



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

6:30– 8:15 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary (Cafeteria)

Board

Kevin Thompson – Area 3, President
Brian Treece – Area 5, Vice President
James Dietrich – Area 5, Secretary
Dennie Juillerat – Area 3, Garden Committee
Chair
Chris Etz – Area 4 Co-Rep
Joanne Michalec – Area 4 Co-Rep
Andrew Jansen – Area 5 Co-Rep
Beth Turnbull – Area 5 Co-Rep
Jay Peterson – Area 6, Communications Chair

Patty Wycoff - Area 6, Neighborhood
Coordinator
Barry Schade – Area 6
Vida Ditter-Area 6
Lisa Goodman, Area 6, Minneapolis City
Councilperson
Steve Harvey, Area 7, Community Projects
Chair
Jeremy Staffeld, Webmaster

Guests

David Wellington, Wellington Management
MPD Officer Dave Mattsson

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:29. A quorum was present. President Kevin Thompson presided.

The first item was the approval of the day's agenda. With no additions or changes, Jay Peterson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. The motion to approve the agenda passed.

Next item was approval of last month's meeting minutes. With no additions or corrections, Patty Wycoff moved to approve the minutes as published. Seconded. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

Minneapolis City Councilmember Lisa Goodman's provided a few essential items. Lunch with Lisa will be February 28th. The guest will be Minneapolis Director of Civil Rights Velma Korbel. She'll be discussing the disparity study conducted in coordination with the State of Minnesota to review disparities in housing and employment and what the City is doing about it.

The Tree Trust lottery is in full swing. Over 14,000 trees have been planted in partnership with residents. Residents can sign up at www.treetrust.com/minneapolis. Larger shade trees cost \$30, and fruit trees cost \$40. Reminder, two fruit trees are needed to cross-pollinate.

Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission Chair Nick Cichowicz will be conducting a study

on the importance of neighborhood organizations. The event will be held on February 27th, at 5:15 at **uroc** at the corner of Plymouth and Penn.

The City of Minneapolis has a green business cost-share program focused on reducing pollution and increasing energy efficiency. Businesses who are interested in adding a solar installation can apply for grants. Details can be found on the City of Minneapolis website, or by contacting Lisa Goodman's office.

Residents can find details about the realignment of I94 and 35W corridor including timelines and closures at www.dot.state.mn.us.

The City did not use property taxes, fees, or fines to pay for the Super Bowl. The City was, or will be, reimburse for all expenditures related to the Super Bowl. The City received feedback received there was no need for people to shy away from downtown during the event. This may have impacted businesses. However, businesses around USBank Stadium, along Nicollet Mall, and the zip-line reported a boom. Additionally, crime stats were down during the Super Bowl compared to similar times.

David Wellington from Wellington Management provided a review of plans for the Leaf Properties. Wellington is located in St Paul and has about 100 commercial properties. They normally acquire and develop or hold, rather than flipping spaces. They have acquired about 12 acres in the Bassett Creek area. This property is south of second, east of Cedar Lake Rd. After cleaning up the Leaf properties, for which they have received several grants, this area will become a mixed-use space. The north side of the property is planned to have five stories of housing. Working with ArtSpace for the design, they plan that 90 of the 100 units will be affordable housing, with a preference for artist. The south half will have a three story commercial office building.

BMNA Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff gave an update from the neighborhood. She spoke briefly about the coupons included in the welcome kit for new neighbors. Some of the businesses are no longer in BMNA, so the coupon sheet needs to be updated. Interested businesses can contact Patty Wycoff to offer coupons for their businesses.

Patty will be taking out a half page in the paper designed as a "get to know your Neighborhood Association." This section will include bios on board members and area reps and is designed to allow the community to get to know the BMNA.

Patty also noted that Anwatin school received \$220,000 as a grant to create a playfield on the south side of the school. Addition funds are being sought to upgrade the project to sod, to reduce the amount of time until the field is ready.

Patty further mentioned that BMNA is going to allow members to set up monthly or annual donations. As always, it is free to be a member, and we appreciate donations of any level including donations of time in the form of volunteering. After several requests, automatic donations will also be an option.

BMNA Webmaster Jeremy Staffeld has been actively working on BMNA.org website. Community photography is now displaying on several different pages. Photographs of winter scenes are needed, so get snapping Bryn Mawr!

Switching to a secure HTTPS address has created some communication issues which are being resolved. Plugins are ready to automatically update and visually track donations as they are received. It is a great way to watch BMNA as it hopefully reaches its funding goal.

Communications Chair Jay Peterson stated there will be a meeting of the Communications Committee coming up to discuss a few items on their plate.

Garden Committee Chair Dennie Juillerat relayed that the Gardens Committee plans a strategy session for March 6th. This will be a planning session for the coming planting season. Location and time will be added to the community calendar.

Community Projects Chair Steve Harvey gave an update on the community project finalists. The each project needed to meet specific criteria including: is it possible, does it within budget, is it sustainable long-term, does it have neighborhood-wide impact, and does it have leadership. Four projects have been selected for funding. These final projects are: buckthorn removal, supporting the nature pre-school, supporting a new art mosaic proposed for the neighborhood, and painting the railings on the Cedar Lake Rd bridge.

Vice President Brian Treece, who also chairs the nominations committee, will be reaching out to all committee members that are up for reelection. He also asked residents who are interested or nominations of individuals who may be interested to contact him.

Area Rep Vida Ditter provided an update on ROC/Basset Creek Valley. The EXL building has been purchased by **Ned Abdo**, who expects to be able to present plans for the property in March.

Area 6 Co-Rep Barry Schade provided a brief SWLRT update. The project is delayed pending an environmental review of the wall that passes through Bryn Mawr.

A member of the neighborhood stopped by to discuss several items including a request that BMNA send reminder emails for donations, and follow-up emails to discover in individual chose not to donate. Patty Wycoff's response was to suggest to sign up for the email list. That is a great way to stay involved with what's going on in the neighborhood as well as receive reminders. The guest also voiced an opinion that a monthly donation option was a great idea.

Without further discussion or any new business, Beth Turnbull moved to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**
 6:30 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary School, Cafeteria