

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:00 P.M.
Bryn Mawr Elementary School

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:05P.M.

Agenda and September minutes were approved as written. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

In Attendance: Marlin Possehl, President; Joanna Danks, co- Vice President; Ron Sterbenz, Treasurer; Mike Roth, co-Secretary; Rachel Banken, Area 1 Rep; Lynda Shaheen, , Area 2 Rep; Jessica Weiley, Area 3 Rep; Robert Lindquist, Area 5 Rep; Mike Pengra, Area 7 co-Rep; Stephen Harvey, Area 7; Rob Harris, NRP Chair; Also in attendance was: Dan Kelty, Chief Librarian at Sumner Library and Harrison Neighborhood Association's Representative, and Lisa Goodman, City Council Representative.

Mr. Kelty was introduced and welcomed. His credo: "Open Libraries, Open Minds." Dan encouraged everyone to join the library and he will be at Bryn Mawr Elementary school this fall to get library cards for the kids. He also mentioned that 19,000 people have passed through the meeting rooms of the new library downtown since opening, 3,500 of them were children.

******The Association would like to send a Get Well note to Greg Lecker who is now home recovering from a minor surgery. Our thoughts and hearts are with you!**

City Council Report – Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa will be held on October 25th at Willie's Wine Bar. School Board Forum. Health/Energy Committee is encouraging residents to take the "Energy Challenge." Learn how to save \$\$ on your energy bills at the energy fairs. The fairs will be held Monday, October 16th at Hale Elementary School and on Tuesday, October 24th at Jenny Lind Community School. Both are from 6-9 P.M. For more information, log on to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/energychallenge or call 612.335.5856.

A call to Neighborhoods! On Tuesday, October 10, 2006, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Tom Hysell, President of the Minneapolis Chapter of AIA (American Institute of Architects) Minnesota, launched the Mayor's Great City Design Teams and encourages residents and community groups to join the effort to create new visions for the City of Minneapolis. The Mayor's Great City Design Teams are made up of architects, landscape architects, urban designers and developers who will work with residents and community groups to develop design visions for their neighborhoods. No funding is available through this program but the BMNA will draft a letter of interest in hopes of gaining a winning design from the AIA.

Also, Public Works has once again made salvage paving bricks and stone available to the public. They include: Small grey granite (6" x 4.5") 13lbs. \$2.00 ea.

Large grey granite (10" x 7") 30lbs. \$2.00 ea.

Large rose granite (10" x 7") 19lbs. \$2.00 ea.

To purchase: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/bricks/> Buyer is responsible for selecting, loading, paying for, and taking all material.

After discussion, it was agreed to have Marlin and Vida draft a memo in support of Tim Dolan in his appointment to the position of Police Chief to forward to City Council Members. The draft will be shared with Board Members for comment before sending.

Committee Reports

Budget and Fundraising (Ron Sterbenz and Lisa Mills, Chairs)

Marlin indicated the "Scoop off" is underway and is receiving positive responses from ice cream

distributors that have been contacted about it.

NRP Housing Committee (Rob Harris, Chair)

Don Snyder from the PLS NRP is assisting the Housing Committee in the development of a request for proposal (RFP) that could be distributed to external organizations. These organizations would be potential partners with Bryn Mawr to help execute our Phase 2 NRP Housing strategies. The NRP Housing Committee has not made any decisions on whether it will repeat Phase 1 programs or offer completely new programs to neighbors in Phase 2. Instead, we are seeking the best organizations to work with to leverage the funds allocated to the Housing Strategies. Any recommendations by the Committee will be made to the BMNA board and approved before Spring 07.

NRP Policy Board Elector

Rob Harris was nominated and elected as the neighborhood Elector, working with the NRP Policy Board. In this role, Rob will attend the December policy meeting, vote to elect representatives to the policy board, and network with other city Electors.

NRP Traffic Committee (Steve Maurelli, Chair)

Rob Harris reported that the speed measurement devices (i.e. "Cables") were installed on Penn Ave. to track speed. Also, "interactive speed wagons" will be placed on Penn Ave. on October 16th through the end of the month which will digitally post speed of approaching vehicles. The city and the Bryn Mawr NRP Traffic Committee will use the data collected by these devices to determine whether the temporary stop signs at Penn and South Cedar Lake Road have negatively impacted traffic speed on Penn. This review is expected to happen in January. The data will also be used to determine what, if any, further actions could be taken to calm traffic on this busy corridor.

The calls and emails thus far overwhelmingly support the temporary 4-way stops at Penn and South Cedar Lake Road. Of the 33 total emails/calls made to the City and Lisa Goodman's office, 30 have been in support of the temp stop signs and 3 have been registered against them. It was noted that the tow trucks from the Bryn Mawr Mobile Station and delivery trucks were frequently seen speeding on Penn Ave. The Traffic Committee will notify businesses and ask them to speak with their drivers to rectify the situation.

Dr. Beth Russell, Principal of Anwatin Middle School, has voiced a concern about the 4-way stop signs replacing the stop lights. Vida will discuss with Dr. Russell in the near future and follow up with the BMNA board.

Schools Committee – Development (Lynda Shaheen)

Lynda reported that Spanish classes will be offered after school, 2 days a week, at Anwatin Middle School. Parents interested will be responsible for costs.

A. School District –

1. Will be distributing "Start Time" surveys to parents.
2. School lawn signs are being distributed to parents of school children.
3. Spaghetti dinner on Tuesday night to raise money for books for the media center.

Harvest Dinner:

Joanna is leading this event again this year and so far, we have 9 chili entries. (Better get the Tums ready). We will still have the potluck and kid-oriented activities, and the BMNA will provide cornbread, cheese and sour cream to go with the chili. Volunteers are still needed, especially for setup, so don't be shy, dig in! Dinner is at 6:00 P.M. Setup is at 5:00 P.M.

Extension cords and power strips will be needed as well and if the school cannot provide, then BMNA board members will loan them.

This year, we will be selling the July issue of Cottage Living magazine at the door to raise money for the BMNA. This issue features Bryn Mawr and recognizes it as one of the top 10 neighborhoods to live. Price is \$5.00 each.

Brownie Lake Planting:

When: Saturday, October 21st, 9:00am-12Noon. (Rain or Shine). Please join us as we plant native shrubs at Brownie Lake in a continuation of our forest restoration efforts there! Contact Greg Lecker @ 612.207.4156 or glecker@michaudcooley.com or Ed Juda @ 612.374.0858 with any questions. We thank you for your help in advance.

2007 Calendar Dates:

A list of proposed calendar dates for 2007 Bryn Mawr events was presented by Marlin and approved by the BMNA Board.

Discussion Items:

Discussion was had on the busing issues concerning Bryn Mawr's status as a South neighborhood. The concern is that Bryn Mawr grade school kids have been assigned Elizabeth Hall (Area A school just North of Plymouth and East of Penn Ave and West of 94W), as their International Baccalaureate school instead of Area C's Whittier school, which was highlighted in this past week's Southwest Journal. Also, parents whose children were previously being bussed to Carondelet in Area C, were told by MPS Transportation that their children would no longer be bussed and that only if they changed schools and go to Assension (Dupont North and about 16th), could they then continue to get school busing for their kids. It was agreed upon by the BMNA that more conversation about the issue is needed before any action is taken.

Next Meeting: 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon, Saturday, November 11, 2006. **This meeting will be held at the Mill City Museum, located at 704 S. 2nd Street, in the conference room.** Anyone wishing to attend should contact the BMNA to ensure an accurate number of attendees.

Upcoming Events:

October 26th Thursday: Share the Harvest Potluck and Chili Cook-off. 6pm (Setup@ 5pm)
December 9th, Saturday: Saturnalia Winter Fest (Volunteers still needed).