



## BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

6:30– 8:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

### **Board and Staff**

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
James Dietrich - Treasurer  
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Rep  
Karen Frederickson - Area 2 Co-Rep  
Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep  
Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Co-Rep  
Allison Fruen – Area 3 Co-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  
Anthony Ramirez – Area 7 Co-Rep  
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor  
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Fundraising Coordinator  
Vida Ditter – Emeritus

### **Guests:**

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson  
Nancy Aleksuk – Swervo Development  
Jackie Cherryholmes - Swervo Development  
Scott England - DJR Architecture  
David Miller - Urban Works Architecture  
Adam Arvidson – MPRB-Park Board  
Tyler Pederson – MPRB -Park Board  
Matt Kuha – Irrigation By Design  
Ben Gansky – Area 6  
Amber Senn  
DR Thomas  
Laura Wade – Area 6  
Pat Venus  
Paul Pentel  
Sally Rouse – Area 3  
Gail Freedman – Area 6

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Haven Stephens – Area 6  
Jason Miskowiec  
John Lyrenmann

1. Call to Order at 6:31 PM and Introductions.
2. Approval of today's agenda. Moved, seconded, and approved.
3. Approval of minutes of last month's meeting. Moved, seconded, and approved.
4. City of Minneapolis-Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Report. No lunch w/ Lisa in March; next meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> will be sharing the Tiny Villages project which is up and occupied. Thanked Kevin for suggesting and attending a meeting of neighborhood Presidents with the City safety leadership team about what to expect as the Chauvin trial takes place.
5. CCP/Safe Officer Report—Bill Magnuson (will report next month). Torie Stone has taken a new position. Bill Magnuson is our new Safe Officer. Lynda was notified of a robbery in the Meadows; a gun was involved. MPD and Park Police worked together, a person was arrested. Bill sent the stats for February-- two auto thefts, one burglary, one theft.
6. 2800 Wayzata Blvd Update- Nancy Aleksuk, Swervo Development. Introduced David Miller, Urban Works Architecture; Jackie Cherryhomes, Swervo Development; Scott England, DJR Architecture. Update on the senior buildings- Wirth on the Woods. Currently in the construction document phase. Work should start this summer. Century Link building will be a total of six stories with 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units. Amenities on the top floor including a roof deck. Planning 60 rental townhomes on the eastern portion of the site. Buildings will be grouped in 6, 8, or 10 units. Responded to questions about the three projects. Underground parking for senior living, street level parking for Century Link units and townhomes. Changes to the original plans had to be made. Market is not there for office building space or assisted living at this time. Affordable housing rates will apply to 99 of the senior spaces. Townhouses will be market rate. There will be landscaping between the townhouses and the houses on Upton. There will be bike racks at each site. The goal is to do all the construction at one time. An updated traffic study will be done.
7. Bryn Mawr Meadows Improvements Update -Tyler Pederson, (design MPRB) and Adam Arvidson (strategic planning MPRB). This is the first community meeting. The goal is to implement the Master Plan. Budget is a little over \$3 million. Begin construction in spring of 2022; most construction will take place over approximately 6 months. Some things may take a bit longer. Will be collaborating with City and Water Shed District to resolve storm water issues and implement the park project at the same time. Responded to questions. No contact yet with SWLRT. Will be coordinating in future. Strong desire expressed from neighborhood for coordination to take place. Wirth Park is not a part of this project, but questions about it can be sent to Tyler. Dog park is not planned as part of Meadows project; ran out of funds for it in the Bassett Creek Park project. It is still in the Master Plan. The Master Plan is bigger than just the Bassett Creek Park and Meadows project. The \$3 million is enough for the Meadows but not the entire Master Plan. Future of the tennis courts. Tennis courts have a failing surface. The Meadows has been identified as a possible spot for a bike park. Equipment on the tennis court surface right now is temporary; things that you can ride a bike over. BMNA Board and staff expressed support for tennis courts and a desire to think about how inter city tennis will be affected if there are no courts in Bryn Mawr. Link to Bryn Mawr Meadows master plan: <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NSAMP-4-A-C-Neighborhood-Park-plans.pdf>  
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8. Treasurer's Report (only as needed) - JD Dietrich. Reports sent out. Will complete full reconciliation by the end of the month and submit Form 990 with Michael Wilson, who is contracted by the city and free to us.
9. Gateway Committee Update/Request - Dennie Juillerat. Matthew Kuha, Irrigation by Design, walked through the proposed irrigation system. Irrigation by Design has been in business since 2010. Located in the neighborhood. Will get the water from the existing hydrant on the east side of Penn. There will be a buried pipe to where the water is needed. There will be a wireless rain sensor which opens and closes the circuit when needed. Described end-of-season maintenance, coordinated with city. Will be winterized by blowing out water with air compressor. Discussed benefit of using a battery v/s solar. Dennie moved that we contract for installation

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of the system with Irrigation by Design for \$1,510. JD second. Motion carried. Budget discussion for future as to where these dollars will be taken from.

10. Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen. Sent out report. Creating a business page with businesses and links. Working with Jeremy on updating Park Page. McKenzie and Lynda attending Coordinator meetings, mostly about upcoming trial and neighborhood preparation. Meeting suggested Boards should point people to updates so they can get their own information. Sending out a survey on the Garage Sale. We should start thinking about how and when we want to “reopen” and how best to use technologies in the future, like recording cameras. Fundraising going well, up from last year to date. Can give a donation “in honor of” or “in memory of.”

11. Event Coordinator Report - McKenzie Erickson. Officially been in the role for a year. Completed a review of the position and expectations. Clarified the event coordinator responsibilities for 6 major events. If we want to organize other events not on the list, will need leadership for them to occur, or reimburse the event coordinator to plan them. Winter Fest is Saturday. Reviewed what will be happening and help needed. McKenzie, Lynda, and Jaime (from Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church) are planning a healing event for CoVid.

12. Bugle Report- JoEllyn Jolstad. Need Board members to sign up to submit articles. Thanks to Barry, Rod, and Liv for submitting. Mary Duffey is stepping down as delivery person to Area 1. Mary has delivered the Bugle for much longer than JoEllyn’s 20 years as editor. Our undying gratitude for all of her service. Motion to acknowledge Mary’s service. Jay moved, Kevin second. Approved.

13. Webmaster Report- Jeremy Staffeld. Working on issue with corruption of the Bugle archive.

14. Committee Reports (only as needed)

- Communications
- Community Projects
- Elections
- Events
- Finance/Membership
- Gardens
- Gateway Project – See above.
- Parks. Chris spoke to the need for a solid relationship with the Park Board so that our feedback is heard. Exploring how to organize an Environment Committee. Chris moved to reconstitute the Parks Committee. Jay second. Motion carried. Chris will chair.
- Racial Justice. Continuing work on projects. City of Minneapolis is collaborating with Mapping Prejudice and Just Deeds to articulate process for removing racial covenants in property deeds. There are properties in Bryn Mawr that have racial covenants, mostly in Area 4. Will put an article in the Bugle giving information on how to remove covenants from their deeds.  
<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/attorney/just-deeds/>  
Haven is working on the Little Library Project with Lynda.
- Safety/Traffic. Chris is looking for someone to share Safety / Traffic Committee leadership
- Schools

15. Other Standing Reports (only as needed)

- ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update – Vida Ditter. Met last month. Discussed TOPA- Tenant Opportunity to Purchase. Trying to learn as much as we can. A variety of positions were discussed. Report from David Davies on SWLRT next month, along with updates on apartments, and the impound lot.
- SWLRT Update – Barry Schade. Continues to send regular updates.

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16. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Announcement from Sally Rouse- We are launching the Bryn Mawr Walks, an open and growing group of Bryn Mawr residents who walk together throughout our neighborhood, guided by the values listed below. Walks are generally under 45 minutes, originating at either the church triangle (Cedar Lake and Laurel) or at the Meadows (Morgan / Oliver / Mt. View). A schedule of walks is generated weekly via email and NextDoor.

Guiding Values: Improve the quality of life in Bryn Mawr by providing opportunities to engage with others outdoors, promoting well-being and inclusion. Foster good personal relationships in our neighborhood by welcoming all to share and activate space together. Through the simple act of moving through our neighborhood, lots of things happen, including appreciating architecture and gardening, picking up litter, noticing activity, and meeting people.

17. Adjourned 8:18 PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday April 14, 2021**  
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**Upcoming Events:**