BMNA Minutes

June 14, 2016

Members present -

Kevin Thompson, President

Brian Treece, VP

Dennis Fazio Treasurer

Dennie Juillerat, Area 3

Jessica Wiley, Area 3

JoAnn Michalec, Area 4

Andrew Jensen, Area 5

Jay Peterson, Area 6

Steve Harvey, Area 7

Staff

Patty Wycoff, NC

JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle

Guests-

Lisa Goodman, City Council

Melissa Wisniewski, Securonet

Adam Kay, Brightside Produce

Adam Pruitt, Brightside Produce

Nate Gotlieb, Southwest Journal

Called to order at 6:32

Approval of agenda

Accepted the minutes from the Annual Meeting/Approved minutes for April

**Lisa Goodman gave the City Councilmember report**

* Lisa reviewed field trips planned for Lunch with Lisa: the newly opened Sculpture Garden and Target in September. Final presentation for Peavey Plaza forthcoming.
* 501 Cedar Lake Rd has been sold. They need a variance to build. Anyone within 300 ft will be notified of the hearing on the variance. The City has a pro density point of view.
* 625 Queen Ave S requested a variance to replace single garage.
* Household hazardous waste events going on this summer. Check the schedule.
* The City attempted a move in the right direction by proposing a plastic bags ban. This didn’t go through, so they are looking for ideas to progress with this issue
* Mobile station—no update—they are in a quasi-judicial situation/going through the process with the city, they rejected the city’s offer.
* Lisa responded to a question about the $15 minimum wage issue

1. **Mpls Virtual Safety Network**- **Melissa Wisniewski Securonet-**
   * Securonet works with all 5 Mpls police Department precincts, paid for by the police department
   * Enables private and public entities to sign up to network cameras that are already in place at their site, such as cameras at a business or home
   * Securonet does not buy or place cameras. They are involved in sharing data only
2. **BrightSide Farm Stands- Adam Kay/Adam Pruitt**
   * Working for the past three years on decreasing food “deserts” in the city
   * Have developed small farm stands to sell produce in areas with less options for fresh food
   * Working with students at St. Thomas
   * Set up small sidewalk stands in front of a corner store. Produce is sold by St. Thomas students and young people from the community who are paid/3 hour sell period
   * Rogers store in Harrison is one of the corner stores
   * Setting up a **buyers** club for the produce remaining after the sale--recruit neighbors to buy bundles of produce at the end of the day -$10 share/
   * BrightSide is asking for a willingness and interest from individuals in buying the shares. They are seeking 10 families for $10 each for 8 weeks. Patty will recruit people to do this – need commitment by July 9
   * They have submitted an article in the Bugle.

**The Treasurers Report given by the BMNA Treasurer, Dennis Fazio.**

* + Dennis presented some necessary corrections to our cash management policy. Changes moved by Dennis and seconded by Jessica, approved.
  + Dennis presented a proposal for a Bookkeeper, including separating Treasurer duties from Bookkeeping. Consultation with NCR confirmed that it is permitted to pay Board members for professional services if they are well-defined, separate from Board duties,and of financial or other benefit to the organization; proposing that Dennis be contracted for bookkeeping services for 7-10 hours month. He would remain as volunteer treasurer with responsibilities at about 10 hours a month. Motion by Barry Schade to contract with Dennis for bookkeeping services with referral to officers to work out the details. Approved.
  + Recommended that we buy a screen and donate it to the church for use during our summer meetings. Approved up to $250 for a screen. Dennis moved, Brian seconded. Dennis will work with the church on details.

**North Side Service Area Master Plan CAC presented by Kevin Thompson**

* + We have an option to add a Bryn Mawr/Harrison representative for park planning.
  + Currently on the CAC from Bryn Mawr are Kevin Thompson (appointed by Anita Tabb) and Mike Brennan (appointed by Lisa Goodman)
  + Tim Davis has applied from Harrison. Barry moved to appoint Tim as a joint Bryn Mawr/Harrision rep, Brian seconded. Approved.

**Ad in SW Journal for Bryn Mawr Spotlight discussion led by Kevin Thompson.**

* + SW Journal is publishing an article highlighting Bryn Mawr in 6/29 issue.
  + There was discussion around placing an ad for Bryn Mawr in the same issue. Deadline for ad is June 26. Decision was make to Look at this for next year- advertising the garden tour or Bryn Mawr in general.

**Minnesota Compass Website Tool presentation by Jessica Wiley**

* + Wilder Foundation was funded to create Minnesota Compass, a neighborhood data tool with profile information on demographics, housing, workforce, trends.
  + Data can be accessed at macro and micro levels-state, county, city, neighborhoods.
  + Could be used for school committee, fundraising, advocacy, strategic planning
  + [www.mncompass.org](http://www.mncompass.org)

**Patty Wycoff gave an update as the Neighborhood Coordinator**

* + Garage sales. Fewer families donated to our sale but record number registered their garage sales. Next year, we need to be sure we have a traffic cop at Penn and Cedar Lake Rd
  + Neighbors in Area 4 behind the former hedge are concerned that the hill is not being mowed in a timely fashion
  + Ice Cream social – July 13. La La Creamery on board, buy vanilla ice cream for the kids

**Jo Ellyn Jolestad give a Bugle Report.**

* + This month is the Graduation issue highlighting the many graduates we have this year.

**Jay Peterson gave an update on the Website.**

* BMNA.org is reciving an average of 3500 visitors each month
* Looking at having 100 photos available for use as needed

**Standing Committee Reports**

* + Gardens- 9 garden stewards at 11 garden collections, such as Mobile Station, dentist’s office, etc, received over $1000 worth of free plants trees shrubs from Minnesota Green for Cedar Lake Parkway Blvd,, , planters in downtown Bryn Mawr completed
  + Community Projects –Approved an increase in the dollar amount for the Nature Pre-School Summer School of $625
  + Events – association goals deferred to July

**Discussion**- for those wanting to know what the timeline is for park updates, go to the Park Board website.

Adjourned at 8:16