



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

6:00– 8:30 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary (Cafeteria)

Kevin Thompson kicked off the meeting at 7:01. He welcomed the attendees and introduced the BMNA board.

Lisa Goodman, elected official and Bryn Mawr resident, spoke briefly. She thanked Patty Wycoff for helping her find the house that allowed her to return to Bryn Mawr. She thanked the board for all the work and support and cooperation with the City, on behalf of the City.

Rebecca Gannon for the School board was another elected representative in attendance. She gave kudos to Bryn Mawr Elementary and Anwatin Middle Schools and thanked them for the education her kids have received. She is up for re-election on the next cycle.

Kevin gave a state of the neighborhood and introduced Dennis Fazio to review BMNA's financials. Dennis provided copies of the balance sheets as well as reminded people that the financials can be found on the website. The BMNA is in good shape and expect to receive a good allocation from the City's NRP fund. There was a question on why BMNA showed a loss for the year, and Dennis stated we did not submit any draw requests from our City NRP/CPP funds allocation last year, but were easily able to cover our expenses with reserves. We will be replenishing our reserves with draws from the City allocations this year.

Patty Wycoff spoke on membership. She thanked Cuppa Java for hosting a membership drive and donating a portion of the profit received that day to BMNA. BMNA moved to a more digitally focused membership drive using email and Nextdoor.

Kevin spoke more about the purpose BMNA serves and what Bryn Mawr represents for the city. Our purpose is to keep people informed and represent their interests. As part of that mission, for almost 20 years BMNA and Harrison have partnered to assist in cleaning up, advising, and providing recommendations on the Basset Creek valley.

We want to remind you that BMNA is a 501(c)(3) corporation and your donations are tax deductible. We do our best to represent the entire population of Bryn Mawr. We have a diverse collection of events, including the Festival of Garage Sales, Annual Dinner, the Garden, Outdoor Living, and Urban Farms Tour, Ice Cream scoop off, Sip and Stroll in the fall, Harvest Festival, and Satunalia. This keeps our Neighborhood Coordinator very busy.

We have several community projects, reviews and awards every year. This year one of them is the mosaic, which attendees should vote on. Others include pet waste stations (coming) and a speed sign.

We also created a Community Safety committee.

We maintain the Bugle, which we believe is the last single neighborhood paper in the City, designed to communicate information to residents and serve as document of the Committee.

The Garden Committee maintains nearly 40 gardens, relying on funding from group, and volunteers from the neighborhood to maintain them.

BMNA has been active with the City on major issues including SWLRT, Basset Creek construction projects, and park renovations, just to name a few.

We are always hopeful that residents will volunteer to be part of the board or attend meetings to voice their opinion. We have several developments coming online in the next year, including Leaf Brothers and the CenturyLink building. There is renovation planned for the office and with residential buildings to be added also. Design review will occur on the 22nd of May. The architect of the project lives in Bryn Mawr. The Target building was also sold to Opus, and is planned for continued use as an office building.

Brian Treece then introduced the slate of candidates up for election. The candidates were introduced from the ballot.

- Kevin Thompson, President
- James Dietrich, Secretary,
- Lynda Shaheen, Area 2 Co-Rep
- Susan Verrett , Area 2 Co-Rep
- Karen Frederickson, Area 2 Co-Rep
- Christopher Etz, Area 4 Co-Rep
- Joanne Michalec, Area 4 Co-Rep
- Vida Ditter, Area 6 Co-Rep
- Jay Peterson, Area 6 Co-Rep
- Barry Schade, Area 6 Co-Rep

Brian asked if anyone wanted to volunteer or nominate. He gave 3 chances. With no opposed spots, Brian moved to elect the entire slate by acclamation.

Attendees were asked to leave comments using the forms on the table.

After door prizes were drawn, Kevin Thompson thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, June 13, 2017**
6:30 p.m., Bryn Mawr Church (Basement)