



BMNA Reporter

BMNA Minutes April 15, 2009

Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Ron Sterbenz, Co-Treasurer; Rachel Banken, Area 1; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Rick Carter, Area 3; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Chris Etz, Area 4; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Co-Chair; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator.

Guests in attendance: Dick Adair, Park and Rec committee; Carolyn Bastion, Area 4; Ben Horn, candidate for co-treasurer; Davis Klaila, Area 6; Adam Maki, candidate for co-treasurer; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal.

1. 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.

2. Approval of consent agenda:

Approved with additions to the agenda, correction to minutes. Sue Verrett represents Area 2. Moved to approve by Jay, second by Rachel.

3. City Council- Lisa Goodman

Lisa was unable to attend; sent an email report.

The city website will report on police performance. There is a web link to Tree Trust. They are providing trees for a minimal cost.

4. Neighborhood Coordinator Update-Patty Wycoff

Garage sale update: In the past, organizing has been handled by the Boy Scouts or the rowing group. The Cub Scouts are taking over food sales at the church, but want help selling the food. Chris moved, Ron seconded a motion that the BMNA be involved with filing permits for the vendors and participate in the food sales. We will split food sale dollars with the Cub Scouts. Patty will put out a call for volunteers. Area reps will be asked to deliver the garage sale signs and maps on Friday night. Donations will be picked up Friday, May 1, for the BMNA sale.

5. BMNA Capital Projects

The Energy Challenge—CEE communication has been poor. Neighbors participating in the challenge did receive an email from CEE, but the neighborhood challenge organizers are frustrated. Rick volunteered to get involved and help with communication.

Downtown improvement project—Larry is still looking at costs for a kiosk. Patty will talk with the downtown business contacts before we abandon the downtown focus. It was suggested that we pursue the ash tree mapping project. Patty will inform Jessica about the results of the downtown conversation; Jessica

will talk with the ash tree mapping contacts if it is determined that the ash tree project should be pursued.

6. Bugle Review Committee - Jay Peterson

The committee has edited Exhibit A which is a part of the contract with the Bugle editor. Jay discussed how Exhibit A was developed. There are three basic functions articulated in Exhibit A; advertising/business, editorial/content, distribution/production Exhibit A lays out expectations for the Bugle in each of the three areas. Committee members met with the Bugle editor to review the changes to Exhibit A. Rick moved, Chris seconded to adopt Exhibit A as a part of the contract with the Bugle Editor. A question was raised about how we will evaluate whether the expectations have been met.

The Bugle Editor contract expires in June and will be opened for applications. Jay stated that the current Bugle editor would be encouraged to apply. Rick moved, Sue seconded a motion that the Bugle Review Committee interview prospective applicants for the position(s). If anyone wants to be on the interview committee, they should contact Jay. The committee will be responsible for placing an announcement in the Bugle, interview applicants, and make a recommendation to the board. Applicants can apply for one or more of the three functions articulated in Exhibit A.

7. NRP Project Update - Rick Carter.

The Brownie Lake canoe rack is finally being built. Persistence has paid off. Tracy Nordstrom and Tom Nordyke were very helpful in moving this long-advocated for project to reality. The foundation has been poured for four posts.

8. 2009 Budget Adjustment-Ron Sterbenz

Two adjustments need to be approved; one to revenue and one to expenses. We have raised \$15,100 in membership donations, increasing our anticipated revenue. We are then able to increase the budget for the Capital Project to \$2000. Jay moved, Rachel seconded to approve these changes.

9. Annual Meeting- Patty Wycoff

The annual meeting is a potluck on May 13. Bring your best cooking. We will be electing new area reps for the odd numbered areas, and co-treasurers. The program will be brief; Introduce reps, discuss how neighbors can participate in the BMNA, allow elected officials to say a few words. Dave will gather door prizes.

10. Committee Reports

- Land use-no report; no variance requests
- Traffic-no report
- Parks and Rec-Dick Adair reported on the Park and Rec Committee. Park board is engaged in long range planning; under pressure from individual sports groups to support

playing areas. The Bryn Mawr Meadows is one of the largest parks in the city. There is a move to put in 4-6 softball diamonds. Our neighborhood association has gone on record in the past as strongly objecting to this. Our position has been that the Meadows should be mixed use/multiuse without fences and lighting. Dick articulated our position to the committee. Moved by Rick and seconded by Dave to reaffirm our previous position. Tracy Nordstrom has announced that she is not going to run again for Park Board.

- Schools Committee-Jessica reported on two issues; Sports Arts program and school boundary changes.
 - The Sports Arts program is not being offered this summer. Lynda has made efforts to contact the community ed staff at the school district office, but has not been able to talk with anyone directly. It is unlikely we will be able to get the Sports Arts program back for this summer.
 - There are discussions happening at the district administration level, at area levels, and in each school about plans for the coming years with regard to school boundaries, transportation, and magnet and community school options. The school board is examining options, taking recommendations, and will be making a decision at their April 28 school board meeting. Lynda and JoEllyn are monitoring the discussions.

- BFR-included in treasurers report.

13. Treasurer's Report

Covered in budget adjustment discussion.

14. Reports from BMNA Reps to Affiliated groups

BCV-ROC—Marlin reported. The committee met in March; focused on LRT. They need the light rail line for the project to be viable. SWLRT-Barry communicated our unwavering support for the Kenilworth Line. CL Parks-no report.

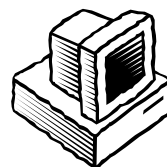
15. Discussion Items and Announcements

- Minneapolis Home tour. In past the home tour conflicted with garage sales. This year it is scheduled for April 25-26. Open to the public. Two Bryn Mawr houses are on the tour.
- The Hale/Page Diamond Lake Neighborhood Association has asked us to share our success for getting volunteers and a successful association going.
- New neighbors. Area reps can get welcome packets from Patty.
- Discussed our August hot dog roast and pot luck in Meadows. Considering having it at Triangle Park in Area 1 this year.

Adjourned at 8:40

Jessica moved, Sue seconded.

- Submitted by Jessica Wiley for Lisa Mills



From the Editor

Cockadoodledoo, there's a new shop in town! A giftware and antiques store has moved into the old Bloomsbury Market.

To many of us locals, this history will always be tied to any occupant of the space next to Cuppa Java, the same way my house is still known as "the Trebtoski house" even ten years after we took residence. This in no way should be taken as a sign that anything new is unwelcome here.

If you have not stopped in to Cockadoodledoo (yes, that is the name, I am not just being obnoxious) it is worth the time. They have very cute stuff, high quality antiques, and a charming owner.

When I spoke him, he said, he is looking forward to being part of the community. He is even planning a couple social events in cooperation with Cuppa Java. I tell you, this guy was really speaking my language!

I attended a meeting of school employees today. One thing we talked about was "Minnesota Nice." A woman, who recently moved here from another part of the country said that to her it meant, people are polite, but they don't truly let you into their lives.

We were all "speaking our truth" so it was not my place to respond to the way she feels and I suppose the term is often used sarcastically.

But I wanted to tell her about Bryn Mawr, where "nice" is just a given.

When I think of all the fun, things we have coming up, any new neighbor will certainly feel taken in by the community. Imagine how welcome they will feel if they happen to be around in the afternoon on May 1st and hear the Anwatin band marching through the streets.

Of course, the garage sales are this weekend and the Annual Dinner is next week. You can meet some neighbors at the Anwatin Spring Musical, (Willy Wonka, June 5th & 6th) and if you are up for something new this year, meet the PTA at Lee's Liquor Lounge May 23 for the Bail out the Bryn Mawr Band "Shake it Like Its Hot" event.

Its the time of year to get back in the garden and in Bryn Mawr that is sometimes a group effort. There is no Blooming Bryn Mawr tour this year, but the PTA Plant sale was another success and the Upton Garden work sessions are scheduled.

And what could be more welcoming than the Bugle? It is reliably on your doorstep every month bringing news of all these opportunities to meet some people and have some fun. All because of an amazing collaboration of Bryn Mawr people who genuinely want to make sure everyone feels included.

- JoEllyn Jolstad bugle@bmna.org