

Questions raised included: What is the role of the BMNA board? Can we promote the LUC as a positive entity in the neighborhood, in more of a consultative role, to review and give guidance? What is our role in shaping the kind of community we live in from an advisory standpoint? It was suggested that the LUC have two separate processes for residential and commercial variances.

David Klaila, 704 Cedar Lake Road, read a prepared statement advocating that the BMNA LUC continue to play a strong role in the variance process, to serve as a process guide and educator.

Jay and Kevin will make a recommendation for the October board meeting articulating the main purpose of the LUC and the process that will be followed.

### HourCar - Scott McLaughlin

Space to park the Hour Car has been secured. Funding to have an Hour Car in the neighborhood for two years is \$24,000 with \$12,000 coming from the Wilder Foundation. It was proposed that \$10,000 come from NRP funding and \$2000 from fundraising. The BMNA Business Association is willing to commit to some dollars and a neighborhood realtor has stepped forward to help with funding. The Bugle will promote the car with a byline of who is providing funding. Moved by Jay to make available up to \$12,000 from NRP funds to support the Hour Car, and strongly seek fundraising to offset a portion of that through October 1, 2009. Seconded by Rick. This motion allows NRP dollars to be moved from Penn Avenue Traffic calming to the Hour Car proposal.

### BMNA Capital Projects

- 1) The Energy Challenge—Participants continue to receive reports on energy consumption.
- 2) The downtown improvement project kiosk continues to be explored.
- 3) The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Committee requested funds up to \$500 to support the informational meeting and the mapping project. Barry moved and Dave seconded.

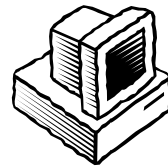


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### Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	October 5 October 19	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	October 12 October 26	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		October 13 October 27
<b>Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle.</b>		



## From the Editor

What an exhilarating, exhausting, frustrating and rewarding month this has been. The Minneapolis Public Schools Board of Education met less than a week ago to adopt a plan to overhaul the school choice and transportation systems. I have been deeply entrenched in a passionate group advocating for neighborhood families and the local schools.

Throughout this process, I definitely saw the best and the worst in people. A person's true character is often revealed when they are backed into a corner which is exactly where this community was.

Some people took the position that nothing was more important than their own personal impact, but most people were fighting for quality school options for all Minneapolis children and the important role the schools and children in Bryn Mawr can play in making that possible.

When you work really hard on something leading up to a decision, you kind of expect that when the vote happens, you should know if you have "won" or not. Even though many aspects of the revised CSO plan (Bryn Mawr K-5 with and IB Middle School and a choice between Southwest and Henry High Schools) were good things, there is still a lot of work to be done to make sure the plan actually succeeds.

The Bryn Mawr PTA has worked very hard to promote of the local schools to neighborhood families. Their efforts have been quite successful and now they need to be redoubled because even though there are changes, the options are not diminished. Continued investment and support from neighborhood families will be essential to the quality of the programs.

So many times during conversations about these proposed changes, people invoked history. Earlier this week I went to the schools campus to take a photo of the entry sign for the front page of the Bugle. I took a moment to look at the names and reflect on the changes yet to come.

As I was looking, I noticed that the names of the schools were just applied on the surface of the stone marker. It had never before occurred to me to think of these schools as anything but permanent. When the reality is the only words actually engraved in the stone are "Welcome" and "Bryn Mawr Community Center".

I was truly struck by this observation. I think this speaks volumes about this neighborhood. The schools may come and go, evolve and change, but Bryn Mawr will be there to welcome and support the children, families and staff.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmma.org

### and Adam Maki

Discussed strategies for funding the neighborhood coordinator in the future. Treasurers will come back in a month with a recommendation.

### Bugle Report- Marlin Possehl

Note the article in September Bugle clarifying and soliciting advertising.

### Reports from BMNA Reps to

### Affiliated groups

- LRT will decide in the next month which route.

### Discussion Items and Announcements

Adjourned at 8:40  
Moved by Scott, seconded by Sue.

Submitted by Jessica Wiley, interim secretary