



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
6:30– 8:00 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

Kevin Thompson, President
Brian Treece, Vice President
James Dietrich, Secretary
Jeremy Staffeld, Webmaster
Lynda Shaheen, Neighborhood Coordinator
Susan Verrett, Area 2
Karen Frederickson, Area 2
Chris Etz, Co Rep – Area 4
Joanne Michalec, Area 4 Co Rep

Colleen Dhennin, Area 5 Co Rep
Mark Dhennin, Area 5
Rod Miller, Area 6 Co Rep
Barry Schade, Area 6 Co Rep
Bill Miner, Area 6
McKenzie Erickson, Area 6
Kate Knuth, Co Rep – Area 7
Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Councilperson

Guests:

Tory Stone, Crime Prevention 4th Precinct

Kevin Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The agenda was modified to remove John Munger, Director of Loppet Foundation and add Tory Stone, Minneapolis Police 4th Precinct. Motion to approve the agenda as modified. Seconded. Motion carried.

James Dietrich, Secretary, moved to approve February Minutes. Seconded. Motion carried.

Tory Stone addressed the Association on the crime in the neighborhood. She presented a Crime Summary which showed incidents in 2019 to be higher than 2017 and 2018. Unattended car theft topped the list, as well as thefts to AirBnB locations.

City of Minneapolis: Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Report. Lisa started with giving kudos on the Winterfest event. Lunch with Lisa is still planned for the 24th of March. Robert Liligren, a member of the White Earth band of Ojibwe, runs Native American Community Development Institute. Lisa is looking for individuals to serve on the Advisory Committee on Aging and the Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.

Minneapolis has opened an Incident Command Center. In the event that emergency supplies are needed, the City of Minneapolis has emergency supplies on-hand.

Speed limits on some Minneapolis residential streets will be reduced to 20 or 25 miles per hour. Please check for new posted speed limits. Penn Ave and Cedar Lake Parkway are not affected. The City is updating Draft Transportation Action Plan, working to make it easier to use public transportation, bike or walk.

Kevin Thomson announced that James Dietrich has resigned as Secretary and that Jessica Wiley has resigned as Interim Treasurer. The Board wishes to express sincere thanks to both individuals for their service to the community.

Kevin Thompson moved to appoint James Dietrich as Treasurer. Seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Thompson moved to appoint Jessica Wiley as Secretary. Seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Thompson updated the group on Neighborhoods 2020. Recommendations have been made to set rules and conditions for funding. Base amounts would be reduced, and that money would be transitioned to a project-based expenditure. Kevin Thompson moved to create a sub committee to review and respond to the proposal. Seconded. Motion carried.

McKenzie Erickson and Lynda Shaheen reported that Winterfest was a success, selling over 100 tickets, and. A big thank you to all volunteers. The expense budget was set at \$1500, but actuals were under \$1000 and the estimate for revenue and donations is over \$8000 producing a net gain of \$7000 or more for the neighborhood.

Webmaster Jeremy Staffeld has taken over email administration. He is also documenting the website and what has been done, in case

there is a need in the future to transition to another individual. He is using Facebook Live to stream the BMNA Board Meeting and will continue to work on allowing others to attend the board meeting remotely.

Brian Treece has received 3 applications from the neighborhood for the vacant Event Coordinator position.

Gardens Dennie Juillerat is working on resurrecting the Garden Committee.

New Treasurer James Dietrich provided a report on the Gateway Project. The current data shows that the community supported a hedge, but that maintenance requirements for the hedge and “gateway” area need to be addressed. We have broken the project into a multi-year build, with year one objectives of rebuilding the topiary hedge, addressing water and mowing maintenance issues, and perhaps cleaning up the lilacs and volunteer trees in the space. Though \$25,000 had previously been approved for what we are now referring to as the Gateway Project, our objective is the reduce the expenditure required, or increase the results of the project.

We will be applying for the MnDOT Landscape Program to receive up to \$10,000 is reimbursement of plant and mulch spend. Additional funds may be available on an annual basis. We are working with MnDOT to identify plants and design the space. We are working with the City of Minneapolis and SWLRT to coordinate the design of the space with the new LRT Bryn Mawr Station.

Elections for Area Representatives for 2, 4, and 6, Secretary and President will occur this year. Interested parties please contact Vice President Brian Treece.

Lynda Shaheen reported on Schools. Minneapolis will vote on school boundary changes. Echo, Kenwood, and Bryn Mawr would feed into Anwatin Middle and then to North High.

First Service Residential has moved into the 1015 Glenwood building, as well as a few other tenants.

Construction on Bryn Mawr Station is being staged.

Kevin Thompson spoke briefly on the Covid virus and the Board’s response. We will be updating the website with any information we and we may cancel the April Board meeting or host it remotely. For now, the Board Meeting has been moved to April 15th out of respect for Passover.

With nothing further, Kevin Thompson moved to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday April 8, 2020
Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

Upcoming Events: Festival of Sales, May 2, 2020
Annual Meeting and Dinner, May 13, 2020

*The BMNA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the BMNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at bmna@bmna.org at least five days before our event. *Meeting location is ADA compliant.*