



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

6:30– 8:15 PM

Google Meet/Virtual Meeting

### Board and Staff:

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
Jessica Wiley – Secretary  
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep  
Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep  
Allison Fruen – Area 3 Co-Rep  
Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 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  
Barry Schade – Area 6 Co-Rep  
Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep  
Anthony Ramirez – Area 7 Co-Rep  
Vida Ditter - Emeritus  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor  
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Fundraising Coordinator  
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator

### Guests:

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson  
Sally Rouse- Area 3  
Jennifer Samantha – Area 5  
Bridget Bergheger – Area 5  
Haven Stephens - Area 6  
Bill Miner – Area 6  
Molly Dengler- Area 7  
Keith Hazzard  
Jean

1. Call to Order at 6:40 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from April 14, 2021, moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilmember Lisa Goodman. Hedge project has gone through the City Council. Thanks to everyone for feedback on the Wirth in the Woods project. The project could be 400 – 500 units with both affordable housing and market rate. Lunch with Lisa is ongoing. Working on field trips at sites in the city. Census was a success. Thanks to all the volunteers. This directly affects allocations for education and health care. Farmers Markets opening in June throughout the city. Emergency rental assistance available. Over 1000 families helped. Is available for a coordinated debate for City Council elections.
5. Crime Prevention Specialist–MPD Bill Magnuson. No Part I crimes in Bryn Mawr for this month.
6. Promenade Performances in the Meadows- Sally Rouse. Planning promenade performances in the Meadows each Sunday in June from 6:00 – 7:00 PM, the audience will walk and come upon acts/vignettes. Ask is for enthusiasm and participation from the Board and neighborhood. Picnics encouraged. Will be distributing a flyer.

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7. I-394 Ramp Clean Up – Vida Ditter. Looking for a volunteer to organize ramp clean up. Dennie will check with his contacts at MNDOT to confirm what support they give.
8. Treasurer Report– JD Dietrich. Submitted a report.
9. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Publicized new date for the garage sale; September 11, 2021. Positive feedback so far. Working on returning to in-person Board meetings. Have 900+ followers on FB and on our email list. City is providing templates for updating bylaws, policies, and forms; will help with language and legal compliance. Officers and committee chairs will take a first look at what might need to be changed. Updates need to occur by December 2021. Working on organizing a catalytic converter event. Doing well on fundraising; ahead of last year. People have been generous during CoVid. Have over \$500 donated for memorials and designated gifts.
10. Event Report – McKenzie Erickson. No events in the last month. Garage sale moved to September 11, 2021. Will be having ice cream stroll on Thursday, July 15; modeled after 2020 event. Appreciate Sally creating an event for June, and thanks to Vida for working on a ramp clean up. Annual meeting will be on June 9. Will have elections for BMNA board members and updates on what the BMNA has accomplished this past year. State reps and city office holders are invited to give updates; no election speeches for those running for office. Discussed neighborhood picnics. Could be a part of the Promenade Performances.
11. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20<sup>th</sup>, as usual. Thank Rod, Liv, and Chris Faucher for their contributions. July will be the graduation issue. Submit high school and college grad pictures and info by June 20.
12. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld.
13. Committee Reports (as needed)
  - Communications - Jay Peterson. Board members should plan to contribute an article to the Bugle each year.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Bassett Creek Volunteer (BCV) project has applied for a grant with the Green Partnership; wrote a letter of support from the Community Projects Committee for this grant. BCV are also finalists for Bassett Creek Watershed Commission. These partnerships leverage dollars we gave to the project.
  - Events – Brian Treece.
  - Elections – Brian Treece. Presented slate for elections. VP, Treasurer and Area Reps for 1, 3, 5 and 7 are up for election. Nominations still accepted. Discussed who gets to vote, who is a member of the BMNA. Sign up is on the membership page, no donation needed. Anyone who lives, owns property, or works in Bryn Mawr can be a member.
  - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Submitted request for CPP from the city; received a check for \$26,337. There are increased reporting requirements that we will have to meet by December. Will also have to do a CPP budget adjustment before the end of the year. Jessica moved that we add a line item (6410) to our expense budget of \$3000 for the Gateway Project, Jay second. Dollars will be used for the irrigation system and other expenses that may not be covered by the funding from MNDOT. MNDOT has committed \$10,000 for the Gateway Project. Approved.
  - Gardens – Dennie Juillerat. The gardens look great because of all the efforts that have gone into them. We have over 20 boulevards and community gardens. Have 29 volunteers signed up. Hit by graffiti on rocks and containers. Clean up is difficult. but happening. Water spigots and meters are hooked up. BMNA is a member of Minnesota Green; get a lot of free plant material.
  - Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat/JD Dietrich. Hillside prep is continuing for the hedge. MNDOT cleaned up nuisance trees in the fence line. The lilacs were cut down before the bloom because of scheduling, the pile of woodchips will be used for soil remediation and moisture retention for the lilacs. Tentative date for planting the 330 shrubs; June 12. Average letter is 14 feet tall and 10 feet wide, so there are a lot of holes to dig. Each area will be asked to plant a letter. Working with Lynda to communicate the plan for the day.
  - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Shade. Invited to a short meeting with Elizabeth Schaffer who is running for Park Board. Jono Cowgill is also running again. Walked the Meadows with Tyler Anderson, principal planner from the city. Trying to keep Bryn Mawr in the loop as the project moves forward. Should see dirt moved by next calendar year. Discussed the lack of priority for tennis courts and a tennis program in the neighborhood. Work on the north east end of the Meadows is related to the SWLRT.
  - Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Jessica Wiley. Continuing work on holding anti-racist/equity conversations for the Board and creating land acknowledgement statements. Encourage neighbors to look at how to remove racial covenants from abstracts.
  - Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz/Rod Miller. Lisa Goodman got our speed sign back. Still have 20 is Plenty signs. Working on

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mission statement for the committee.

- Schools – Lynda Shaheen/Colleen Dhennin. Colleen reported on the increase in students attending Bryn Mawr elementary. Impressed with staff work on community building and grant writing. Phy ed teacher got a \$17,000 grant for bicycles. Site council requested dollars to provide lawn signs for the neighborhood expressing support for the school. The school committee has \$1000 budget. Vida raised the issue of saving the mosaic on the brick façade of the school; could be a community project proposal.

14. Other Standing Reports (as needed)

- ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update
- SWLRT Update

15. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

16. Adjourned at 8:30 PM

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:           Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

**Upcoming Events:               Ice Cream Stoll, July 15, 2021**  
**Festival of Garage Sales, September 11, 2021**

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