



## BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

6:30– 8:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting – Online/Bryn Mawr Cafeteria

### Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
Jessica Wiley – Secretary  
Scott Graham – 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  
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  
Vida Ditter - Emeritus  
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Development Coordinator  
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator

### Guests:

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson  
Elizabeth Shaffer – Minneapolis Park Board District 4 Commissioner  
Dave Holets - Area 1  
Neil Trembley – Area 3  
Mark Dhennin – Area 5  
LaRoyce Kranz – Area 6  
Stacy Christensen - Area 6  
John Thomas – Area 6  
Bill Miner – Area 6  
John Lyrenmann – Area 6  
Laura Wade – Area 6  
Pat Venus

1. Call to Order at 6:39 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from March moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilperson Lisa Goodman. Acknowledged that it's an important week for people of faith; Passover, Ramadan, and Easter. April Lunch with Lisa will feature Park Board member Elizabeth Shaffer. Had 110 participants for Lunch w/Lisa in March. Yard waste is again being collected, street sweeping will begin. Advocated for saving the Linden Trees at Wirth on the Woods, which were going to be removed for the sewer system. Bobby and Steve's has contacted the city about tearing down and rebuilding; no plans yet. 1901 Wayzata Blvd had a fence dispute. Franklin Ave from Hennepin to Lyndale will be closed from spring to fall. Looking for representatives for the Committee on Aging, need to be 55 years old.

*The BMNA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the BMNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at [bmna@bmna.org](mailto:bmna@bmna.org) at least five days before our event. \*Meeting location is ADA compliant.*

Property valuation notices went out. Almost every property in Minneapolis increased in value between 5% – 25% citywide. Starter homes increased the most. Average increase in Bryn Mawr was 5 – 15%. If you disagree with the valuation, encouraged to appeal right now. Looking forward to the garage sales. Question about homestead credit going down. Homestead credit only applies up to \$400,000, per a state law change.

5. Crime Prevention Specialist—Shannon McDonough. No report.
6. Bryn Mawr Meadows Update—Elizabeth Shaffer, MPRB District 4 Commissioner. Park Board allocated \$1 million dollars for tree planting in the city. 72% are native, 51 varieties. Tremendous public engagement for Cedar/Isles planning. Preference plan coming in June. Water quality is a priority issue, allocated \$50,000 for an ecologist for the project. Resident reached out about an encampment south of Ute Hills patio. Street Reach team located other housing and stopped illegal dumping. Need to get on top of situations in a compassionate way, but dealing with environmental issues. Meadows work is behind about 3 weeks. City will finish sewer work in June. Accept low bid for Meadows project by July 4. 80% - 90% of project will be completed this season. Could have a delay in finishing the athletic fields. Barry gave thanks that changes are finally coming to Bryn Mawr Meadows; we've been working to have the Meadows updated for years.
7. 2800 Wayzata Update—Steve Minn, Lupe Development. Glad that they were able to save trees on the project site. Hoping to start construction on May 15. Retention system changing, eliminating risks of vibration. Two weeks to closing with Minneapolis. General contractor will take video of exterior views of foundations and basements, and put vibration monitors in homes along Upton before beginning construction. Talking with landscape architects about where the trails will go. Already have a wait list of 200 names for the buildings.
8. Treasurer Report – Roberta Jordan. No report.
9. Communications and Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen. Busy with membership drive and donations. Working on a garage sale T-shirt. Received great supportive comment for the gardens. Created a survey we can use for every event; including demographic info and other feedback. Sent after WinterFest, got 14 responses.
10. Event Report – McKenzie Erickson. Garage sale May 7, registration due April 26. Form in Bugle and on website. Need volunteers passing out kits a few days before, and help at the Bryn Mawr table day of. Vendors, porta potties, and traffic control arranged, health permit in the works. Expect 100 registrations. Sale will be on the Strib calendar April 17 and took out a 3-day ad. Working on making sure the app for finding sales works. McKenzie announced that this is the last event she'll be planning, just started a full time job.
11. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20<sup>th</sup>, as usual.
12. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Ready for registrations on website for both garage sale and Anawatin Craft sale. Unlimited space on the website for pictures. Redesigning event logos.
13. Committee Reports (as needed)
  - Communications - Jay Peterson. Communication Committee meeting this spring.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley.
  - Events – Brian Treece. Annual meeting, May 11. Areas 2, 4, 6, secretary and president are up for election. Reaching out to neighbors. Area 4 needs representation. Send nominations to Brian. Board needs to plan the Annual dinner. A list of things that need to be done will be sent to Board members. Brian, Jessica and Kevin will work on this. We have determined that we don't have the capacity to plan the Garden Tour for this year. Will discuss whether we should go back to even years, or could hold one in 2023.
  - Elections - Brian Treece.
  - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Form 990 is our tax document and our face in the non-profit world. Michael Wilson is contracted from the city to complete Form 990. The Finance Committee met with Michael to ensure it was accurate to the best of our knowledge. Jessica moved approval, second by Scott. Motion passed. Want to standardize volunteer hours reported; Roberta will look at expectations. Adding additional dollars from city to both 2022 budget and CPP budget. Jessica moved to adjust income Line 2110 of our 2022 budget and Line 11 - Professional Services of our CPP budget by \$5000. Second by Scott. Motion passed. CPP 2021 Final Report due April 15, 2022. Will be sending out the draft to the Board this week for review. Will take an e-vote for approval on April 25. Suggesting that we change Lynda's title from Communication and Fundraising to Communication and Development Coordinator.
  - Gardens – Dennie Juillerat. Sent a recap to the board about what's scheduled and completed. Permits are applied for the water hoses for five gardens. Newton triangle at Cedar Lake Rd and Newton Avenue is having a make-over led by two Oliver neighbors, Jessica and Jake Haverstock. BMNA is a member of Minnesota Green. We get free plants, trees, shrubs. Volunteers always needed and appreciated.

- Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat. Irrigation is on spring maintenance schedule.
  - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Improvements on the Meadows are impressive. Park Board staff has been really responsive. Other neighborhoods are very actively engaged in the Master Plan for Cedar Lake/Isles; we have been participating around the edges as we're not officially on the CAC. Strong push to keep things natural, not doing new infrastructure. Have been providing comments about property around the light rail station. Would like to see that property stay as part of the park system.
  - Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Liv Nielson.
  - Traffic Safety– Chris Etz/Rod Miller. Heavy equipment has been coming to the construction site for Wirth on the Woods. Have been monitoring the traffic. Negotiating turns on Cedar Lake Road is difficult so they are using Laurel. Haven't heard from the city about traffic calming proposal.
  - Schools –Colleen Dhennin. BMNA Schools Committee is looking for additional members. Meet 3-4 times year. Member from each area. Contact Colleen if interested. Bryn Mawr Elementary plant sale is in full swing. Plants will be distributed on May 5. Anwatin Craft Fair will be held in conjunction with Taste of Anwatin, on May 26, from 5-7 PM, \$5 table registration fee. Craft Fair will return to a December date in future. Nature Pre-School is hosting an April 21 clean up. Encouraged neighbors to walk in the Anwatin Forest to experience all the wonderful work the Pre-School has done in the woods.
14. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
- ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update. Discussing encampments and SWLRT impact on Basset Creek development.
  - SWLRT Update. Steel work done, pouring concrete. Barry related that the unit costs for the SWLRT is less than the unit costs of other large projects around the country.
  - 2800 Wayzata. Rod will not be running as Area 6 rep but will stay on as 2800 liaison. Developers have been good neighbors on this project. Encouraging Board to create a new area for 2800 Wayzata, Area 8.
15. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Still working on getting the OWL to work correctly. Discussed issues with the door being locked at the school for our meetings. Need to determine how to best let people in, or another meeting space.
16. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:                      Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

**Upcoming Events:**                      Festival of Garage Sales May 7  
    Annual Meeting May 11