



## BMNA Reporter

BMNA Minutes March 11, 2008

Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Chad Smude, Ron Sterbenz, Co-Treasurers; Susan Verrett, Area 1; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; Stephen Harvey, Area 7; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Co-Chair; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator.

Guests in attendance: Tim Hammett, Crime Prevention Specialist; Lisa Goodman, City Council; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; Tony Pavelko, Food 4 Thought; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal.

### Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 in the Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria. A quorum was present. Scott McLaughlin was welcomed as one of the new NRP Co Chairs.

### Approval of agenda

Added Food 4 Thought to the agenda. Jay moved -Ron seconded.

### City Reports City Council-Lisa Goodman

The March 25 Lunch with Lisa topic will be the multi model transit station. There will be an April program, then Lunch with Lisa will take a break.

The city held a snow emergency notification video contest. Videos can be viewed on <http://www.youtube.com>

Lake of the Isles will be repaved this summer. There will be a large scale meeting Monday, March 30, at Kenwood Rec Center where neighbors can hear a presentation on this \$3 million project.

Lisa passed out the 2009 City of Minneapolis Budget in Brief. Will likely be receiving one time funds from the stimulus program so no reduction in police and fire services for 2009.

Discussed implications of LGA dollars from the state being drastically reduced for Minneapolis. Paul Markert asked about paving projects in Bryn Mawr. Lisa referred him to Doug Kress.

### Police Department-Tim Hammett

Tim brought documentation about crime statistics in the neighborhood over the past two months and a comparison from 2008 to 2009. The Mpls Police Department is not going to lose any officers because of dollars coming from the stimulus program.

### Neighborhood Coordinator Update-Patty Wycoff

First ever membership kick-off party at Cuppa Java was a success; we raised \$430. The music was fabulous. Had a request to have a food drive in conjunction with the May annual dinner. Consensus from the board to do so. Will again host and run a BMNA garage sale. Last year, The Minneapolis Rowing Club did the maps, advertising, and signs for the garage sale event. JoEllyn will talk with Lynda Shaheen about the Boy Scout troop doing this. Other options discussed included the Voyagers or another service oriented group to do this organizing.

Sent CEE emails of participants for the Energy Challenge. Participants will begin receiving information from CEE.

### Food 4 Thought-Tony Pavelka

There is a group starting a CSA (community supported agriculture) which would deliver vegetables to Bryn Mawr. They are working with a variety of Minneapolis neighborhoods and four area farms. Sign up by May. There can be home delivery for 18 weeks. A full share is \$625 and feeds a family of four. Half shares are \$400. For more information go to [www.food4thought.com](http://www.food4thought.com).

### BMNA Project

The Energy Challenge- Participants will begin receiving information from CEE. Discussed the downtown improvement project. The Grand Round

signs are not feasible; the poles are going to be removed. Paul suggested creating a community gathering spot at the corner of the church. Larry is looking at costs for a kiosk. The ash tree mapping, our second capital project choice, could be pursued; we would work with the park board. Marlin will talk with the downtown business contacts before we abandon the downtown focus.

### Bugle Review Committee -Jay Peterson

The committee met this week. They have taken a strong position to strengthen the Bugle. Agreed upon a shared reality-the Bugle is important to the neighborhood, engages volunteers, requires volunteers to walk the streets to deliver, is the main communication vehicle for the BMNA, and builds a unique sense of community. The committee has identified issues around cost. Three categories are being addressed; advertising, editorial and content, and production and editing. Will finalize these at the next meeting and make a statement about the mission and vision of the Bugle that will drive decisions.

### Report on Contractor Agreements-Marlin Possehl

Bugle Editor and Neighborhood Coordinator contracts will be staggered so that they come up on alternate years. Currently have a 6 month contract for the Bugle Editor and extending Neighborhood Coordinator until 2010.

### 2009 Budget Presentation-Ron Sterbenz, Chad Smude

We generated income from membership donations of \$16,000 last year; expect to raise \$12,500 this year. Each area rep is being asked to solicit 10 new members. We have 1100 households in neighborhood. Have direct mailed membership materials to households. Money that we set aside has become our second biggest funding source. Bugle expenses exceed ad revenues. We can no longer apply the communication grant from the city to the Bugle; restrictions against

using public dollar grants for a publication that takes ads. We will be revisiting the capital project budget. Discussed having registrations for the garage sale attributed to the Bugle budget. The Bugle advertises and supports the garage sale. Maybe more people would register their sales if they knew that the dollars supported the Bugle. There are dollars that we can capture from the city for a qualified project. Will explore whether we can use these dollars for projects that are being proposed. Ron moved to approve budget-Barry seconded.

### BCV-ROC

Accept resignation from Kevin Thompson as BCV-ROC representative- Marlin is the alternate for both positions for the Bassett Creek Valley planning committee but doesn't want to become the permanent representative. We need to find a new rep. The committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month for 1 1/2 hours. Ron moved; Larry seconded.

### Approving Area 7 Co-Representative Replacement

Andrew Kraling volunteered to be a co-rep for Area 7. Larry moved, Jay seconded to appoint Andrew as co-rep for Area 7.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Land use** - no report

**Traffic** - no report

**Parks and Rec** - no report

**Schools Committee-**

Family Fun Night at Bryn Mawr Elementary will take place on Friday March 27 5:30 -8:00. The BMNA donated \$100. There will be silent auction.

**BFR-included in treasurers report.**

### Treasurer's Report

There is a new neighbor who is willing to be treasurer if Ron and Chad will back him up. They are meeting with him to work this out.

### Reports from BMNA Reps to Affiliated groups

**BCV-ROC—Marlin reported.**

The committee met in February. Had a positive meeting.

**SWLRT-Barry Shade reported.**

EIS process goes forward, The citizens' advisory group met in January and will meet this month. Discussed how strongly we should be arguing for the rail to run through our neighborhood. Barry will send a confirmation of our support to Gail Dorfman. CL Parks

### Discussion Items and Announcements

March 28 is Earth Hour. Neighbors are being asked to go dark from 8:30 -9:30 PM. This will help migrating birds.

Reminder that there is a BMNA board gathering on March 14 at Jessica's.

**Adjourned at 8:35**

Jessica moved, Sue seconded.

*Submitted by Jessica Wiley for Lisa Mills*

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## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Annual Dinner

**visit with your neighbors, eat yummy food**

## And Board Elections

**Seeking Candidates: Vice-President, Treasurer, Co-reps from Areas 1, 3, 5, & 7.**

**Contact your Area Representative to get on the ballot!**