



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

6:30– 8:00 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

The Annual Meeting of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association commenced with a full house at the Bryn Mawr Elementary School. Kevin Thompson, President, called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:30.

He introduced Bobby Jo Champion, State Senator for Senate District 59. Bobby Jo spoke briefly on the value of neighborhood association, the challenges facing the Senate like the budget, healthcare, and transportation.

Next, Raymond Dehn, State Representative, spoke briefly, providing an update on the House and the items under consideration for this cycle.

Lisa Goodman, City Councilperson, spoke next on activities being considered and undertaken by the City of Minneapolis. She spoke on the changes occurring in Bryn Mawr, including the new construction to the former Target and former CenturyLink buildings.

Next, Inspector KP from the 4th Precinct, introduced himself and gave a brief history of his impressive time with the police force. He's focused on community safety, dealing with community issues, and enforcement strategies. He fielded a few questions and comments from attendees.

Kevin welcomed Rowena Holmes, Crime Prevention Specialist, spoke briefly to the attendees and presented a plaque to BMNA in recognition of its efforts to keep the community safe and improve the community and neighbors.

Frank Hornstein, State Representative for Bryn Mawr south of Cedar Lake Road. Scott is the Chair of the transportation committee. He gave broad strokes on the House's budget for transportation, affordable housing, and other items.

Senator Scott Dibble spoke briefly on a few things being worked on this year, including a bill on elder abuse, legislation on aversion therapy, and working to reduce school energy bills using solar.

Dennis Fazio, Treasurer, provided a detailed overview of the finances for BMNA, including a handout. BMNA has more cash on hand, nearly \$100K, due in part to drawing the last of the NRP funds. Additional CRP funding will be available through 2020. The City will be auditing BMNA this year, as part of standard procedure. This report is posted on the BMNA website.

There is a Neighborhood 2020 initial that is occurring that impacts funding for associations. BMNA does not expect major changes, however is tracking and working to limit impacts.

Minneapolis School Board Director Bob Walser introduced himself and commented on his and he school board's commitment to improving schools and the education our young receive.

Lynda Shaheen, BMNA Communication Coordinator, presented information on her purview, fundraising and communications. BMNA membership drive has raise over \$10K in membership. She is now focused on increasing the percent of households that

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contribute or are members. Lynda and Patty Wycoff are working closely on a playground opening June 13th. There is a school plant sale happening in the neighborhood to raise money.

Patty Wycoff, BMNA Events Coordinator, played a short slideshow of photos from events and individuals around the neighborhood.

Kevin Thompson spoke on some of the highlights of the last year. BMNA has been active in the Neighborhoods 2020 initiative, providing significant input which is under consideration.

Also, the 2040 Plan, which is The City's plan to rezone the city. This impacts some of the neighborhood and presented a letter with certain requests, all of which were granted.

The CenturyLink building will be redeveloped and BMNA has been active in getting the word out about proposals, developments, and designs. BMNA installed a public art piece by artist Stacia Goodman on the corner Penn and Cedar Lake.

BMNA lacks a Garden Committee Chair however remains diligent on caring for the neighborhood gardens via its wonderful volunteer garden committee.

BMNA is also working to update the Land Use plan for incorporation into Minneapolis future development plan. The former is nearly 2 decades old.

Brian Treece, Vice President, presented the ballot for electing BMNA board. With none running opposed, the entire ballot was voted in by acclamation for a two year term. The elected officials are as follows:

Vice President – Brian Treece
Treasurer – Dennis Fazio
Area 1 Rep – Dave Holets
Area 3 Co-Rep – Jessica Wiley
Area 3 Co-Rep – Dennie Juillerat
Area 5 Co-Rep – Beth Turnbull
Area 5 Co-Rep – Andrew Jansen
Area 7 Rep – Steve Harvey

Steve Harvey nominated Kate Knuth for Co-Rep for Area 7, she accepted the nomination, and was elected.

After drawing for the door prices, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

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