



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

6:30– 8:15 PM

Google Meet/Bryn Mawr Elementary

### Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
Deb Anderson/Roberta Jordan – Co-Treasurers  
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  
Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Co-Rep  
Joanne Michalec - Area 4 Co-Rep

Chris Etz – Area 4 Co-Rep  
Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Bridget Bergheger - Area 5 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  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor  
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Fundraising Coordinator  
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator

### Guests:

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson  
Steve Minn – Lupe Development  
Cameron Flake – Lupe Development  
Jackie Cherryhomes – Lupe Development  
Mark Dhennin- Area 5  
Bette McKenzie – Area 6  
Haven Stephens – Area 6  
Michael Martens – Area 6  
Molly Dengler – Area 7  
Andres Ramirez – Area 7  
Elizabeth Schaefer

1. Call to Order at 6:35 PM. Introductions made.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from August moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilmember Lisa Goodman. Lisa wished a happy new year to everyone as it's Rosh Hashanah. Lunch with Lisa returning to in-person on September 29 at University St. Thomas. City election officer Casey Carl will explain charter amendments; how charter amendments get approved and get on the ballot. October Lunch with Lisa, planning to have Police Chief Arradondo. Wirth on the Woods approvals have happened. Variance to increase the wall sign size [on the Bolin building, S. Wayzata Blvd] was approved. September is National Emergency Preparedness month. Cities, neighborhoods, blocks, households can get a template at [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan). to help prepare for natural disasters and other emergencies. Early in-person voting will start on September 17 at the early voting center at 980 East Hennepin. You also can request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. Open boards and commissions are seeking applicants; can find them at the city

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website. Charter Commission has put together redistricting advisory group; they are having listening sessions. Bryn Mawr is all in the same ward, but the neighborhood is divided for precincts. Should follow this process. We have lost population in North Minneapolis, which could change the drawing of wards, precincts, Senate districts etc. Number one 311 issue in Ward 7 is garbage and graffiti. City will provide clean up materials including gloves, trash bags, garbage grabbers. Priorities for Federal ARRA (American Rescue Plan) dollars can be shared on a survey on the city website. One organization has already reached out to ask that dollars be channeled to their work. One time money spread over three years.

5. Crime Prevention Specialist—William Magnuson. The position has been transferred into the NCEC. Not yet approved to come to evening meetings. Will send out monthly reports. Part 1 crimes for August to date: 5 thefts 1 burglary, 3 auto thefts.
6. 2800 Wayzata/Wirth on the Woods Update—Steve Minn/Cameron Flakne/Jackie Cherryhomes. Received full approvals for entire 8 ½ acre project from Planning Commission; all trails that were originally planned, color mix for sidings, two electric vehicle charging stations will be available. Schedule has changed because of state delays in getting funding out. Won't be breaking ground for senior project until spring 2022. Both buildings will be started at the same time; construction will be 12-14 months. Fully leased by 12/2023. 2800 Wayzata, building permit submitted, 9 -10-month construction period, completed in late summer/early fall of 2022 when the building can be occupied. No builder yet for the townhomes, will be doing land prep. Plan to start townhome construction in spring 2022. School asked that pond construction be done only during the summer months, probably completed in 2023.
7. Treasurer Report— Roberta Jordan/Deb Anderson. No report.
8. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. T-shirt orders keep coming in; sold \$240 at Cuppa Java in an hour. Ready for garage sale. Membership drive: sending targeted letters to those who have donated in 2021 with a token for member night at Utepils. Letters to 2020 donors to ask for a 2021 donation. Instagram, capture a different demographic. Have a link tree set up. Neighborhood Engagement plan due October 15. Casey Carl, city election officer, is available to talk about how charters work. If interest, we can set up a Zoom meeting. Would like to buy equipment that would allow us to hold both a F2F and virtual meeting that community members can log into from home. Exploring different products. Determine whether we can apply for technology through our city engagement dollar grant; we can apply for up to \$1000. Kevin asked if we have dollars in communications budget to pay for something.
9. Event Report – McKenzie Erickson. Garage sale coming up on Saturday. 91 sales registered. This is in line with other years. Bryn Mawr Pizza doing slices. Couple of additional food vendors. Porta potties and traffic control lined up. Need help collating and distributing sale packets on Friday. Member night at Utepils 9/23 and Sip and Stroll 10/14.
10. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20<sup>th</sup>, as usual. Had 8 pages in September due to less advertising and content. Question about putting information about mayor and city council candidates in the October Bugle. Looking for submissions from Board members. Neighbors love seeing pictures and reading about other neighbors. Asked about our new publishing company: they have been good to work with. Lynda planning to have information
11. Committee Reports (as needed)

- Communications - Jay Peterson. Jay sent a report. Draft of the vision document sent. Looking at our website for pictures that are more people oriented. Rie Gilsdorf will be looking at the text on the website for inclusivity.
- Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Projects ongoing are environmental, wrapping another electrical box, and 2 new doggy stations.
- Events – Brian Treece.
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- Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Meeting on September 9.
- Gardens – Dennie Juillerat.
- Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat. Update on the hedge. Volunteers received an email detailing the organization for Saturday September 18. The planting area is 112' by 22', 306 plants going in. The irrigation system will go in after the planting. Lisa Goodman has a team of 10 coming, including neighbor Margaret Anderson Kelliher, who is Commissioner of MNDOT.
- Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Review of concept plan for the Meadows drew 40 people. There are more priorities than dollars, so all projects on the master plan will not be done at this time. Amenities will remain the same, layout is different. Docs are available on the Park Project website. They continue to gather input, will send out a link when the feedback survey is ready. Karen Frederickson attended the open house to inquire if the Bryn Mawr Meadows plan included a dog park, as the

one slated for Bassett Creek was not constructed due to funding shortages. Park staff indicated it would be more feasible to pursue funding for a Bassett Creek dog park as it is already included in the master plan. Rough estimate on costs around \$50,000. The consulting firm working for the park board is SRF, located at old Target building. They are part of our business community. A Loppet event is Sept 18/19. Cedar Lake/Lake of Isles CAC virtual meeting on Thursday to share results of their engagement survey.

- Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Liv Nielson. Met with the board officers to confirm the diversity/equity/inclusion Board workshop Please complete the doodle poll to set up the two 2-hour sessions. Will be virtual.
- Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz/Rod Miller. No update. Speed sign on Cedar Lake Rd.
- Schools – Lynda Shaheen. Anwatin and Bryn Mawr looking for volunteers to read with students. There is training, but you can still volunteer and get the training later. Commit to once a week for 10 or so weeks. Will work with the same student each week. Contact Colleen if you have questions or want to volunteer. [Colleen.dhennin@bmna.org](mailto:Colleen.dhennin@bmna.org)

12. Other Standing Reports (as needed)

- ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update. Apartment building on Glenwood and Gerard is newest and almost complete.
  - SWLRT Update. Project is moving forward; we could experience more disruption. Cedar Lk Parkway will be closed around the lake this fall. The channel is also closed to water traffic.
13. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Area 4 is having their national night out Sunday. Request to ask people who attend our meetings as a courtesy to be masked. We must be masked at the school per district requirements. Could encourage attendees to be vaccinated or have a negative Covid test. Will check into current public meeting rules. A humongous cottonwood tree at 1 Thomas has been removed. Sawdust and shredded bark available. Question about what requirements the city has for board make-up for Board tenure, demographics etc. Lynda and Jessica working on city engagement plan which includes these requirements. Will bring back a draft for Board review and approval. Mpls Kids at Bryn Mawr Elementary was canceled due to under enrollment. Parents looking for support for kids who were planning to be at Mpls Kids. Colleen asked to check with the school about this.

14. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m. (Applause)

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

Upcoming Events: **Festival of Garage Sales, September 11**  
**Member Night, September 23**  
**Sip and Stroll, October 14**