



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

6:30– 8:15 PM

Google Meet/Virtual Meeting

Board and Staff

Brian Treece – Vice President

Jessica Wiley – Secretary

Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep

Scott Graham – Area 1 Co-Rep

Karen Frederickson - Area 2 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

Bridget Berghagen – Area 5 Co-Rep

Jay Peterson - Area 6 Co-Rep

Rod Miller - Area 6 Co-Rep

Barry Schade – Area 6 Co-Rep

Steve Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep

Kate Knuth – Area 7 Co-Rep

Anthony Ramirez – Area 7 Co-Rep

JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor

Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Fundraising Coordinator

McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator

Jeremy Staffeld - Webmaster

Guests:

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson

Molly Dengler – Area 7

Haven Stephens – Area 6

Bill Miner – Area 6

Anne Reiber

1. Call to Order at 6:35 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from the annual meeting on June 9, 2021, moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilmember Lisa Goodman- Lunch with Lisa has resumed in-person. July 28 will be a tour of the City Service Center which houses 30 pieces of public art. No meeting in August. Noted that rezoning of the La Mesa building to bring the parking lot and building into the same zoning was approved, along with an alley renovation on So Cedar Lake Rd and Lakeview. Described the spending plan for the American Rescue dollars, about \$102 million. Have 3 years to spend the money. The buckets include: \$28 million for affordable housing, \$37 million for economic development including small business support, \$13.7 million for public safety, prevention, intervention and overtime expenses, guaranteed income pilot, and paying back city enterprise fund for revenue not collected during the pandemic like liquor license fees, renewals, late fees. City will go back to in-person meetings right after Labor Day. Making some changes to alternatives for police response that will take pressure off MPD. Reporting theft and property damage will go to 311. Asked about the former Bolin building signage request for a larger sign. Waiting to hear planning commission recommendation.
5. Crime Prevention Specialist– No report.

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6. Treasurer Report– Deb Anderson/Roberta Jordan – no report.
7. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Thanks to Allison Fruen for organizing Yoga in the Meadows. Thanks to Steve Harvey for moving BMNA equipment, supplies, and files from JD's storage space. Looking at a space in Cuppa Java where we can consolidate. Neighbor Basil Considine, Really Spicy Opera, has applied for a city grant from the engagement fund for outdoor performances next summer. Looking for a camera for continued streaming when we go back to in-person meetings. Fundraising doing well. Membership donations are up to about \$14,000, corporate giving up from \$90 to \$650, and our new memorial fund is at \$557. New T-shirts for Ice Cream Stroll. Will attend a city meeting about requirements for city funding.
8. Event Report – McKenzie Erickson. Ice Cream Stroll will be similar to last year, but four locations, five bands. Starting work for Garage Sale on September 11. Lining up food trucks, port-a-potties, registration materials. Member Night planned for September 23.
9. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Last edition got out late due to technical issues and holiday. Jessica will compile bios for August Bugle to introduce new board members.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Submitted a report in the chat. Gave us a lesson on how to correctly pronounce Bryn Mawr, which he learned from a contact in Wales who wanted to know why we are called Bryn Mawr. Working on safety for phishing and hacking.
11. Committee Reports (as needed)
 - Communications - Jay Peterson. No report.
 - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. No report.
 - Events – Brian Treece. No report.
 - Elections – Brian Treece. No report.
 - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Transition to new treasurers is in process. Co-treasurers have met with Lynda, Jesscia, and JD to go over budget, processes, QuickBooks, and our online banking. Will plan a Finance meeting for late August for their input on changes. Jessica will attend the city meeting about requirements for funding.
 - Gardens – Dennie Juillerat. No report.
 - Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat. June planting delayed due to plants not being available. Looking at a weekend in September for planting. Addressed compost that was pilfered. Was paid for by MNDOT and they will provide more when needed. The wood chips came from lilac trees that were removed and there is enough for the project.
 - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Shade. Input for the Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles master plan ends July 15.
 - Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Jessica Wiley. Liv reported that a trainer has been identified for the Board diversity work in September, author Sun Yung Chin, *A Good Time for the Truth*, which deals with race in Minnesota. Will look for dates that don't conflict with the garage sale or Gateway planting.
 - Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz/Rod Miller. The speed sign is being moved around the neighborhood; the capability has been expanded to track data. The info from the downtown area of Laurel indicates that cars are generally in compliance with speed limits, with a couple of outliers. A traffic study will be conducted for the 2800 Wayzata project. We can expect heavy

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traffic during construction at the site, and in the downtown area along Cedar Lake Road. (Neighbors are reminded they can sign up for construction information and updates)

- Schools – Lynda Shaheen/Colleen Dhennin. Play date occurred at Bryn Mawr Meadows. Families reported that it was successful. Reading Partners at Bryn Mawr Elementary is offering training and looking for volunteers. Will be posted in Bugle.

12. Other Standing Reports (as needed)

- ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update
- SWLRT Update

13. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. – 1) Sign request for former Bolin building. Discussed the issues around a larger sign and the regulations that are currently in place. Will wait to hear how the city responds to the request. 2) 2800 Wayzata Blvd site representation. Rod asked the Board to consider BMNA representation for the new residences. Discussed whether we need to create a new Area 8. There could be 400 new neighbors, which is larger than any of the current areas.

14. Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

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

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