



# BMNA Reporter

Minutes BMNA Board Meeting,  
August 12, 2009

**Attendance:**

Andrew Kraling-Area 7 Co-Rep, Steve Harvey-Area 7 Co-Rep, Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator, Ben Horn-Area 7-Co-Treasurer, JoEllyn Jolstad-Area4-Bugle Editor/Schools, Scott McLaughlin-Area 5-Co-Rep NRP, Marlin Possehl-President, Kevin Johnson-Area 4-LUC. Michael Katch-City Council Candidate, Lisa Goodman-City Council Person, Claudia Egelhoff-HourCar Rep., Karen Rosar-NCEC District 5 Rep., Matt Stark-Area 4 resident, Anita Tabb-Park Board Candidate/District 4.

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

**Announcement:**

Lisa Mills has submitted her resignation as BMNA Secretary. The Board thanks her for her service and hopes she will be able to return at a future time.

**Reports**

**City Council Lisa Goodman:**

Lunch w/Lisa Aug. 25-County Commissioner Gail Dorfman will be there to talk about the Walker Library project. Lisa has received calls about MPS proposal and how it will affect Bryn Mawr.

**Neighborhood and Community Engagement**

District 5 Elected Rep. Karen Rosar introduced herself. She explained the NCEC is in its infancy stage and has a great deal of work ahead of them. Karen will be communicating to BMNA as things progress.

**HourCar**

Claudia Engelhoff explained that the HourCar project will need \$10,000 in matching funds. She is asking if that money can come from the BMNA through NRP. The car will be located at Anwatin Middle School. Claudia is still working on the details with Minneapolis Public Schools regarding who will have a key to the car. Patty Wycoff will contact NRP to see if HourCar will qualify for funds under transportation or environment. Claudia will also ask business owners/realtors to contribute to the HourCar project.

**Wirth Beach Update-Andrew Kraling**

Area 7 Co-rep. Andrew Kraling contacted the Minneapolis Park Board on behalf of the BMNA regarding a lack of notification about upcoming

changes at Wirth Beach. They explained that Wirth Park is a regional park and has different notification procedures.. Funding comes from Met Council and has been being planned since 2003. They will begin in 2010 and finish in 2011.

**Anita Tabb- Park Board Candidate District 4**

Anita introduced herself to the BMNA and explained she is running unopposed.

**Ice Cream Social-Marlin Possehl**

Marlin estimated 500+ neighbors attended the Ice Cream Social. We did not have enough cups. Patty will try need to purchase more. Crossroads volunteers were a great help. We will need more volunteers next year to help during the serving of ice cream. \$949 from donations. We will give the church \$75 as compensation for using their property.

**Ash Borer Project-Jessica Wiley**

The committee met at the end of July. There will be an informational night at Bryn Mawr Elementary on Mon. Sept. 15 at 7pm to educate neighbors about Emerald Ash Borer disease. The committee will meet again on Aug. 24th.

**LUC-Michael Martens, Kevin Johnson**

LUC committee does not agree that they should review each variance but all members do agree there is a role for LUC such as, big development, multi-housing, commercial development. Michael suggests that neighbors continue to appear before LUC board with their variance requests. Kevin feels they should stop looking at each variance. Michael will send an article to the Bugle encouraging neighbors to continue to notify LUC of variances. When the BMNA is notified about a variance they will send a letter to that person asking them to come to LUC but let them know it is not mandatory.

**Treasurers-Adam Maki, Ben Horn**

The co-treasurers are figuring out how to share the work. Adam will handle NRP paperwork.

**Schools Committee-JoEllyn Jolstad**

Minneapolis Public Schools is engaged in a process called "Changing School Options" (CSO). The goal is to increase equity for school choice across all areas of the city while at the same time reducing transportation costs.

The latest proposal recommends significant changes to the Bryn Mawr Schools campus. Park View Montessori would close, Anwatin

would close, Bryn Mawr Elementary would become K-8 and Windom and Emerson Spanish Dual Immersion schools would move in as one large school. Additionally, high school attendance areas would change moving Bryn Mawr from the Southwest into the Patrick Henry zone.

Residents can see a complete draft of the proposal and give feedback at the MPS website. The schools committee will be meeting Aug. 20 to write a letter to send to the Board of Education on behalf of the neighborhood. There will be an article in the September Bugle about

the CSO process and how citizens can have input.

Meeting adjourned 9pm.

*Minutes by Patty Wycoff*

**Upcoming dates:**

September 9 - Next BMNA Meeting. 7pm Bryn Mawr Elementary.

September 15 - Ash Borer Educational Night, 7pm Bryn Mawr Elementary

September 19 - City of Lakes Trail Loppet Half Marathon



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## Recycling

### Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>Area 1</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 8</b>	
<b>Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7</b>	<b>September 14</b>		<b>September 28</b>
<b>Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E</b>	<b>September 1</b>		<b>September 15</b> <b>September 29</b>

**Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle.**



## From the Editor

This summer My fifth grade daughter participated in a wonderful two-week camp at J.D. Rivers Garden. It was both mornings and afternoons, free, five days a week, with tons of fun and creative, hands-on learning.

Bryn Mawr is lucky to have this resource right in our neighborhood. The children of Bryn Mawr are surrounded by gardens and parks that enrich their lives. Not every child is fortunate enough to live where organic healthy living and earth stewardship are strong values.

Unfortunately this class was not widely publicized so very few kids who live outside Bryn Mawr, heard about it and registered. Even I did not know about it until another parent sent out an email saying she was signing her children up.

Other than word-of-mouth, the only way you could have known about this class was if you sifted through the MPRB website and found the listing. People with computers, internet access and time to hunt for activities should not be the only ones whose kids get great opportunities.

I do believe that people who work hard and are financially compensated for their efforts should be able to buy amenities and comforts as they see fit. This personal spending provides jobs, sustains the tax base and creates motivation for

more hard work. If you want to buy a better product, you are free to do so with your personal money.

I am going to avoid talking about whether it is right or wrong, but the law says we pay taxes based on our ability to help fund shared services. Just because you pay more taxes does not mean you are assured better fire protection or streets.

Schools and parks are also shared services and the quality of those public facilities should not be tied to the income level of those who live the closest.

Why shouldn't every neighborhood have an amazing park with great activities? The same goes for schools, libraries, public art, streets - everything we share. We should aspire to excellence everywhere, not level the playing field by dismantling what is already great.

In Bryn Mawr, we have been truly lucky to have excellent schools right in our neighborhood. Many children travel great distances to attend our schools rather than options closer to home because of the high caliber of the programs.

I am heartsick that these quality programs could possibly be cast aside or fundamentally changed because someone thinks that instead of improving other schools they should cut ours down.

- JoEllyn Jolstad,  
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## BMNA Secretary Needed

**The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board is seeking a volunteer to serve as the secretary. The secretary is a member of the BMNA Executive Board and is responsible for taking minutes at the monthly meetings which are held the second Wednesday each month. If you are interested, contact BMNA President, Marlin Possehl at 612-377-5662.**