



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

6:30– 8:15 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary (Cafeteria)

PRESENT:

ARLENE FRIED - GUEST AREA 2
NANCY ALEKSUK - GUEST SWERVO
DEVELOPMNT

AARON DIEDERICH - GUEST LUPE
DEVELOPMENT

STEVE MINN - GUEST LUPE DEVELOPMENT

SUSAN VERRETT - AREA 2 REP

JOANNE MICHALEC - AREA 4 CO-REP

BRIAN TREECE - BMNA VP

KEVIN THOMPSON - BMNA PRES

DENNIS FAZIO - BMNA TREASURER

LISA GOODMAN - AREA 6 AND COUNCIL
MEMBER

BETH TURNBULL - AREA 5 REP

DENNIE JUILLERAT - AREA 3 REP

CHRISTOPHER ETZ - AREA 4 CO-REP

STEPHEN HARVEY - AREA 7 REP

OFF. DAVE MATTSON - MPLS POLICE DEPT.
PRECINCT

INP. AARON BIARD - MPLS POLICE DEPT.

PRECINCT 4

LT. DERRICK BARNES - MPLS POLICE DEPT.

PRECINCT 4

ROWENA HICKS - POLICE LIAISON, PRECINCT 4

GEORGIA CADY - GUEST AREA 3NCY

VIDA DITTER - AREA 6 CO-REP

President Kevin Thompson called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda. Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes of last month's meeting. Seconded. Motion passed.

Councilmember Lisa Goodman gave a report from the city. Lunch with Lisa is March 28th in room 202 Opus Hall, St Thomas' Minneapolis campus. The guest was going to be Mike Kennedy, Director of Transportation, but he is now unavailable so Robin Hutcheson, Director of Public Works will be speaking.

Lisa took a vote on the topic for the next Lunch with Lisa, either 911, or Animal Control. Other associations will vote and Lisa will select the topic from the results.

Inspector Biard updated the community on the results of the individual found in Bryn Mawr Meadows. No Foul Play is suspected. It appears she was homeless and perhaps fell asleep or passed out and froze to death.

There are reports of drug dealing occurring again on Penn Ave, just off the overpass. A camera has been set up overlooking the area. Neighbors can call if they witness suspicious activity, to report license plate numbers, or if the dealing moves to a different part of the neighborhood. Patrols have been increased in the neighborhood.

Linda Shaheen and Lisa Goodman worked with Ned Abdul, new owner of the Century Link building, to

use any left-over furniture from the now vacant CenturyLink building for Anwatin and Bryn Mawr Schools. Ned happily gave permission to remove what furniture they needed. The Board would like to thank Linda, Lisa, and Ned for making this happen.

Nancy Aleksuk from Swervo Development spoke briefly on the CenturyLink building project. Swervo is a local developer and has a history of renovating old building to new uses. The Downtown Armory and Uptown Theatre are good examples. The space may be updated to include outdoor patios and perhaps a rooftop deck. The building will continue as an office complex. They are seeking a large anchor tenant and they plan to use the space as their corporate headquarters. They will manage the property as well.

Aaron Diederich and Steve Minn of Lupe Development spoke in conjunction with Swervo. Lupe is committed to Affordable Housing and is looking to develop two new developments on the former CenturyLink property. On the east side, they are considering a market rate senior building, planned as 3 stories, for 55+ seniors, since there is no senior housing close by. The building may be configured as an equity cooperative.

Second project will be on the west side and would likely consist of between 100-150 affordable family units. These will be rentals, managed by Lupe Development. This project would probably be about 4 stories, built on pylons with parking under the building. Aiming at the 50% or 60% of the metro median income families.

Lupe Development will work closely with the neighborhood to find common ground with what the neighborhood wants and needs. The noted concerns about extra traffic will be addressed, though traditionally senior populations do not have multiple cars. Initially a committee consisting of Kevin Thompson, Christopher Etz, and Vida Ditter will work on Lupe Development on how to proceed.

Chris Etz made a motion for the Board to enter into an agreement with Hennepin County Library to Digitize the Bugle archives and make them available on the library's website. Seconded. Motion passed.

Garden hose applications for 3 connections during the summer has been approved.

JoEllyn Jolstad noted the date for the Bugle Articles for the month of April. Kevin Thompson will write the Board article for April.

The Board reviewed the CPP report for 2017. A few minor changes were made. The report was approved.

Barry Schade was not present at the meeting, but submitted a written report on progress on SWLRT, included in the minutes:

A Supplemental Environment Assessment on changes to the project has been published, and a Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 5:00 - 7:30 PM at Dunwoody College of Technology. I intend to make a short statement at that meeting acknowledging that the BMNA requested such an environmental review of the Crash Wall, and the document substantially addresses the issues we raised in our request.

In addition, I intend to point out that the Bassett Creek Valley Working Group has completed its work and issued its Report and Recommendations. The Working Group provided guidance on the aesthetic treatment of the Crash Wall and had positive results.

The environmental review process related to the Supplemental Environmental Assessment should be completed in May, in time for opening of bids on the whole project. Construction should begin this Fall once bids are awarded. Staff reports that momentum for federal funding continues in Congress, in spite of what the Administration is saying.

After the Town Hall meeting next week, I intend to start paying more attention to the phasing of construction adjacent to Bryn Mawr. Access to trails is going to be a mess and I want to be sure that the neighborhood is aware of the evolving status. This will be going in for some time once ground is broken.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**
6:30 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary School, Cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS: Festival of Yard Sales, May 5 – 7