



# **BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

**6:30– 7:45 PM**

**Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria**

### Attendees:

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
Dennis Fazio – Treasurer  
Jeremy Staffeld – Webmaster  
Lynda Shaheen – BMNA Coordinator  
James Dietrich – Secretary  
Patty Wycoff – BMNA Event Coordinator  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor  
Karen Frederickson – Area 2 Co-Rep  
Susan Verrett – Area 2 Co-Rep  
Jessica Wiley – Area 3 Co-Rep  
Joanne Michalec – Area 4 Co-Rep  
Chris Etz – Area 4 Co-Rep  
Vida Ditter – Area 6 Co-Rep  
Barry Schade – Area 6 Co-Rep  
Jay Peterson – Area 6 Co-Rep  
Steve Harvey – Area 7 Rep

Lisa Goodman – City Councilperson

### Guests:

David Miller - Urbanworks  
Aaron Diedrich – Lupe Development  
Steve Minn - Lupe Development  
Ilan Weiss – Area 4 Resident  
George Ashenmaker – Area 6

Call to Order and Introductions  
Approval of today's agenda.

With a minor adjustment to move the report from Steve Minn of Lupe Development forward in the agenda, the meeting minutes were approved.

There was no Bugle, and so the acceptance of December's Meeting Minutes was postponed.

Steve Minn of Lupe Development gave an updated on the CenturyLink building. The current plan has two 6 story buildings along the west side, one market rate independent senior project, and one affordable senior housing. Both approximately 100 units. A proposed 2-story building along the east side of the lot would be assisted living senior care and memory care likely to be operated by Ecumen, a Senior Care Organization.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio provided a fiscal year-end review of BMNA. We fell short of the donations and membership but were able to recover funds after drawing from NRP funds. The net results for 2018 was that BMNA just about broke even.

Councilperson Lisa Goodman provided an update from the City  
Lunch with Lisa returns on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the University of St Thomas. This will be a panel of developers active in Minneapolis.

The City asks that you do not put Christmas lights in your recycling, please! You can put your trees out, unless requested not to, which has been done in certain areas.

Jay Peterson moved to accept the fiscal review as presented. Seconded. Approved.

BMNA Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Lynda Shaheen updated the group on activities. An electronic news letter was sent out to the mailing list. It was well received. After a last-minute pitch for members, BMNA received a \$1900 bump in membership at the end of the year. The decision was made to do a printed membership drive. The cost has been driven down to \$.8-.10/letter.

After a review of the current Welcome packet, Lynda suggested a few changes including a list of current board member, communications sign up, events, a map, menus from restaurants, bike maps, recycling guide, an Eloise Butler guide, coupons, and potentially a History of Bryn Mawr.

Lynda Shaheen and Patty Wycoff presented a potential BMNA fundraising event. The event would be hosted at Utepils, where adults and children would be welcome. Kevin Thompson moved to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.

Webmaster Jeremy Staffeld provided an update. The security certificate was renewed. We are primarily working now on managing the upgrade to Wordpress 5.

JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor, provided an update from the Bugle. Bugle is back in Feb, January 20<sup>th</sup>. JoEllyn is considering soliciting subscribers to digital version. The December and January Minutes will be published.

Jessica Wiley, Community Projects Chair, provided a report. Jessica received 10 project requests which are currently being reviewed.

Chris Etz, Chair of Safety, provided an update. City has possession of our street sign. They will be putting it up on 44 Penn S.

Karen Frederickson provided an update on the Gateway project. One of the primary concerns is to incorporate feedback from the group and community. She has had conversations with SWLRT about their plans to update the sidewalks. Changes will be incorporated into any designs and included in the grant submission.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, February 13, 2019**  
**Bryn Mawr Elementary School, Cafeteria**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Meeting location is ADA Compliant