



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

6:30– 8:15 PM

### Bryn Mawr Elementary and Virtual Meeting

#### **Board and Staff**

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
Roberta Jordan – 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  
Bridget Bergheger - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Jay Peterson - Area 6 Co-Rep  
Rod Miller - Area 6 Co-Rep  
Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep  
Kate Knuth – Area 7 Co-Rep  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor  
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator

#### **Guests:**

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson  
Lt Grant Snyder – Minneapolis Police Department  
Jose Valdez – Minneapolis City Council Staff  
Saraswati Singh – Hennepin County Attorney  
Dave Holets – Area 1  
Nance Duffy – Area 1  
Bill Miner – Area 6  
Karen Soderberg – Area 7  
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1. Call to Order at 6:35 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from February moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis - Councilperson Lisa Goodman. Glad to be meeting in person. Exciting Lunch w/Lisa March 30. Tour of Alden Smith House with a partnership to develop. Next meeting will be with Park Board Commissioner Schaffer. Variance request from 2109 Wayzata Blvd for a fence. City is working hybrid. Finding success with Behavior Response Team, available 24/7. The ward expanded with new census. Committee panel looking at hiring a new police chief. Tree Trust starting again, April 15 deadline. Can buy a low-cost tree. Green zone has first pick; Bryn Mawr is not in green zone. Lisa gives her support to the teachers on the picket line. Was asked to articulate what is happening with the police contract. The entire contract in online. Vote will be March 22. The contract covers 2020, 2021, and 2022; three months into the last year of the contract. Issues certified for conversation were set in the beginning. Cannot put new issues on the table. Voting it up doesn't put issues on the table. Voting it down brings it to binding arbitration. Police don't want the bonus system, want the dollars put into the regular contract. Lisa wants to approve this contract to get onto the next contract negotiations. Concern raised that if officers are notified when a complaint is lodged, it could lead to retaliation against the person complaining,

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making it harder for residents to voice concerns.

5. Crime Prevention Specialist- Shannon McDonough. Shannon was unable to attend. Lieutenant Grant Snyder attended; shared crime statistics from February 22 to date. Thefts included two cell phones, a catalytic converter, and two thefts from motor vehicles. MPD is investigating fraud at Cockadoodledoo Gifts. In criminal code, fraud is defined as theft by trickery. A Craig's List ad claimed that items curbside were free. Working on finding who posted the ad. Officers have been taking advantage of the buyback/directed patrol (funded through the MPD budget). Squads are robust in Bryn Mawr. Officers are getting out of their cars and walking around. With many new officers in the 4<sup>th</sup> precinct; this is an effective way for them to get to know the neighborhood.
6. Treasurer Report– Roberta Jordan. Winterfest was successful. Took in \$6000, will net around \$5000.
7. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Written report. Winterfest was a success. Could net \$5000. Neighbors offered services that were well received. Will expand on that. Thanks to our sponsors and everyone who contributed this year.
8. Event Report – McKenzie Erickson. Garage Sale May 7. Sent out five calendar holds for future events. Dates will be published in Bugle. Garage Sales, Ice Cream Social, Member Night, Sip and Stroll, Saturnalia. Annual Meeting, Harvest Dinner and Anwatin Craft Fair are organized by the Board.
9. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20<sup>th</sup>, as usual. Scott submitted an article for April. Not doing subscriptions right now. Discussed delayed Bugle deliveries. Lynda has been fielding complaints.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld.
11. Committee Reports (as needed)
  - Communications - Jay Peterson.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley.
  - Events – Brian Treece. Still debating whether we can organize a garden tour given the short planning time.
  - Elections - Brian Treece. Will have Board elections at our Annual meeting on May 11. Reps for Areas 2, 4, 6, President and Secretary will all be on the ballot.
  - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Committee meeting on March 17. Will discuss additional \$5000 allocation from the city, review the 990 and our CPP annual report for 2021.
  - Gardens – Dennie Juillerat.
  - Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat.
  - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Met with Elizabeth Schaffer. Responsive to our concerns; The Meadows bike paths were plowed right away so people can use them. CAC meeting March 10 for Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles planning. Wirth Park is hosting national ski champion event on March 11/12. Free summer kids' programs in 2022.
  - Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Liv Nielson. Received 13 responses to the DEI survey. Good response rate.
  - Traffic Safety– Chris Etz/Rod Miller. Speed sign on Laurel is working.
  - Schools –Colleen Dhennin. Written report. During the teachers' strike, Bryn Mawr Elementary PTA has resources at their website for childcare, food pickup and educational enrichment activities for students. Breakfast and lunch bags for students can be picked up at the front door of Bryn Mawr Elementary beginning today, March 9. Parents struggling with childcare, Principal Cavender can help connect parents to the district's emergency childcare. Email or call her. Work underway to organize the annual plant sale fundraiser. Online ordering open April 1-21. Paper forms at Bryn Mawr Market for those who need those. Pick up dates are May 5-6 at school, need community volunteers. Connecting with school about Anwatin craft fair. Board discussed how individuals can support the teachers, not taking a position as a Board.
12. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
  - ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update. Access Development Tracker to see what's being proposed. <https://thedevelopmenttracker.com/mpls>
  - SWLRT Update.
13. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Karen Fredrickson is hospitalized. Cockadoodledoo Gifts will be moving to Stillwater. Review of OWL for virtual meetings. When remote participants are speaking, those online can hear the room noises. Rework the room so that participants are visible to those online.
14. Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Garage Sales May 7, 2022**  
**Annual Meeting May 11, 2022**

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