



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
6:30– 8:00 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

Call to Order at 6:30 with Introductions

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
James Dietrich - Secretary  
Jessica Wiley - Area 3 Co-Rep  
Dennie Juillerat – Area 3 Co-Rep  
Joanne Michalec – Area 4 Co-Rep  
Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Beth Turnbull Area 5 - Co-Rep

Jay Peterson Area 6 Co-Rep  
Rod Miller - Area 6 Co-Rep  
Barry Schade – Area 6 Co-Rep  
Kate Knuth – Area 7 Co-Rep

McKenzie Erickson – Adjunct Event Coordinator  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Coordinator  
Lynda Shaheen – Comm and Fundraising Coordinator

### Guests

Steve Minn – Lupe Development  
Eric – Lupe Development  
Katie Lauer – City of Mpls  
Bill Miner - Area 6  
Kathie Christensen – Area 6  
LaRoyce Kranz – Area 6  
Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson

Jessica Wiley moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.

Jessica Wiley moved to approve the minutes from January. Seconded. Motion carried.

### Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Report.

John Dunlop, Bryn Mawr resident, will speak at Lunch with Lisa on Feb 19, 12:00-1:00 at St Thomas will give a non-partisan speech about the climate emergency. March will be Robert Liligren on the Met Council who is working on economic development and arts in the American Indian community. The Lunch With Lisa field trip will be in either May or June which will be a sneak peek of the Dayton's project.

There are 2 openings for the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward on the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging and Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People With Disabilities.

411 S Newton had 2 variances approved by the Board of Adjustment. Lisa has also convinced the developer of the project with the working title "The Gardens of Bryn Mawr" to host a contest to create the official name. Details will be posted in the Bryn Mawr Bugle. Winner will receive \$250.

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Steve Minn provided an update on 2800 Wayzata Blvd. The School Board has accepted the proposal to host the water reclamation pond on their property with the expectation that the fence be eliminated and the pond become a teaching pond. The City must still approve a minor rezoning, on the docket in two weeks. Steve is requesting a representative from BMNA to assist in the pond design. Lastly, Steve is pursuing affordable dollars from Hennepin County's affordable housing fund.

Katie Lauer, Communication outreach coordinator for city of Minneapolis spoke the impending election and the upcoming census. Early voting is open now, with the Primary for President held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Minnesota is a same day voting registration. A list of necessary documents can be found on the City's website. For more specific information on the Caucuses, contact your affiliated party. Voters will receive one of two ballots for their selected party, and the party will receive information on those voters.

2020 is also a census year and will be held online. March 12<sup>th</sup> will open, with a big push April 1<sup>st</sup>. A card should arrive in your mail, and if that is not received, a census taker will attempt an in-person census with an attempt to complete by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Kevin Thompson reported that Dennis Fazio resigned as the Treasurer. Dennis was a substantial contributor to the BMNA and took great efforts to maintain a solid fiscal standing during his time as Treasurer. The Board wishes to extend a sincere thank you for all of his work.

Kevin Thompson moved to approve appointment of Jessica Wiley as Interim Treasurer while a new Treasurer is found. Seconded. Motion carried.

Jessica Wiley moved to adjust line item 4251 on the 2020 budget to reflect the Finance Committee's recommendation of \$3500. Seconded. Discussion included the expectation for the volunteer Treasurer and contracted bookkeeper. Motion carried.

Rod Miller proposed that the Finance Committee become a Standing Committee, with Jessica Wiley as Chair. Seconded. Motion carried.

Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Report by Lynda Shaheen. The direct mailing has been successful, generating \$4400 in donations at a cost of \$533 for fold, pack and mail. Winterfest has already received \$1880 in sponsorship compared to last year's \$2000, so it is trending strongly. Sweatshirts have already been ordered.

McKenzie Erickson is managing Winterfest Planning while BMNA continues to seek an Event Coordinator. The event is March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00pm with live music 7:00-9:00pm at Utepils. Neighbors have been providing generous donations in food and cash. Volunteers are still needed to assist day of event and McKenzie is looking to connect with bands in the neighborhood.

JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor, reported that the deadline is 20<sup>th</sup>, as usual. Several board members signed up for articles.

Policeman Pete noted that Bryn Mawr has seen a number of car break-ins, which are usually crimes of opportunity. He reminded us that just because we know a bag contains no valuables, criminals do not, and will break in to take that money.

Jay Peterson, Communications Chair, reported web traffic was down. Winterfest tickets are available online, and the price goes up after March first, so buy now!

Jessica Wiley, Community Projects Chair, presented the recommendations for the 2020 Community projects. These included up to \$4800 to improve the La Mesa patio, \$500 for Monarch Friendly Gardens workshop and plants, \$200 for Doggy Waste Stations, and \$500 for Nature Pre School Grant Match. A 7.5-ton carrera marble block has been donated to BMNA potentially for use in the Gateway Project.

Kevin Thompson reminded everyone that President, Secretary, and 2, 4, and 6 are all up for re-election and we are accepting additional nominations.

Lynda Shaheen mentioned that the school has Open Gym on Tuesdays through March from 6:00 to 7:45. It does need a supervisor to

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pull out the toys and put them away.

Rod Miller moved that BMNA submit a letter expressing support for Lupe's use of Hennepin County affordable housing funds. Seconded. Motion carried. Kevin Thompson will review and modify the letter and send the final version.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Adjourn by 8:00 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:           Wednesday March 11, 2020**  
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**Upcoming Events:               Winter Fest, March 6, 2020**

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