



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 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
Karen Frederickson - Area 2 Co-Rep
Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep
Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 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
Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep
Kate Knuth – Area 7 Co-Rep
Jeremy Staffeld - Webmaster
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor

Guests:

Lisa Goodman - Minneapolis City Councilperson
Torie Stone - MPD
Rowena Holmes -MPD
Lisa Clemons - @Glenwood Management
Chris Jahnke - @Glenwood Management
Haig Nelson - @Glenwood Management
Liv Nielsen - Neighbor Area 1
Welles Emerson - Neighbor Area 3
Ali Rodway
Laura Lynn Glass

1. Call to Order at 6:31 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from July moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis - Councilmember Lisa Goodman. Planning continuing for the Dayton's tour. Virtual Lunch with Lisa will be scheduled featuring Robert Lilligren, President of the Native American Community Development Institute. Noted variance requests at 2116 Laurel and 420 Penn for garages. National Night Out essentially cancelled. New date identified of September 15. City rules: must be 6 ft apart, wear masks unless eating or drinking, bring own food, tables, and chairs. No budget cuts related to neighborhoods this round; NRP uncontracted, unspent dollars had a budget reduction. Neighborhoods' 2020 guidelines extended, public comment until September 30. Applicants being sought for Boards and commissions; see city website and Lisa's email newsletter. Sign up for the email newsletter at judy.shein@minneapolismn.gov Census takers will be knocking on doors. Fact sheet available on homelessness and what city, county, state efforts are. Proposal in front of

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the council to build 91 tiny dwellings inside a warehouse - cost effective, easily put up and taken down. City budget reduction process for 2020 completed. Mayor providing budget address for 2021.

5. Crime Prevention Specialist Update- Torie Stone/Rowena Holmes. The perpetrator of the robbery at the Bryn Mawr Market in early August was arrested and is incarcerated. He was linked to several other crimes and has been released to Federal authorities. Certificate of valor to be given from the MPD to the 18-year-old who was working at the Market during the robbery; he showed a tremendous amount of bravery. Update on the Encampment. Two outreach officers in addition to Torie and Rowena are monitoring the encampment. Neighbor Welles Emerson also reported on the encampment and the car theft that has been occurring in the area. Asked neighbors to be vigilant about reporting crime. Torie will be putting together tips for crime prevention and safety.
6. Fruen Mill Update- Glenwood Management – Lisa Clemons/Haig Nelson/Chris Jahnke. Lisa Goodman introduced representatives from the Fruen Mill. She is working with them to solve the issue of trespassers at the Mill. Haig gave an overview of the development to date and plans for the future. Lisa Clemons, property manager, detailed efforts to date to secure the site, including fencing, other barriers, cameras, an on-site maintenance person. They are creating a website to highlight plans for the site, and a hotline for reporting trespassing.
7. Treasurer Report – JD Dietrich. Sent reports out today. Income is down 20-30%, but we are also spending less. Previous reports of fund balances have not included \$8000 that was in an account at Sunrise back to capture PayPal income. 2019 taxes are ready to file. Moved, seconded, and motion carried to file taxes. Completed a full reconciliation back to March. What is showing in Quickbooks does not reconcile to what we actually have. Moved, seconded, motion carried to engage former treasurer Dennis Fazio to discuss reconciliation, up to \$350. Board voted in December, 2019, to separate bookkeeping and treasurer into two different roles. Proposing that we use Quickbooks for bookkeeping at a \$500 one-time fee and then \$200 per month. Finance committee will meet to discuss this proposal. Jay asked for a report for budget vs actual year to date.
8. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Submitted a written report.
9. Events Report – McKenzie Erickson. Shared her report. Successful Ice Cream Stroll. Winner selected from the 20 submissions to the Pet photo contest. One yoga session left, 14 -20 participants have been attending. Promoted the Alzheimer’s truck to pick up donations in lieu of the garage sale. Still time to send in mask wearing pics and profile. Planning a member night at Utepils. Trash pick-up scheduled for October; working on Sip and Stroll. Other events being planned by various committees, including a Bryn Mawr Elementary school gathering and a George Floyd art installation.
10. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Content less due to restricted activities. Article from Joanne about the gardens. Involved with Racial Justice work identifying northside/minority owned businesses that we can support with profiles and ads. Beth writing an article on JD Rivers.
11. Webmaster – Jeremy Stafford. Written report submitted.
12. Committee Reports
 - Communications - Jay Peterson. Racial Justice committee requests that we build a webpage related to the work they are doing, with links to resources.
 - Community Projects. Jessica Wiley. Start promoting in October.
 - Events – Brian Treece. See report above. Events committee meeting held in July. Discussed annual meeting/dinner.
 - Finance/Membership- JD Dietrich. Meeting this month.
 - Gardens – Dennie Juillerat. Working on an August call to action. Preparing for fall season maintenance.
 - Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/JD Dietrich/Dennis Juillerat. Sent a written report. Waiting for information from MNDot about the planting, which has been pushed back to spring. Read the article in the Bugle about the hillside mowing by the Red Knights. Getting expert advice about the watering plan. Plan to recognize the original hedge developers at the November annual meeting.
 - Nominations – Brian Treece. President, Secretary, and 2, 4, and 6 are all up for re-election and we are accepting additional nominations. Racial Justice Committee would like the board to be more intentional about board recruitment.
 - Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson. Meeting every other week. Committee has 6 initiatives; articulated in Bugle in August. Requesting a budget for the rest of the fiscal year to be used for books for the Little Libraries and community education; be intentional about using dollars with BIPOC owned businesses. Moved, seconded, and motion carried to approve a \$3000 budget. The Issue Review Process (IRP) and Equity Scorecard are tools we can use to pause and ask ourselves how our actions as a Board intersect with systemic racism and power and privilege. Pushes us to use an equity lens

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to thoughtfully and transparently look at our actions. Discussed how to manage using the tools; need to explore how they would impact our processes. Will take feedback from Board members and ask for adoption of the Issue Review Process (IRP) at our September Board meeting. Also asking board members to review the vision statements of the committee and determine whether we want to adopt them as a Board vision.

- Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz. No report
- Schools – Lynda Shaheen. No report.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Encampment at the Bryn Mawr Meadows. The Park Board has designated the Bryn Mawr Meadows as a site for permitted encampments, up to 25 tents. No permit has been applied for to date. Crimes associated with the encampment have been reported. Kevin has been in contact with Park Board Rep Jono Cowgill and Lisa Goodman. Asked that tents be kept within the area designated for tents. An unofficial sponsor, Bryn Mawr Sanctuary, has been requesting support from neighbors. Rowena will be attending a meeting with various inspectors involved with this issue. Her goal is to remove this encampment from the park. The neighborhood association will stay informed about the encampment and the efforts the city is making to deal with homelessness. Will look for the fact sheet coming from Lisa Goodman's office on efforts by the city, county, and state to combat homelessness.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Upcoming Events: Member Night, Utepils, September 24