



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

6:30– 8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

### Board and Staff

Kate Knuth – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
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  
Joshua Nichols -Area 4 Co-Rep

Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Haven Stephens - Area 6 Co-Rep  
Drew Quirk– Area 6 Co-Rep  
Lindsey Lyrenmann– Area 6 Co-Rep  
Chris Etz – Emeritus  
Jay Peterson – Emeritus  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor  
Patty Wycoff – Event Coordinator

**Guests:** McKenzie Erickson, Elizabeth Nee, Nance Duffy, Charles Weed, Mike Tieleman, Cameron Flakne, Steve Minn, Rod Miller, Bill Miner

1. Call to Order at 6:34 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from January 11 moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. Minneapolis Community Clay Courts (MCCC), non-profit; Charles Weed, Pres. and Mike Tieleman, area 2 neighbor. MCCC builds public clay tennis courts in cooperation with Mpls Parks and Rec Board, such as the two clay courts at Waveland Triangle Park in Linden Hills that are 1.5 yrs old. Clay courts are better for the environment, much easier on joints (especially for senior players), and maintenance is a community project organized and performed by MCCC. The concrete courts on Chestnut were built in 1941 and are ideal for clay conversion.  
Discussion: Maintenance is easy and embraced by players. Site is designated WPA. Is that a problem? No. Adam Arvidson, MPRB Director of Planning, will pursue only if BMNA communicates support. Bethanne Turnbull will be liaison.
5. Wirth on the Woods (WOTW) update-- Cameron Flakne and Steve Minn from Lupe Development.  
Flakne: Theodore (affordable senior housing) garage plumbing completed. Working on 6<sup>th</sup> floor framing. Roof begins in two weeks. Interior happening now, drywall in a month. Occupancy estimated 9/1/23, on schedule.  
Minn: The Eloise (market-rate) roofing at end of March, drywall in May, occupancy 11/1/23, behind schedule. Amenities and improvements will be built in spring. Signage for trailheads, etc being worked on. Wording and placement comments welcome.  
Extra work hours are required to make up for weather delays. Watch for notifications. Minn asked which is preferred: working 10-11-hour days Mon-Thur and 9 hours on Fridays, OR working 9-hour days Mon-Thur, 8-hour Fridays, and “a few” Saturdays. Both schedules are allowed. Liaison Rod Miller will check with Upton neighbors.

*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.*

Website: Lupe is aware of confusion. 2800Wayzata.com will be directed to new website. Focus is generating interest, leads for WOTW, but website includes tab for construction update, tab for feedback.

Leasing office for both Eloise and Theodore on 1515 Glenwood, with parking and handicapped access. Leasing begins Apr 1.

Liaison Rod Miller: Lupe and Swervo are separate entities building different residences on Wayzata Blvd site. (Only Lupe represented tonight.) Please read articles from BMNA website or developers' website to find out what is actually happening. Lots of misinformation being spread.

Lupe eager to connect new residents to neighborhood! BMNA can provide the info to be delivered by leasing offices.

BMNA will vote in March on proposed addition of two new areas to neighborhood association representation.

6. City of Minneapolis-- Councilperson Lisa Goodman. Absent. Kate Knuth read email update.

Wed, Feb 22, 12-1, Lunch with Lisa: Vibrant Downtown Storefront Workshop.

New land use regulations drafts now open for public review. Submit comments through Feb 26.

Snow and ice removal: contact 311 by phone, email or through the 311 App about problematic streets, sidewalks, alleys and parking violations. Exploring new tools for ice.

Mpls black history month: free public events.

Lottery to buy \$30-trees open through March 31.

Free COVID-19 and flu vaccinations offered by the city.

2023 Community Connections Conference will be June 10.

7. Crime Prevention Specialist Report— Shannon McDonough. Absent. Kate Knuth read email update.

For Jan 20- Feb 3, 2023: theft of catalytic converter from vehicle parked in driveway at 5XX Queen Ave S. Reported Jan 25, but victim believes theft may have occurred back in Nov 2022.

Discussion: No response to neighborhood crimes reported/discussed at January meeting. (See also Communications report below.)

8. Communications, Membership, and Development Report - Lynda Shaheen, by email.

Communications:

“Talked with our police liaison Shannon McDonough about crime alerts. The MPD policy aligns with our policy. He said they do not have the staff nor do they think it's helpful to alert people every time there is a crime committed. He said if they do that it turns into a next-door type of thing. He also said if they do that, information tends to get lost and they want the important things to get through to people. For example, he said that every year at the start of winter they send out a message reminding people not to leave their cars running to warm up out in the street or the alley. He wants that message to be seen and not lost amongst all the others. He said they will send out a message if there is a pattern of crime or if there is a solid description of a suspect that is helpful. For instance, one time he had a suspect that several people said was 6 foot 5 so he felt that was helpful information because it was distinct. He said his general advice for people is to follow all of their safety recommendations all of the time. He said if you're interested in knowing every time there is a crime, then you could follow one of the scanner sites or one of the crimewatch sites. He said those sites and groups get the info out for those that want it. He will definitely communicate with the BMNA anytime there is something alarming we should know about or to neighbors individually if they are signed up for the email list.

“Coordinated social media posts with SRF for The Co-Op Wars movie. JoEllyn alerted Lynda that the downtown Bryn Mawr banner was dangling, so thank you, Chris Etz, for removing and re-installing it in spring.

Lots of activity with Winter Fest. Park staff asked me to communicate Cedar Lake plan with neighbors.

“Development: Ordered winter hats and pint glasses for Winter Fest. Reported Final 2022 numbers.

Membership: “Targeting March 1 for membership letters to arrive in people’s mail.”

9. Event Report – Patty Wycoff.

Winter Fest is Feb 23. Planning is going well. We have \$3700 in sponsorships and over \$1600 in silent auction donations (very good). Ticket sales are biggest concern now. (Only 15 purchased so far!) Would be helpful for area reps to reach out to their neighbors. Send an email or text with the link to purchase tickets.

Blood drive Mar 3, 12-6pm. Thirteen people are signed up. Patty will have the QR code on table tents at Winter Fest so people can register. Hoping to increase participation.

Garage Sale weekend: 1 food truck secured.

10. Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad. The deadline for articles/ads is the 20<sup>th</sup>. March Bugle comes out Mar 3.
11. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Absent. Jay Peterson reported issue with website seems to be fixed. Store purchases working, too. Link for Winterfest tickets is up. Still dealing with spam flurries, but site is well-protected. Website is 8-9 years old. Needs to be refreshed.
12. Committee Reports (as needed)
  - Communications - Jay Peterson.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley.
  - Events – Brian Treece
  - Elections - Brian Treece
  - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley.
  - Gardens – Drew Quirk. Three priorities: 1) maintaining nearly 40 gardens! Need garden stewards! See Bugle article. 2) Redesigning and updating Newton triangle. 3) Enhancing volunteer experience and getting community members engaged.
  - Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat.
  - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Summit last month for neighborhood representatives in Elizabeth Shaffer’s district. Scott Graham attended. Topics included 1) update on WOTW. 2) park board good at engaging in planning stages but not good at following through. 3) big concerns about litter in Lake of the Isles. 4) Loring Park is a success story of local stewardship. 5) Luminary Loppet postponed to Feb 18 due to moving course to solid-ground trails because of dangerous ice conditions. 6) Area 1 neighbor wants to accelerate rejuvenation of reserve block 40 playground by diverting park funds dedicated for the Bryn Mawr Meadows project to this playground. The money comes from developers, goes into a pool, and must be used for projects in the neighborhood. He’s working on a public/private partnership. Though this Area1 playground was renovated in 2004, the equipment is not holding up and parts are expensive and hard to get because they come from Germany. BMNA Board must agree before the Park Board will consider diverting funds. The park board uses quantifiable criteria that focus on racial and economic equity to ensure that capital investments are targeted first in parks and communities where they are needed most. That Area 1 playground currently has a NPP20 "need" rank of 101 out of 104 parks, i.e. very low priority. The BMNA supports the park board's equity-ranking concept. When the Loppet Foundation trailhead building took precedence with the Park Board even though it was not in the masterplan, many neighbors were opposed. We are waiting for more details about the request.
  - Racial Justice – Liv Nielson/ Steve Harvey. Last month RJC screened The Co-op Wars. About 50 people attended. Pres Polum of SRF was very hospitable. Beautiful space. Next screening : Stories I Didn’t Know. Another local filmmaker wants to screen her film, but it doesn’t have a racial justice focus. RJC will discuss.
  - Traffic Safety
  - Schools –Colleen Dhennin. Schools committee meeting tomorrow night at Colleen’s house. Agenda: How to support plant sale, Anwatin craft fair, and welcome packets for new neighbors—and whatever concerns anyone brings.

13. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
  - ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update
  - SWLRT Update
14. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements
15. Adjourned 7:53 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:           **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

**Upcoming Events: Winterfest Feb 23, blood drive Mar 3**