



## **BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
6:30– 8:15 PM**

#### **Bryn Mawr Elementary (Cafeteria)**

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
Dennis Fazio - Treasurer  
James Dietrich – Secretary  
Patty Wycoff – Neighborhood Coordinator  
JoEllyn Jolstad \_ Bryn Mawr Bugle  
Dave Holets – Area 1  
Lynda Shaheen – Area 2

Dennie Juillerat – Area 3  
Jessica Wiley – Area 3  
Christopher Etz – Area 4  
Beth Turnbull – Area 5  
Vita Ditter – Area 6  
Steve Harvey – Area 7  
Lisa Goodman – City Council Person and Bryn  
Mawr resident

#### Guests

Peggy Sue Imihy – City of Minneapolis  
Raymond Dehn – State Representative  
Officer D.R. Mattsson – Minneapolis Police Department

A quorum was present.

President Kevin Thompson called the meeting to Order and started introductions at 6:31pm.

With no additions, there was a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Last month's meeting minutes mistakenly included Dennie Juillerat. With the removal of Dennie's name from the list of attendees, motion carried.

Councilperson Lisa Goodman provided an update from the City.  
2809 N. Wayzata Blvd's rooftop patio was approved. There is no change of use filed and the building is a business that is building a rooftop deck.

The owners of Sparks are partnering with the City and a private bank to renovate the space into an Ecuadorean bistro called La Mesa set to open on or around February 1st.

Lunch with Lisa will occur January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Wednesday before the Superbowl. The topic will be commercial sex trafficking, specifically around major events. The City is partnering with several agencies and organizations, including YouthLink, the Minneapolis Police Department and Hennepin County, aiming to stop the sex trafficking of girls and women in Minneapolis.

The City will be reviewing all the activities occurring for the Superbowl, as well as an update on street closure. Two meetings will occur at January 11<sup>th</sup> at Westminster at 7:00 and 7:30 to discuss all things Superbowl.

The Minneapolis Comp Plan public meeting will occur January 23rd at Plymouth Church.

The list of committee assignments was published. Lisa serves on 4 committees include economic & business development, workforce development, affordable housing, and inspections & licensing. Lisa will also be taking on an appointment to the municipal building commission, which includes the City Hall itself.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio reviewed BMNA budget vs. actuals spent for FY2017. The full budget will be posted on BMNA.org. BMNA follows a cash accounting system, accounting for cash as it comes in or goes out. BMNA executed a net draw from reserves of approximately \$33,000 in 2017 and currently has about \$85,000 in reserves. Dennis Fazio moved to accept the report. Seconded. Motion passed.

Jessica Wiley and Dennis Fazio sought the advice of Robert Thompson on how other neighborhood associations handled financing their operations. Robert has extensive history and experience working with neighborhood associations in Minneapolis. He provided some history, tips, and advice and was very complimentary of BMNA's finances and operations.

Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff gave a brief update on membership. BMNA did meet its membership goal, with a significant number of donations in the last 2 months of the year.

Membership to the BMNA is and has always been free for all neighbors. BMNA received donations in 2017 ranging from \$10 to \$250 dollars through mostly digital activities. After some discussion, the decision was made to try a combination of online and print mailing.

Bugle Editor JoEllyn Jolstad gave an update on the Bugle. The next edition of the Bugle is in February. No Board members have signed up to write an article on 2018. Mike Brennon has sent in the first article of a planned 3-part series.

Lynda Shaheen give a report on the Schools Committee. With a budget of \$2000, the community space in the lobby of Anwatin was successfully furnished. Nicknamed "The Nest," it has been set aside as a safe, comfortable space for students before and after classes.

Jessica Wiley gave an update on the winter nature camp of the Minneapolis Nature Preschool. Even though it was quite chilly, the event was successful and attendance was excellent. They were also successful in obtaining their exemption from income taxes from the IRS.

Community Projects Committee will be meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Committee will wade through the huge number of suggestions to identify the potential community projects to tackle in 2018.

Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff is planning a slight modification of the Neighborhood Garden Tour to include hardscaping and happy spaces, including, potentially, urban farmers and beekeepers. This will expand the interest within and without the neighborhood and is expected to increase attendance.

Vida Ditter gave the update from ROC. The owner of EXL Laboratories building was not prepared to reveal plans for that space until March. The new distillery, Royal Foundry, won approval for their liquor license and are waiting for permits to come through. David Wellington will talk about plans for Leaf Properties at the ROC meeting on Tuesday the 16th.

Kevin Thompson updated the group on the forthcoming Southwest LRT. Since some of the screening for the train tracks will need to be on park property, that will be included in the redesign of Bryn Mawr Meadows.

Representative Raymond Dehn spoke briefly. Reminder: legislative session starts February 20<sup>th</sup>. A town hall meeting will occur on or before February 20<sup>th</sup> to talk about some of the issues expected in the next session.

February 6<sup>th</sup> is the night of Precinct Caucuses. Caucus locations can be found on either the GOP or DFL websites.

Officer Mattsson from Minneapolis Police Department spoke briefly. There is no new information on the two juveniles suspected in several of the neighborhood burglaries. They have yet to be charged.

With nothing further, Jessica Wiley moved to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

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