



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

6:30– 8:15 PM

Google Meet/Virtual Meeting

### Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
Roberta Jordan – Co-Treasurer  
Jessica Wiley – Secretary  
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep  
Scott Graham – Area 1 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  
Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Bridget Bergheger - 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  
Anthony Ramirez – Area 7 Co-Rep  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor  
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Fundraising Coordinator  
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator

### Guests:

Bill Magnuson – Minneapolis Police Department  
Inspector Charlie Adams - Minneapolis Police Department  
Claire Wilson – Loppet Foundation  
David Dayton – Area 7/Loppet Foundation  
Mary & Nance Duffy - Area 1  
Dot Lilja - Area 2  
Jeff Zuckerman - Area 2  
Amy Sheldon - Area 2  
Cindy Andress – Area 3  
Cassandra Cedarholm - Area 3  
Allison Reese - Area 3  
Larry Opelt - Area 3  
Anne Reiber and Gina Reese - Area 4  
Dave Dutcher – Area 5  
Jean DuFresne – Area 5  
Trisha Cleveland – Area 5  
Jenny and Paul Schmitz – Area 5

Jennifer Weeks - Area 5  
Barbara Baum – Area 5  
Ed and Bette Erickson - Area 6  
Rachel McCauley – Area 6  
Rebecca Jensen - Area 6  
John Trujillo – Area 6  
Abbie Kane - Area 6  
Bill Miner – Area 6  
Danette Scorza – Area 6  
Molly Dengler – Area 7  
Kaylah O'Dea – Area 7  
Jennifer Kaufmann – Area 7  
Scot Ferguson – Area 7  
Trevor Senn - Area 7  
Judith  
Rebekka

1. Call to Order at 6:30 PM.

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2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried. Addition to agenda - Loppet Update.
3. Minutes from November 10, 2021, moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. Loppet Foundation Update - Claire Wilson/David Dayton – Claire is new Executive Director of Loppet Foundation. Loppet operates Theodore Wirth Park in partnership with MPB. Oversee all winter events at Theo Wirth, groom and maintain trails including skiing and walking. Working to keep up with maintenance. Serving youth; programs are exploding. Restoring the bog. Building a bridge to connect bog and Eloise Butler. Reach out with concerns. Ski pass purchases support the park. Work with Park Board police to address crime in the area. The Melanin in Motion program, effort to engage more BIPOC community.
5. Crime Prevention Specialist, Minneapolis Police Department–William Magnuson/Inspector Charlie Adams. Bill presented the stats for the seven Part I crimes in Bryn Mawr from mid-November to date. Part I crimes involve victims at a felony level; do not include crimes of property. Reported a domestic assault, a theft by swindle through the internet, two burglaries at the same address, two robberies on the street, and a burglary at the Market. Two suspects were charged for the burglary at the Market. <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/> Bill and Charlie responded to questions from guests and board members. Concerns were expressed about how to increase safety; what should neighbors be doing, what is MPD doing. Bill described the training for the MPD Block Club Leader program. Discussion around staffing levels at MPD, what happens when a suspect is arrested. Discussed camera coverage of business areas, security cameras in the neighborhood, effective communication channels, and encampment issues. Bill is working with homeless outreach group on encampment issues. Block Club Leader training will be scheduled for late January 2022 and for later in the year. Bill will provide tips for neighbors for creating safety plans. Kevin presented information on prosecution processes and stats for juvenile prosecution from the County Attorney's office; they report that they prosecute 80% of the cases they receive. County Attorney's office can be sent victim impact statements, they provide victim support services. Links will be sent when received from the County. Bill has proposed scheduling a separate monthly crime meeting that he would facilitate. Lynda will work with him to set this up.
6. Treasurer Report– Roberta Jordan/Deb Anderson. Board members received draft budget prior to the meeting. Have access to budget worksheets in the Google Drive. Will vote on final budget at January 12, 2022, meeting. Jay addressed the deficit budgeting we have had for a few years. Jessica answered questions about the budget worksheets. Roberta reminded board and staff to get expenses in before the end of the year.
7. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Fundraising - raised \$595 at Give to The Max. Our CPP grant was approved for \$1790. Will be buying a camera that allows for live streaming. City is proposing a new traffic calming process, neighborhood associations would be involved in the future. Chris stated that the new process would be more equitable and standardized.
8. Event Report – McKenzie Erickson. Saturnalia this Saturday. Drumming group, horse-drawn carriage, marshmallow roasting, kids' craft.
9. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. No Bugle in January. Deadline for February is January 20. Bugle delivery was discussed. There are reports that some blocks are not getting the Bugle. JoEllyn plans to tighten up distribution.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Sent an email report. At 96% for disk space on server, might need to purchase more. Renew our certificate with the server host before the end of the year. Ensuring that all board meeting minutes are on the website.
11. Committee Reports (as needed).
  - Communications - Jay Peterson.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley.
  - Events – Brian Treece.
  - Elections - Brian Treece.
  - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Last requirement for CPP report, have to submit our operations manual to the city, which includes all our bylaws, policies, etc. City has required language for the bylaws. Jessica moved to amend the BMNA bylaws, adding a requirement that Board members take a 2 year break after serving 6 years beginning with the 2022 May elections and each election after that, and that there are no membership dues. Jay seconded. Scott found typos in the bylaws; they will be corrected with this motion. Jay raised some issues with board terms. Kevin reminded the board that we do have Emeritus status for the board members. Barry raised possibility of an advisory committee. We will address these issues before our May elections. Motion carried.
  - Gardens – Dennie Juillerat. Penn Avenue median planter was damaged. MN DOT will be repairing.

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- Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat.
- Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Thanks to David Dayton for arranging for Claire Wilson to attend our meeting. Master Plan for Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles is out. Can access the draft at the Park website. New initiative for green new deal; group from Ward 7 is meeting to discuss this.
- Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Liv Nielson. Reminder that our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training is taking place over Zoom the next two Sundays from 10 -12.
- Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz/Rod Miller. Discussed traffic calming proposal from City. Thanked Lynda for facilitating MPD Block Club Leader training. Our safety page on our website has links to MPD crime info reports and alerts. Businesses encourage neighbors to strike a balance between showing concern and continually questioning staff about specifics of the crimes, which is disturbing for them.
- Schools – Lynda Shaheen. Colleen Dhennin is new schools' committee chair. Free pediatric vaccination clinic this month at Bryn Mawr Elementary.
- Other Standing Reports (as needed)
  - ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update. New impound lot building open, new entrance off Van White. BMNA has been working for years to downsize/improve the lot.
  - SWLRT Update. Barry discussed proposal for gateway art. Have approached project staff, no traction yet.
- 12. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Wirth on the Woods construction schedule is not available yet, due to shipment problems. Cement trucks are trying to mitigate disturbances to neighbors by using south frontage road, fewer homes. The developers have increased security at the site. Thanks to Rod for facilitating a neighborhood meeting.
- 13. Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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