



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

6:30– 8:00 PM

[Google Meet/Virtual Meeting](#)

Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President
Brian Treece – Vice President
Jessica Wiley – Secretary
Dave Holets – Area 1 Rep
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
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
Ben Gansky – Area 6
Allison Fruen – Area 3
Gary Shepson – Area 6
Jenny Schmitz – Area 5
Nicholas Marcouiller – Area 7
Karen Soderberg – Area 7

1. Call to Order at 6:30 PM. Introductions.
2. Agenda approval moved by Colleen, seconded by Barry. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from September moved by Jay, seconded Rod. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilmember Lisa Goodman. Lisa encourages everyone to get her newsletter; sign up at judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov Lunch with Lisa will be online October 28. Metropolitan Councilmember Robert Lilligren will be the guest. Dayton's hourlong tour will also be online in November. Public works sewer project starting. First phase will be 18 months along Irving Ave No. Second phase will run through the Bryn Mawr Meadows to Laurel and Morgan. There will be noise and vibrations. Variance requests approved on Laurel. Street sweeping starts October 20. The census is complete. 5.75% increase in Mayor's budget, will result in a reduction in property taxes.
5. Crime Prevention Specialist–Rowena Holmes. To date, there have been only two incidents in the 4th Precinct in October; an assault that took place in Bryn Mawr and a car theft in Harrison. A group forming a citizens' patrol will be meeting with Rowena for training on October 19 at La Mesa at 6:00PM.
6. Treasurer Report – JD Dietrich. Written report submitted. \$118,004.97 in savings, \$12,845.84 in checking, \$369.24 Paypal transfers.

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7. Wirth on the Woods pond/runoff remediation planning update- Rod Miller/McKenzie Erickson. Rod reviewed the project. There are water table issues. Will be draining the water away to a retention pond. It is not considered a landscaping feature. Acceptance of the plan by the stakeholders. Rod has been in contact with the Upton neighbors; the plans have been sent to them. Will be using the least intrusive fencing. The main ski trail that runs behind the property will be maintained.
8. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Member night on Utepils' outdoor patio was a success. About 60 people attended; we generated more revenue than last year. More spirit wear was sold. Membership donations are spot on with last year. Barry has taken over putting our welcome packets together.
9. Event Report – McKenzie Erickson. Generated \$2200 at Member night from membership donations, spirit wear, and plant sale. Litter Be Gone, on October 10 had 31 participants. Anti-racist workshop has 20 signed up; have had three sessions so far. Brought in \$800 in registrations. Sip and Stroll is set for October 22 from 5-8 PM. No one will be serving alcohol. Will have two hubs with live music at La Mesa and the Market. Stroll will take place between hubs. Have several donations from our businesses for the raffle. Sharing CDC information on having a CoVid safe Halloween.
10. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Great articles submitted for October Bugle. Jam packed. Jim Kalistowski has had a full-page ad in the Bugle for 25 years; is ending that advertising.
11. Webmaster – Jeremy Stafford. Quiet month. Registration for workshop required some problem solving. Working on a process for approving invoices, etc.
12. Committee Reports (as needed)
 - Communications - Jay Peterson. Committee meeting in late October.
 - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Soliciting ideas through December. Identify projects in January.
 - Elections – Brian Treece. President, Secretary, and 2, 4, and 6 are all up for re-election and we are accepting additional nominations. Will be using Google forms for voting. Have moved the Annual Meeting from November 11 to November 18 to avoid Veteran's Day. Have additional reps interested in Areas 1, 3, and 7. Will approve at our December business meeting.
 - Events – Brian Treece.
 - Finance/Membership – JD Dietrich.
 - Gardens – Dennie Juillerat. Thanked Lynda and McKenzie for their help with the plant sale. \$645 raised which covered our expenses for the downtown summer planting. Planning fall clean up.
 - Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat/JD Dietrich.
 - Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Jessica Wiley. Used the Issue Review Process to craft our response to the Neighborhood 2020 proposal. Worked well to talk through issues. Books are purchased for the Little Libraries and the workshops are in progress.
 - Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz. No longer hold the insurance for the speed sign. Have *20 Is Plenty* signs ready at Sip and Stroll.
 - Schools – Lynda Shaheen. Profiles of school board candidates in Bugle. Bryn Mawr Elementary School principal is looking for a community member to sit on their Leadership Site Team. They meet once a month.
13. Other Standing Reports
 - ROC/Bassett Creek Valley- Colleen Belmont. Sent a written report from October meeting. Update on Wellington property on 2nd Ave North. Property is 60-65% rented. Not enough pressure from the office market to build the office space on 2nd Avenue. Art Space project should be done by next summer, with move-ins in May. Fair Housing has said that anyone can apply. Marketing in North Minneapolis, but there is interest from the wider metro/suburbs. Eller Property would be 155 units, encouraged to build more 3-bedroom units in other projects to accommodate larger families. No street level retail is being planned due to zoning. Blue Line extension: No change, and CMC voted to explore other options. Train is more likely to go through West Broadway rather than along Hwy 55. Glenwood Ave bridge project is currently 1 year behind because of frequent stoppage for rail traffic.
 - SWLRT – Barry Shade. Might see construction on the Bryn Mawr station this fall.
14. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements
15. Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Annual Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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Upcoming Events:

**Saturnalia, December 2020
Board Meeting, December 9, 2020**

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