



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

6:30– 8:00 PM

**Google Meet/Virtual Meeting**

### **Board and Staff**

Kevin Thompson – President

Brian Treece – Vice President

Jessica Wiley – Secretary

Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Rep

Karen Frederickson - Area 2 Co-Rep

Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep

Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Co - 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

Kate Knuth – Area 7 Co-Rep

Vida Ditter - Emeritus

McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator

JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor

### **Guests:**

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson

William Magnuson – Minneapolis Police Department

David Miller – Urban Works

Steve Minn – Lupe

Jackie Cherryhomes – Lupe

Ned Abdul – Swervo Development Corp

Dave Holets – Area 1

Bruce Berry -Area 3

Tom Wilson – Area 6

Bill Miner – Area 6

Francesco Rosso – Area 6

Jenna Grady - Area 6

Kathie Christiansen – Area 6

Kathy Ripke – Area 6

Haven Stevens– Area 6

Ben Gansky – Area 6

Sarah Cox

Barbara Baum

Robert Jessen

Erin Duffy

Elizabeth Shaffer

1. Call to Order at 6:34 PM.

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2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from March moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis - Councilmember Lisa Goodman. Want to acknowledge that we value the life of Daunte Wright who was killed this past week. Hosting *Lunch with Lisa* on Wednesday, April 28. Hearing from leaders of Avevo who built the indoor tiny village project for unsheltered neighbors. Received notice of an ADU at 1928 Ewing, building above the garage for a family member. Working with public works to place the solar powered speed limit sign in Bryn Mawr that the neighborhood purchased years ago. We will provide a list of locations in the neighborhood and public works will put the speed sign up and move it every two weeks. Street sweeping in the coming weeks; signs will be posted. Important for keeping debris out of our storm system which dumps into the Mississippi River. City is collecting leaves and bundled brush. Should be put out on garbage day but **not** in the garbage can. In an effort to reduce homicides and shootings, working with Learning Lab. Part of City safety initiatives. City awarded \$1 million dollar to 7 community organizations who provide de-escalation and violence prevention activities, ready for activities that may take place during and at the end of the Chauvin trial.
5. CPP Safe Officer-MPD William Magnuson. Has been with Minneapolis for 4 years; new to Bryn Mawr. Part 1 crimes report. March/April to date: 1 robbery, 5 thefts, and an auto theft. Bryn Mawr is one of the safer neighborhoods in Minneapolis.
6. 2800 Wayzata Blvd Update- Steve Minn/David Miller. Have been officially awarded grants needed for affordable housing. Closing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Agreements in progress with School Board and Park Board. Described changes to the 9-acre site from the presentation in March for townhouse orientation, parking, and color palettes. Answered questions from Board and community members about home ownership, parking, design, accessibility, and environmental impacts. Looking for feedback on color palette and design before meeting with the planning commission in early May.
7. Treasurer Report- JD Dietrich. Written report submitted.
8. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Written report submitted. Fielding inquiries about garage sale. Online survey had 137 responses; reschedule dates prioritized. Exploring ways to allow access to Board meetings once we return to F2F meetings. Donations up from last year.
9. Event Report - McKenzie Erickson. Emailed Winter Fest report. Park Board sponsoring trash pickup in April. Discussed best time for rescheduled garage sale. General consensus of the Board is to hold off until fall.
10. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20<sup>th</sup>. Order form for Bryn Mawr Elementary plant sale in April Bugle. Ask each Board member to submit an article to the Bugle once each year. Thanks to Rod for writing updates on 2800 Wayzata and to Liv for the information about racial covenants.
11. Webmaster - Jeremy Stafford. Still struggling with plug ins that have corrupted the Bugle archives.
12. Committee Reports (as needed)
  - Communications - Jay Peterson.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley.
  - Events - Brian Treece. General consensus from Events committee is to set Garage Sale in fall—proposing weekend of September 18.
  - Finance/Membership - Jessica Wiley. 990 ready for submission in May. Kevin and Jessica will complete the CPP draw by May board meeting. Proposing a budget adjustment. Add a line item for Gateway Project-6410 - with a \$3000 budget. Will bring back for a vote in May.
  - Gardens - Dennie Juillerat. Waiting for spring to return. Have over 27 volunteers to help with the 30+ community gardens. Big salute to Kathy Ripke for her work. Salute to Cathy Skalicky for Upton Garden spring cleanup. Email Dennie if you want to join the garden crew.
  - Gateway Project - Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat/JD Dietrich. Continue to work with City of Minneapolis. We have a cooperative agreement with the City for procurement for shrubs, compost, mulch, and other products. Goal to get a date for planting by end of May/early June.
  - Elections - Brian Treece. Hosting annual meeting virtually on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Brian is confirming who will be running for Vice President, Treasurer, and reps from Areas 1, 3, 5 and 7. JD will be stepping down as treasurer. Two neighbors, Deb Anderson and Roberta Jordan, have stepped up to run as co-treasurers. Lynda will reach out to elected officials.
  - Racial Justice - Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Jessica Wiley. Article in April Bugle on city charter amendments proposed for public safety. TOPA will not be addressed by the City Council in the near future. Vandalization of a Little Library was disquieting. Working on equity conversations; planning for anti-racism work with the Board. Will propose equity work as

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part of our development of a Board operation manual. Will include a discussion on creating an Indigenous land acknowledgement statement.

- Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz. Rod joined committee. List of sites will be provided to public works for the speed sign. Will define the purpose of the committee.
- Schools – Lynda Shaheen. Colleen reported. Expecting an increase of 125 students at Bryn Mawr Elementary. May 6 event to welcome new families. Need help with plant sale pickup, which will take place during the family welcome.
- Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Met with park rep about master plans for Cedar/Isles. Meeting with Loppet leadership about trails. Encouraging community engagement process for input on Bryn Mawr Meadows. Clarified that the Master Plan is complete, but dollars dictate what can actually be done. The Master Plan is an overall concept; identifying the specifics of what will be funded. The plan calls for the tennis courts to be removed and replaced with other amenities. Discussed potential for a dog park, which was included in Master Plan but dropped because of funding.

13. Other Standing Reports (as needed)

- ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update. Accepted Dennie Juillerat's resignation as a Bryn Mawr representative to the committee. Kevin nominated Ben Gansky as Bryn Mawr representative. Second by Jessica. Approved. Colleen Belmont sent a report. Rental housing development project proposed for Glenwood Avenue.
- SWLRT Update. Barry Schade. The train is coming.

14. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

15. Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:            Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**Upcoming Events: Annual Meeting June 9, 2021**

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