



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2020
6:30– 8:00 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

Kevin Thompson, President
Brian Treece, Vice President
Dennis Fazio, Treasurer
Jeremy Staffeld, Webmaster
JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor
Lynda Shaheen, Coordinator
Dave Holets, Area 1
Susan Verrett, Area 2
Chris Etz, Co Rep – Area 4
Karen Frederickson, Area 2

Jessica Wiley, Area 3
Dennie Juillerat, Area 3
Colleen Dhennin, Area 5
Mark Dhennin, Area 5
Jay Peterson, Area 6 Co Rep
Rod Miller, Area 6 Co Rep
Barry Schade, 6 Co Rep
McKenzie Erickson, Area 6
Kate Knuth, Co Rep – Area 7
Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Councilperson

Guests:

Irene Fernando, Hennepin County Commissioner
Tory Stone, Crime Prevention 4th Precinct
Inspector Kelvin Pulphus, 4th Precinct
Lt Derrick Barnes, 4th Precinct

Call to Order and Introductions

With one addition to New Business, Chris Etz moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Verrett moved to approve last month's minutes. Seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Report

The next Lunch with Lisa is January 29th. Frank Edgerton Martin, a highly regarded landscape architect, volunteered to do a 1 hour presentation on historic landscapes. February LwL is Bryn Mawr resident John Dunlop is going to be speaking on the climate crisis.

Two land-use updates, 411 Newton pool usage has been approved. 1955 Drew variance and remodel was also approved.

Minneapolis food inspections are now online, violations and compliances are now viewable and trackable.

Minneapolis Animal Care and Control witnessed a 60% increase in adoption in 2019 over 2018 as the move more towards a care and rehome focus.

Torie Stone, CPS, Inspector Kelvin Pulphus, and Lt Derrick Barnes provided an update crime in Bryn Mawr. There were two thefts, one of property from an AirBnB, and the other were wheels and tires on two cars. There was an auto theft, which turned out to be a purchased vehicle where the check bounced. There was also a theft by swindle where an individual downloaded an app called HelpMe.

She also provided a summary of an aggravated attempted robbery at Bryn Mawr Meadows. 4-5 male victims were sitting in a parked car in the parking lot of Bryn Mawr Park. An armed suspect approached their vehicle, demanded valuables and fired rounds into the car. A victim was hit, but fortunately it's a non-life threatening injury. Victim's car was taken by suspects during the altercation. Police located the stolen vehicle and apprehended the involved suspects.

For more information, sign up to receive crime alerts at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert/police_crimealert_signup

Irene Fernando, Hennepin County Commissioner, addressed the board on how county decisions, spends, information gathering etc, occurs, differently from city or state. Her two primary initiatives are affordable housing and the upcoming US Census. More information, reports, and statistics can be found at www.hennepinD2.com

Treasurer Dennis Fazio led a 2020 Budget Discussion. After some discussion, a concise summary was provided that as planned/budgeted, expenses would exceed revenues by \$10,000 and BMNA would need to utilize reserves. Bugle Editor, Coordinator, and Webmaster contracts have been finalized with no changes from 2019. Bookkeeping contract has yet to be finalized. Though a reserve of BMNA funds does exist, a discussion on what events, activities, and or services would or could be cut in the event of a deficit that BMNA could not sustain, though the objective would likely be to increase revenues and donations to account for the deficit.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio moved to accept the 2020 budget. Seconded. One opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio presented the annual 2019 Annual Report in its preliminary basis. Seconded. After some discussion, motion carried.

Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Lynda Shaheen reported that the email distribution list remained relatively unchanged, with an increase of 89 people net. 2019 also so 306 unique donors, which was an increase of roughly 30% in the source of donations. Additional funds were generated by new sales, Give to the Max, garage sales were increased, and overall, nearly all sources of revenue witnessed an increase in 2019.

Working as a temporary appointment to the Event Coordinator, McKenzie Erickson is working with Lynda to plan Winter Fest. A possible date for being hosted at Utepils is March 5th, however alternate options including weekends are in discussion.

Bugle Editor JoEllyn Jolstad provided an update on the Bugle. Approximately 1700 copies are printed each month with 1400 going to neighborhood homes, with delivery prior to 1st of the month. This year has seen a transition to a new printer. JoEllyn recommended to the Communications Committee to consider an increase in advertisement rate, as the rate has not been adjusted in 10 years. Board members are asked to contribute an article for the Bugle.

Webmaster Jeremy Staffeld reported on the digital projects from 2019. Events pages continue to draw the most traffic. The digital map for the Festival of Garage Sales was a success and he has received feedback on ways to improve. The online store has been a success. The SWLRT update blog has received attention.

Communications Committee will be scheduling a meeting to discuss several items.

Community Projects are in. A meeting is scheduled for February. There are several under consideration include a block of marble ready for a neighborhood project.

Finance Committee is meeting January 28th. Jessica Wiley moved that the Board waive the competitive bid policy, as the roles are currently being performed and are renewals of former contracts. Seconded. Motion carried. Jessica Wiley moved to approve the Communications, Fundraising, and Webmaster contracted spend which was the same as 2019. Seconded. Motion carried.

ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update by Kevin Thompson. Building south of Glenwood off Girard and Humbolt. Pioneer Paper Company meeting is coming up the 13th. The City is recommending against approval of Non-conforming use permit requested by the Pioneer Paper Company.

The Park Board is looking for community members for the Community Advisory Committee to help advise the construction of a master plan for the Cedar Lake/Ilse area. Chris Etz will be applying and is requesting the Board's support. Barry Schade moved that the Board send a Letter of Support to the Park Board in support of Chris Etz. Seconded. Motion carried.

With nothing further, Kevin Thompson adjourned the meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday February 12, 2020**
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Upcoming Events: **Winter Fest (February 2020)**

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