



Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Ben Horn, Co-Treasurer, Adam Maki, Co-Treasurer; Dave Holets, Area 1; Greg Froehle, Area 1; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Rick Carter, Area 3; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle editor/Community Schools Liaison; Scott McLaughlin, NRP chair, Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator,

Guests in attendance: Lisa Goodman, City Council Rep; Kathryn Kaatz, Bryn Mawr ROC Rep; Kari Anderson, Harrison ROC Rep; Michael Marten, LUC and ROC Rep; Dick Adair, Area 6; Vida Ditter, Area 6.

### Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 in the Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria. A quorum was present. Introductions made.

### Approval of consent

Approved with additions to the agenda,  
Moved by Jay, second by Rick.

### City Updates-

#### City Council-Member Lisa Goodman

It's winter and it's snowing. Pay attention to snow emergencies or the city can't get the roads plowed. Positions to serve on the police review authority are open. Variance for the Presbyterian church went through. Discussed snow shoveling. Explained TIF districts and the relationship with NRP funding.

#### BCV ROC Committee-

##### Kari Anderson, Kathryn Kaatz, Michael Martens, Vida Ditter

The Basset Creek Valley Regional Oversight Committee is made up of neighbors from Harrison, Bryn Mawr, and business representatives. The master plan for the area encompasses land from 394 to Glenwood. Ryan Companies has rights to develop the city property. A feasibility study has been launched to look at Linden Yards East to store commuter rail cars (heavy rail, not light rail storage). The area being developed for mixed residential and commercial use not likely to happen if Linden Yards East is used for rail storage; this would not be consistent with the master plan. Marlin suggested that talking points be created and an article written for the Bugle.

### Neighborhood Coordinator Update-

#### Patty Wycoff

Sent out a BMNA email announcing the snow emergency. Welcome packets are being worked on and should be ready for the January meeting. Saturnalia is Saturday, December 12; there has been an overwhelming response for volun-

teers. Discussed whether there is a restriction in the Neighborhood Contractor contract that prevents voting as a member of BMNA committees. Marlin commented that it is typical in non-profits for staff members not to be voting members of committees. Discussed whether the Board supports restricting voting. Marlin will review the contract and 501.C3 status issues.

### Hour Car Update-

#### Scott McLaughlin

The Hour Car has been delivered. We are waiting for \$10,000 from NRP. Will be parked in a prominent place during Saturnalia.

### NRP Report-

#### Scott McLaughlin

There have been two meetings with engineers from the city about the downtown Bryn Mawr lighting project. The city has finally given support to this project. There are four viable and potential components. 1) four decorative lampposts on Cedar Lake Rd and Penn—similar to those by Wirth— old lighting/stoplight equipment removed 2) LED lights will be used; they will take down the one light that is there. The light poles will allow for a vertical banner 3) zebra painting on all four crosswalks 4) larger stop signs erected. Estimated costs are around \$45,000. We currently have \$35,000 in the plan for this project. It will require plan modification. Discussed the Hour Car and slide replacement.

### Redistricting Discussion -

#### Barry Shade

Board and committee members interested in preparing for state and city redistricting met prior to the board meeting. This will be a multi-year process. The group will begin looking at different strategies, starting with researching the process of redistricting.

### BMNA Capital Projects

- The Energy Challenge—Jessica reported that there will be an article wrapping up this endeavor in the Bugle. The Board thanked Tracy and Becca for the work they put into this somewhat frustrating project.
- Downtown improvement project—With the approval of new light poles that can handle a banner, Rick will pull the Capital Project Committee together to discuss the downtown improvement activities.
- Ash Borer project- 918 addresses were surveyed for ash trees resulting in 853 ash trees identified. Half of the trees were on boulevards, with over ? measuring medium or large. There were 44 information packets distributed. There is a plan for distributing the remainder.
- Ben has been attending other Minneapolis neighborhood associations to see what activities they sponsor. He suggested we discuss the value of sponsoring monthly programs such as music or art activities.

## 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.**

### Standing Committee Reports

- Land Use- The Presbyterian church is planning an addition; adding an elevator to meet handicap accessible requirements. They appeared before the land use committee; they have met all the city criteria for the variance. Construction will begin in the spring. There will be disruption to neighborhood traffic flow. The church is working to address parking issues that will affect the businesses.

- Traffic-no report
  - Parks and Rec-no report
  - Schools Committee-Jessica Wiley
- The slide replacement has been accepted within the NRP plan. We won't have to modify the plan. The school district will be paying for installment.

The school committee discussed the structure of the committee and determined that there could be two representatives from each area and eliminate reps at large. They also decided to hold a late winter or early spring neighborhood forum to discuss educational changes coming from the school district.

On February 27, 2010, there will be a "bail-out-the-band" event at Lee's Liquor Lounge to support the Bryn Mawr Elementary band.

- Bugle Report -JoEllyn presented a written report on advertisers and dollars. Rates were raised slightly.
- BFR-no report

### Treasurers Report

Will develop a policy for paying small bills without waiting for approval from the board as part of the budgeting process. Moved by Scott, second by Dave to pay \$125 for maps used for school committee discussions. The membership drive will begin in January. We have 1200 households; 400 are members. Board members are asked to come half an hour early to the January board meeting to stuff envelopes for the 400 members. Will mail to the remaining 800 households in February.

### Reports from BMNA Reps to Affiliated groups-

- BCV-ROC— reported above
- SWLRT-no report
- Cedar Lake Parks-no report
- Park Board Lakes District Council-Dick Adair and Vida Ditter, Bryn Mawr representatives.

Dick presented a written report in response to a concern raised about the Loppet Trail. After walking the entire trail, he found that the trail routes and work are minor and friendly. The BMNA vision of this area is that it is a multi-use park for silent sports. The Wirth Beach is

planned to be completed next summer. Status of all park board projects are on their website.

### Adjourned at 8:59 PM

*Submitted by Jessica Wiley, interim secretary.*

### BMNA Minutes, Jan 13, 2010

Present: Board Members Larry Skov, Scott McLaughlin, JoEllyn Jolstad, Ben Horn, Adam Maki, Susan Verrett, Greg Froehle, Dave Holets, Jessica Wiley, Rick Carter, Christopher Etz, Paul Markert, Dave Logsdon, Jay Peterson, Barry Schade, Andrew Kraling, Steve Harvey, and Marlin Possehl, Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff, ROC and Cedar Parks representative Vida Ditter, Cedar Parks rep Dick Adair, and guests Frank Ditter, Councilmember Lisa Goodman and Mpls Public Works representative Larry Matzimoto, Police Liaison Tim Hammett, and SW Journal reporter Dylan Thomas. (apologies for omissions as the sign in sheet was misplaced)

President Possehl called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Consent agenda was approved minus December minutes which have not been distributed yet. Some members gathered early to address membership renewal packets.

Lisa Goodman gave her city update with information on snow removal and an MTV board opening for someone with a tech/ production background. Call 311 to report unshoveled walks. Lisa introduced Larry Matzimoto from Public Works who was previewing summer street resurfacing plans in Bryn Mawr. He said there will be public meetings on assessment ratings and future mailings announcing the work.

Tim Hammett gave a crime stat summary for Bryn Mawr: burglaries down 30% despite a late year spike; theft (mostly from auto) up 6%; fewer violent crimes, but insignificant in number. Tim urges residents to contact him for a home security survey if they haven't had one done. Concerns were expressed over reduction in force coverage from budget cuts.

Patty Wycoff gave the Neighborhood Coordinator report. New welcome kits are assembled thanks to Patty and the initiative of Lois Berry who came to the December meet-

ing. Patty has assisted in preparing membership materials and enumerated other activities. She has also set up a BMNA Facebook page. Patty asked about her request to be able to serve as a volunteer member of the Schools Committee. A motion was made approving, but was withdrawn after discussion resulted in consensus that it was unnecessary. JoEllyn reported the Schools committee had revised its composition formula and there was now room. Organization documents do not prohibit her from participating as a volunteer, and, although uncommon to allow non-profit paid staff to assume dual roles, members present favored the request.

NRP Chair, Scott McLaughlin gave an update on protocol changes in the source of funds as amended for the placement of the Hourcar in Bryn Mawr. He also mentioned we have approximately \$100,000 available in pre-budgeted Phase 2 categories which we have until the end of 2010 to spend. He will come to the February meeting with a summary report of activity and pending outlays. He's spending most of his time concentrating on the longstanding efforts to place new decorative streetlamps with banner brackets at Penn and Cedar Lake Road. Joining him in this effort are prior chairs Greg Lecker and Rob Harris.

Rick Carter reported on a meeting of a BMNA committee, which solicits and reviews requests by neighbors to apply neighborhood human and financial resources to projects. He said the group has renamed the committee the Community Project Committee. Rick reiterated the criteria for consideration and will have an announcement in the February Bugle. They'll review in April. Jay

gave an update on the Ash Borer project and said he and Kathy will also have an article in an upcoming Bugle.

Rick followed with a summary of his request to the Land Use Committee to turn 2006 Laurel (commonly known as the castle) into a bed and breakfast. The LUC gave their support to his idea. He has many hurdles to pass along the way including purchase while in foreclosure. While unattended, the house may be self destructing beyond redemption. If he proceeds, he'll need a rezoning variance, which would remain after any currently intended use. More at the February meeting.

Jessica reported no meeting from the Schools Committee since December, but said from her experience as a school administrator that slowing of MN payments to districts is causing districts to borrow at market rates. This is having a particularly devastating effect on the Mpls district which is already in financial turmoil. JoEllyn noted that some residents have received misinformation in the mail and via the MPS website. She has instructions for anyone needing to question information they receive which will be in the Feb Bugle.

Ben and Adam were busy working on the membership mailings. They'll come to the Feb meeting with a 2010 proposed budget.

Marlin noted proposed calendar dates for 2010 events which were emailed in Dec. Motion to approve was made and withdrawn for consideration at the Feb meeting per Patty's request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

- *Submitted by Marlin Possehl,*  
*BMNA President*