



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

6:30 – 8:00 PM

[Google Meet/Virtual Meeting](#)

Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President
Brian Treece – Vice President
James Dietrich - Treasurer
Jessica Wiley – Secretary
Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Rep
Joanne Michalec - Area 4 Co-Rep
Chris Etz – Area 4 Co-Rep
Colleen Dhennin - 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
Kate Knuth – Area 7 Co-Rep
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Fundraising Coordinator

Guests:

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson
Torie Stone - MPD
Jackie Cherryhomes, Lupe Development
Steve Minn, Lupe Development
Cameron Flakne, Lupe Development
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 resident
Adam Arvidson – Mpls Park Board

1. Call to Order at 6:32PM.
2. Agenda approval. Moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from May were not published in Bugle. Deferred approval until July.
4. Councilmember Lisa Goodman. Appreciates the support from neighbors. Put out a statement to those on her email list (access at xxxx) about why she didn't sign the pledge to defund the police or appear at a rally. Has received approximately 30,000 emails and phone calls and has replied to about 300 emails a day for the past 10 days. Took questions from the board about the administration refusing to negotiate with the union, other actions taken by the city council and the chief of police, the response of the police department to the murder of George Floyd, and questions about reform. State laws and the city charter stand in the way of immediate change. The city charter outlines how many police officers we must have. A charter change would have to be made on a citywide ballot in 2021. Members of the police department have made statements about the shame they feel over the behavior of other officers. Encouraged us to read the editorial in the Strib about PELRA (Public Employee Labor Relations Act) by William Pentelovitch. Discussed how reform movements in the past have not resulted in real change, that we have to think differently about how the police respond to 911 and other city issues. Asked about removing Bob Kroll as police union president. Responded that having Kroll leave would go a long way toward healing. Discussed how the city is addressing the rebuilding of Lake Street and other neighborhoods.

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5. Safety – Torie Stone. Thanked Bryn Mawr for embracing our partnership during the past weeks. The 4th precinct has gone into protective mode; they've been threatened and need to protect the precinct and the surrounding houses. The fence will come down eventually. National Guard is still at the precinct at this moment. Patrols are focused on West Broadway. Addressed businesses in Bryn Mawr affected by looting; Bryn Mawr Mobile station had a theft. There was another theft but not related to the looting. Discussed partnerships with police department. Still in communications with the Park Board. Contact Torie if you're having issues in the park and she will communicate with the Park Board. The Fruen Mill issues have died down some; all the cameras were destroyed during the looting and no budget to replace them. The building is still being watched. Continued monitoring at the Century Link building. No reports of damage during the riots. Still having issues there with people in the parking lot. Asked about a neighbor finding a flammable bottle at Century Link. She will investigate. Call 911 if you see something dangerous. You can also call a report in to the FBI tip number. Torie.Stone@minneapolismn.gov
6. 2800 Wayzata Project - Lupe Development Steve Minn, Cameron Flakne, Jackie Cherryhomes
Cameron thanked the BMNA for sponsoring the naming contest. There are 47 entries; closing on June 15. Steve reported on the funding for the project. Money is lined up for the market rate building, waiting for funding for the affordability building. For the affordability gap, have to go through a number of steps. Hennepin County Commissioner Irene Hernando advocated on behalf of the project, they were awarded a \$600,000 grant to help move forward. This grant, along with \$2 million dollars from the city trust fund, confirms the critical partners to advance to the next step. In the pool for a \$1.5 million grant from Met Council for site improvements. Need BMNA letters of support for this. Working on applications for state housing bonds, and getting support from Minnesota Housing Staff. Jackie Cherryhomes working with the Minneapolis Public Schools on the pond design. CoVid interrupted the work, but a legal agreement is imminent. A small right-of-way berm that belongs to the City of Mpls needs to be deeded to the project. Update on the schedule. Takes a year for bonds to be awarded. Breaking ground around June of 2021. Move in around December 2022. Both buildings will be constructed at the same time. All of the affordability units will be at 50% or lower of the metropolitan median income. Kevin will review the letters of support, word smith, and obtain approval from the board before sending.
7. Bryn Mawr Meadows – Adam Arvidson, Director of Strategic Planning, Mpls Park Board. Project Manager for the North Service Area Master plan which included Bryn Mawr Meadows. Presented the funding overview for implementation. Shared the graphic vision for the park that was adopted by the Park Board. Significant reduction in ball fields; moved the ball diamonds back away from Morgan. Includes green space and a semi indoor/outdoor conservatory space that could bring in activities all year long. In 2019, \$290,000 allocated for the playground. Note that dollars are not always spent in the year they're allocated. A significant \$3.44 million allocation was assigned to the park with money available in 2021. A design project manager will be assigned to work with the neighborhood and facilitate community engagement in 2021 to talk about what exactly will be built. Construction will start in 2022 and possibly go into 2023. Playground will be done at the same time. Working with Bassett Creek Watershed Management District which is committing funds for treatment ponds, eliminating the pipes which take Bryn Mawr water into Bassett Creek. Discussed the 20% reduction in parking. Fewer games happening at one time, longer periods for play due to lighting of outer fields, so more turnover should result in fewer spaces needed at the same time. Connection to bike trail remains. Over \$4 million total dollars is available from all sources; Park Board, water shed, neighborhood capitol levy and NPP 20 agreement funds. Does not believe that the dollars are at risk. Asked about including plants along the wall of the Light Rail.
8. BMNA Response to Post Protests Needs/Supporting Other Neighborhoods-Kate Knuth
Given everything that's happening in our city, sparked by the murder of George Floyd, exposing decades of social injustice that resulted in systemic racism, wants us to think about our role in rebuilding and how we can be a part of making our city a more racially just place. Need more time to talk about these things than a board meeting allows. Proposed forming a committee to talk about the BMNA response to the immediate social unrest and how we can bring about racial justice. Don't know what the scope of the committee should be, the committee can talk about this. Could serve multiple roles. Committee should come back with some short term ideas for responding to the current situation, and long term ideas for addressing the bigger issue of racial inequality. McKenzie and Kate agreed to chair the committee. Lynda, Jessica, Steve, Colleen, Liv, JoEllyn, and Karen Soderberg volunteered to be on the committee. Specific ideas were also suggested to support rebuilding the community. Dennie is currently working to install the art work Vivid commissioned from artist Tim Wellstrom. Perhaps we create a space for community art addressing equity. Offer free ads in the Bugle for businesses to the north, directing dollars to neighborhoods that need it. Look at ways to make Bryn Mawr a more affordable community in which to live.

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Convene conversations about racial justice. Connect with the group and leaders that met in the past years to talk about racism in Bryn Mawr. Look at any informative work that the Vision Committee did last year.

9. Treasurer Report – JD Dietrich. Profit and loss document posted. Working with Michael Wilson from the city on our taxes. Have contracted with Dennis Fazio to help with the report. Going to start looking into potential investments. CPP plan reviewed. Highlights of our accomplishments in 2019. The city asks specifically for how we connect and communicate with stakeholders that might be marginalized and not as involved. Approval moved by Jessica, second by Barry. Approved.
10. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Submitted a written report. Really busy communicating about CoVid and the George Floyd protests. Membership donations are still coming in online and in the mail. Continue to get questions about the garage sale, plant sale, and Cedar Lake. Have received a lot of feedback from neighbors grateful for our communications about COVID and safety. Kevin commended Lynda for the thorough job she's done communicating with the neighborhood.
11. Events Report – McKenzie Erickson. Written Report Submitted. Highlights this month included Color Bryn Mawr, Clean up / Planting (Thank you Dennie, Rod, Karen), the Grad parade - 12 graduates and countless neighbors cheering (Thank you Patty Wycoff and Lynda). The building naming contest had 47 submissions. Coming up is a pet photo contest and yoga in the Meadows. Talking about how to do a self-guided garden tour, a socially distanced ice cream social, hosting undoing racism conversations. Kevin thanked McKenzie for all her work during this difficult time.
12. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Shout out to the graduation parade. Graduation issue was in June instead of July. Some grads will be added in July. Grad speech submitted. Two versions of minutes, May and June.
13. Webmaster – Jeremy Stafford. Online report.
14. Committee Reports
 - Communications. Jay Peterson.
 - Community Projects. Jessica Wiley. Utility wrap in Area 1 being done this summer.
 - Finance/Membership. JD Dietrich. Reviewed decisions made at the June meeting including: move the Anwatin/ PASS account, create a separate emergency fund category in community projects, contract with Dennis Fazio for tax report, address inventory and in kind donation record keeping, determine how fees will be recorded, and separate payments for spirit ware and membership donations.
 - Gardens – Dennie. Excellent help. Appreciate communications from McKenzie and Lynda. Moved from clean up to weeding.
 - Gateway Project – Dennie Juillerat--Moving forward. Working with MN DOT and MPLS Working on plant choices. Funding hasn't changed. We will not incur out of pocket costs for the hedge up to \$10,000. Dennie identifying plants.
 - Nominations – Brian Treece
President, Secretary, and 2, 4, and 6 are all up for re-election and we are accepting additional nominations.
 - Safety/Traffic- Chris Etz.
 - Schools – Lynda Shaheen. The contracting of school resource officers in the schools has been contentious. Severed ties with Mpls police dept. EBT card—everyone eligible for food for the summer. Passed a balanced budget.
15. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Andrew Jansen, Area 5, has resigned from the board, leaving an opening for a new rep from Area 5.

16. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, July 8, 2020**
Form and Forum TBD

Upcoming Events: **Pet Photo Contest**
 Yoga in the Meadows

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