



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2020
6:30– 8:00 PM

Hangout Meets/Virtual Meeting

Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President

Brian Treece – Vice President

James Dietrich - Treasurer

Jessica Wiley – Secretary

Karen Frederickson - Area 2 Co-Rep

Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Rep

Joanne Michalec - Area 4 Co-Rep

Chris Etz – 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

Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep

Jeremy Staffeld - Webmaster

McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator

JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor

Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Fundraising Coordinator

Guests:

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson

Torie Stone - MPD

Rowena Holmes -MPD

1. Call to Order at 6:40 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from March moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. Councilmember Lisa Goodman – This is the 4th Neighborhood Meeting she’s attended using a remote system. No Lunch with Lisa. St. Thomas closed for the rest of the year. City has started picking up leaves and brush. Spring street sweeping starting April 21. Check the city website for further information. Continuing to solicit reps for The Council on Aging and the Disability Committees. McKenzie and JoEllyn expressed interest in these committees. Only committees meeting right now are those that have pressing issues. 1955 Drew house variance passed. Increased activity at Fruen Mill. Camera has been placed at the Mill. If the owner can’t keep the building boarded they will have to post a security guard. 2018 stats are being used for valuation of houses. You can challenge the evaluation. Extended comment period for Neighborhood 2020. Tree Trust still selling trees for \$25.00.
5. Safety – Torie Stone and Rowena Holmes. There is a case of CoVid19 at the MPD so officers will be wearing masks. A group calling themselves Urban Explorers has a presence on YouTube and has identified the Fruen Mill as a site for exploring. Numerous calls and responses to address the problems at the Mill. MPD is requesting that the owner fix the fencing, put up cameras and additional lights. Fire Inspections will be enforcing codes to compel the owner to comply. Neighbors should call 911 if they see anyone at the Mill. For other infractions, call the non-emergency number if there’s no immediate threat. 612-673-2345 or 612-348 -2345. Quest parking lot continues to have problems. The owner is aware of this.

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Received photos of juveniles going up and down alleys, discovered that they were breaking into garages. Send photos to Torie if you have them. Torie.Stone@minneapolismn.gov

6. Treasurer Report – JD Dietrich. A summary of our balances is in the meeting folder. We are financially healthy. QuickBooks allows us to pull any number of reports, request one if desired. JD will send out what people are interested in. Looking into making investments with our fund balance, if that’s possible. Working out issues with PayPal.
7. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Membership donations continue to come in. Down a bit from last year at this time. Still finalizing Winter Fest expenditures and income. Communications have been challenging during the CoVid19 Pandemic. Trying to get updates out as timely as possible to the BMNA neighborhood email list, and on our social media sites, including our FB page, Instagram, Twitter and NextDoor. Monitoring what other neighborhoods are doing and sharing with McKenzie. As we had to empty out the shed, the church is storing tables. Lynda has welcome packets. Will get out list of new move ins in the next weeks.
8. Events Report – McKenzie Erickson. We have postponed our Annual Meeting and garage sale in May. McKenzie has been contracted to manage April and May virtual events. She is planning activities that can be done at a distance. Sent out a PDF to the board of what’s currently in the works. Goals are to be safe, support our businesses, and continue community building and connections among neighbors despite not being able to be together. There are many grassroots activities taking place; acts of kindness, place making, Little Libraries being used for other purposes, stretch breaks, sidewalk chalk activities, and car parades. Looked at which activities the BMNA would want to organize, vs promote, vs announce. Three things in the works. 1. Earth Day. Week long activities partnering with the Nature Pre School to something good for the environment each day. 2. Ribbon Together Day on May 2nd in honor of May Day. Scavenger hunt of ribbons and gathering them in downtown. 3. Bryn Mawr neighborhood art activity; a coloring sheet distributed in the Bugle. Have a gallery opening of finished art at the Market using windows at the corner space. Working on a car parade with Performa. Send McKenzie an email if you have ideas.
9. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. We recognize that the Bugle, as a monthly, is not the source for the most up to date information on this crisis, but supports neighbors by highlighting what is going on in the neighborhood. Several board members signed up for articles.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Stafford. Keeping the front web page up to date on what’s happening with CoVid19. Temporarily changing the logo to be a “stay at home” message. Getting a new version of WordPress. Will upgrade the whole site.
11. Committee Reports
 - Communications. Jay Peterson. Learning Google Apps. Getting all our emails straight. Jeremy is creating some tutorials on what he does so we can share those processes.
 - Community Projects. Jessica Wiley. 2020 community projects are continuing to move forward. The La Mesa patio is under construction. Should be done this month. We will not be holding a monarch info session or giving out coupons, but will promote the plants offered at the Bryn Mawr Elementary plant sale that are pollinator and monarch friendly. They have done a wonderful job including these plants. Still intend to install a new Doggy Waste Station. Hoping the city wraps the utility box in Area 1 this spring.
 - Events – See McKenzie’s report.
 - Finance/Membership
 - Gardens – Colleen volunteered to join the garden committee.

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- Gateway Project – The committee submitted a detailed plan for the next three years. Each committee member has taken on specific responsibilities for the project; plant/green space planning, city/state/municipal coordination, more project vision, planning, budgeting, and project mgmt. Beth and McKenzie expressed interest in being on this committee. This is a challenging space. Sustainability issues that need to be addressed include having enough people to do the work, longevity of the plant material, and water supply (having enough without a source). The committee addressed the concerns of board members about the feasibility and practicality of recreating the hedge. The committee asked the board for approval to apply to the MnDOT Community Roadside Landscape Partnership Program. The application requires specific information about maintenance, so they will be addressing that. Discussed the possible use of the Carrera marble that has been offered to us. Marble doesn't fit with the prairie plan for the light rail station or this garden, but we will be looking at other possibilities. At this point, the Gateway Committee and the Garden Committee are separate entities for work and budget.

Rod Miller moved to approve the resolution to the City of Minneapolis requesting they be the sponsoring unit for the Gateway Committee's application to the MnDOT Community Roadside Landscape Partnership Program. Jay Petersen seconded the motion. Approved.

- Nominations
President, Secretary, and 2, 4, and 6 are all up for re-election and we are accepting additional nominations. The BMNA officers will meet to determine how the BMNA will hold an annual meeting and voting process for reps and leadership.
- Safety/Traffic
- Schools – Lynda reminded members that the Bryn Mawr Elementary plant sale is on. The order form is in the Bugle and online. They have lots of pollinator friendly plants for sale. The CDD plan for the MPS continues to be discussed and input gathered from the community.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

**Upcoming Events: April 19 -25, Earth Day activities
 May 2, May Day Ribbon Hunt
 Late May Coloring Art Activity**

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