



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

6:30– 8:15 PM

Google Meet/Virtual Meeting

Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President

Brian Treece – Vice President

Deb Anderson - Co-Treasurer

Roberta Jordan – Co-Treasurer

Jessica Wiley – Secretary

Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep

Karen Frederickson - Area 2 Co-Rep

Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep

Allison Fruen – Area 3 Co-Rep

Joanne Michalec - Area 4 Co-Rep

Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep

Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep

Rod Miller - Area 6 Co-Rep

Barry Schade – Area 6 Co-Rep

Stephen Harvey – 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

Kristin and Paul Markert – Area 4

Bill Miner – Area 7

Molly Dengler – Area 7

Allison Reese

Bruce Pappas

1. Call to Order at 6:31 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from September moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilmember Lisa Goodman. Last Lunch with Lisa October 27. Feel we can meet safely with masks and distancing. Next speaker Police Chief Arrondondo. South Cedar Lake Rd bridge going to be replaced in 2023. Well-used and in bad shape. BNSF requiring a 10-foot fence on either side. Virtual open house October 26, 5:00 – 6:30. Information available at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/cedar-lake-rd-bridge/> Street sweeping starting. Towing of cars that aren't moved. Go online to get map and schedule. Upsetting crime report from October 12. A call made to 911 from someone on Queen being followed. Soon after, a couple in the alley on Russell and Sheridan was robbed at gunpoint. MPD is investigating. Our Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS) is paid hourly and not given overtime so will not be attending our meetings at this time. Will be asking for a police officer to attend next month to discuss crime prevention efforts.
5. Crime Prevention Specialist–William Magnuson. Written report submitted. Kevin discussed the crimes that have occurred in Bryn Mawr recently with Bill. MPD is seeing a trend in the city of these types of crimes. They believe there is a group of people involved and are investigating. Police advise being aware of your surroundings.
6. Treasurer Report–Roberta Jordan/Deb Anderson. Books are completely organized. Currently have \$134,600 on balance sheet. \$14,000 to the good on P&L for expenses submitted to date. Waiting for some expenses and revenue to be reported. Talking with investment bankers for ideas about how to earn more interest on our savings account. Parameters set by the Finance Committee include: low risk, less than 1% in transaction fees, green sustainable investments, liquidity, aiming for

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between 1-3% interest. Obtained new quotes for liability insurance.

7. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Sent a chart through email. Fundraising going well. Garage sale registrations came in strong. Collected some memberships at the sale table. Collect money from the food trucks. Expenses included traffic control and porta-potties. Member Night compared to last year: took in more donations, less sales of spirit wear, plant sales down due to less available. Membership drive is up over \$5000 from last year at this date. Applications to city for CPP dollars completed. Will be getting less money from the city. Have been very busy with communications. Reported on Gateway planting, member night, garage sales, and Meadow's plan. Bookkeeping has been busy with all these activities too.
8. Event Report – McKenzie Erickson. Focused on Sip and Stroll. Nine businesses and raffle items lined up. BMNA serving smores and cider. *Percolators* are going to play in the La Mesa parking lot. Garage sale next year on May 7, 2022.
9. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Looking for articles from Board members.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Written report submitted. Fixed the webstore. Security fixes done. Worked with firm about Bugle archive page. Basic form created for Bugle advertisers to pay fees online.
11. Committee Reports (as needed)

- Communications - Jay Peterson.
- Community Projects - Jessica Wiley.
- Events – Brian Treece. Committee will determine whether the Harvest Dinner should be held.
- Elections - Brian Treece.
- Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Jessica moved to approve the Equitable Engagement Fund submission and Neighborhood Network Application. Second by Sue. Discussion. Applying for these dollars is not competitive. We know how much we are applying for and will get the dollars if we meet the requirements. Our Equitable Engagement plan will focus on getting more renters engaged. BMNA will receive \$1790 for 2022. Neighborhood Network dollars available to the BMNA will be \$15,000 for 2022. Motion approved. The Finance Committee does have a plan as the city reduces funding and will talk about that when we propose the draft 2022 budget.
- Gardens – Dennie Juillerat.
- Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat. Grateful for all the support for the planting. Putting down mulch for the letters on Saturday October 19. Edging done Thankful for the tremendous neighborhood support.
- Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Meadows moving forward. Final concept plan presented at two open houses in early October. Groundwork started next summer. Sewer work starting late fall 2021. A double pond area will be built and integrated into the design of the park. Appreciative of how responsive the park board has been to input.
- Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Liv Nielson. A two-part virtual equity/diversity workshop is scheduled for Board members from 10:00am – noon on December 12 and 19. Committee will be discussing the charter amendments with a racial justice lens on October 27.
- Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz/Rod Miller. Will write an article for Bugle on Wirth in the Woods traffic. Concerns about traffic from business and homes along the route should be reported to 311.
- Schools – Lynda Shaheen. Taste of Anwatin, December, may be on hold because of Covid. Looking for someone who would work with Anwatin on the Craft Fair. Colleen attended the “state of the school” event on September 7 at Bryn Mawr Elementary. It's a family event with a meal and sharing data about the school including programs offered and applicable test scores. 400 students attending, up from 100 a year ago. Enthusiastic school staff. Excited about the Nature pre-school. School support signs (designed by a student and paid for by the BMNA school committee) are still available. Problems the school is addressing are shortages of buses, a 7:30 start time, and the aftercare program being cut.

12. Other Standing Reports (as needed)

- ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update. Arts Space building is occupied. Can ask for a tour. Two and three bedrooms available, art space in apartments and in the building.
- SWLRT Update. Barry. Putting in pilings for Bryn Mawr station. The budget has been restricted for most amenities. Steve Jensen has put in a concept plan for welcoming art for the station. Being considered by the project planners of the LRT.

13. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Rod will coordinate, with Swervo and Ned Abdul, a pre-construction meeting for the 2800 Wayzata development for approximately 16 neighbors who will be most impacted by the project. There was a misunderstanding that the developers were required by city ordinance to hold a public pre-construction

meeting for neighbors within 350 ft of a building project. That ordinance only applies to city dwellings from one -four units. The developers agreed to host a pre-construction meeting during the first week of November. Redistricting for political divisions for voting is taking place and could affect Bryn Mawr. Meetings about redistricting will be virtual. Encouraging neighbors to attend. Question about whether we should have a neighborhood position on redistricting. Lynda forwarded the agenda for the October 14 meeting. Buckthorn removal project this weekend at Bassett Creek Park from 1:00 – 4:00. This is one of the BMNA community projects and Utepils has donated drink tokens.

14. Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Upcoming Events: Sip and Stroll October 14, 2021
Saturnalia December 11, 2021