

BMNA Minutes
June 14, 2016

Members present -

Kevin Thompson, President
Brian Treece, VP
Dennis Fazio Treasurer
Dennie Juillerat, Area 3
Jessica Wiley, Area 3

JoAnn Michalec, Area 4
Andrew Jensen, Area 5
Jay Peterson, Area 6
Steve Harvey, Area 7

Staff

Patty Wycoff, NC
JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle

Guests-

Lisa Goodman, City Council
Melissa Wisniewski, Securonet
Adam Kay, Brightside Produce
Adam Pruitt, Brightside Produce
Nate Gotlieb, Southwest Journal

Called to order at 6:32

Approval of agenda

Accepted the minutes from the Annual Meeting/Approved minutes for April

Lisa Goodman gave the City Councilmember report

- Lisa reviewed field trips planned for Lunch with Lisa: the newly opened Sculpture Garden and Target in September. Final presentation for Peavey Plaza forthcoming.
- 501 Cedar Lake Rd has been sold. They need a variance to build. Anyone within 300 ft will be notified of the hearing on the variance. The City has a pro density point of view.
- 625 Queen Ave S requested a variance to replace single garage.
- Household hazardous waste events going on this summer. Check the schedule.
- The City attempted a move in the right direction by proposing a plastic bags ban. This didn't go through, so they are looking for ideas to progress with this issue
- Mobile station—no update—they are in a quasi-judicial situation/going through the process with the city, they rejected the city's offer.
- Lisa responded to a question about the \$15 minimum wage issue

1. Mpls Virtual Safety Network- Melissa Wisniewski Securonet-

- Securonet works with all 5 Mpls police Department precincts, paid for by the police department
- Enables private and public entities to sign up to network cameras that are already in place at their site, such as cameras at a business or home
- Securonet does not buy or place cameras. They are involved in sharing data only

2. BrightSide Farm Stands- Adam Kay/Adam Pruitt

- Working for the past three years on decreasing food "deserts" in the city

- Have developed small farm stands to sell produce in areas with less options for fresh food
- Working with students at St. Thomas
- Set up small sidewalk stands in front of a corner store. Produce is sold by St. Thomas students and young people from the community who are paid/3 hour sell period
- Rogers store in Harrison is one of the corner stores
- Setting up a **buyers** club for the produce remaining after the sale--recruit neighbors to buy bundles of produce at the end of the day -\$10 share/
- BrightSide is asking for a willingness and interest from individuals in buying the shares. They are seeking 10 families for \$10 each for 8 weeks. Patty will recruit people to do this – need commitment by July 9
- They have submitted an article in the Bugle.

The Treasurers Report given by the BMNA Treasurer, Dennis Fazio.

- Dennis presented some necessary corrections to our cash management policy. Changes moved by Dennis and seconded by Jessica, approved.
- Dennis presented a proposal for a Bookkeeper, including separating Treasurer duties from Bookkeeping. and hiring a bookkeeper. City rules Consultation with NCR confirmed that it is permitted to pay Board members for professional services if they are well-defined, separate from Board duties, and of financial or other benefit to the organization allow us to pay a board member; proposing that Dennis be the contracted for bookkeeping services ~~bookkeeper~~ for 7-10 hours month. He would remain as volunteer treasurer with responsibilities at about 10 hours a month. Approved hiring a bookkeeper, moved by Barry second by Ja Motion by Barry Schade to contract with Dennis for bookkeeping services with referral to officers to work out the details. Approved. Refer to officers to work out the details.
- Recommended that we buy a screen and donate it to the church for use during our summer meetings. Approved up to \$250 for a screen. Dennis moved, Brian seconded. Dennis will work with the church on details.

North Side Service Area Master Plan CAC presented by Kevin Thompson

- We have an option to add a Bryn Mawr/Harrison representative for park planning.
- Currently on the CAC from Bryn Mawr are Kevin Thompson- (appointed by Anita Tabb) and Mike Brennan (appointed by Lisa Goodman)
- Tim Davis has applied from Harrison. Barry moved to appoint Tim as a joint Bryn Mawr/Harrison rep, Brian seconded. Approved.

Ad in SW Journal for Bryn Mawr Spotlight discussion led by Kevin Thompson.

- SW Journal is publishing an article highlighting Bryn Mawr in 6/29 issue.
- There was discussion around placing an ad for Bryn Mawr in the same issue. Deadline for ad is June 26. Decision was made to Look at this for next year- advertising the garden tour or Bryn Mawr in general.

Minnesota Compass Website Tool presentation by Jessica Wiley

- Wilder Foundation was funded to create Minnesota Compass, a neighborhood data tool with profile information on demographics, housing, workforce, trends.
- Data can be accessed at macro and micro levels-state, county, city, neighborhoods.

- Could be used for school committee, fundraising, advocacy, strategic planning
- www.mncompass.org

Patty Wycoff gave an update as the Neighborhood Coordinator

- Garage sales. Fewer families donated to our sale but record number registered their garage sales. Next year, we need to be sure we have a traffic cop at Penn and Cedar Lake Rd
- Neighbors in Area 4 behind the former hedge are concerned that the hill is not being mowed in a timely fashion
- Ice Cream social – July 13. La La Creamery on board, buy vanilla ice cream for the kids

Jo Ellyn Jolestad give a Bugle Report.

- This month is the Graduation issue highlighting the many graduates we have this year.

Jay Peterson gave an update on the Website.

- BMNA.org is reciving an average of 3500 visitors each month
- Looking at having 100 photos available for use as needed

Standing Committee Reports

- Gardens- 9 garden stewards at 11 garden collections, such as Mobile Station, dentist's office, etc, received over \$1000 worth of free plants trees shrubs from Minnesota Green for Cedar Lake Parkway Blvd,, , planters in downtown Bryn Mawr completed
- Community Projects –Approved an increase in the dollar amount for the Nature Pre-School Summer School of \$625
- Events – association goals deferred to July

Discussion- for those wanting to know what the timeline is for park updates, go to the Park Board website.

Adjourned at 8:16