



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

1. **Call to Order** at 7:03 and **Introductions**

Board Members attending are as follows:

Kevin Thompson-President

Jessica Wiley-Vice President

Dennis Fazio- Treasurer

Susan Verett- Co- Rep Area 2

Lynda Shaheen – Co-Rep Area 2

Dennis Juillerat - Co-Rep Area 3

Christopher Etz- Co-Rep Area 4

Joanne Michael- Co-Rep Area 4

Vida Ditter- Co-Rep Area 6

Barry Shade- Co-Rep Area 6

Jay Peterson- Co-Rep Area 6

Steve Harvey- Area 7

Guests attending are as follows:

Patty Wycoff- Neighborhood Coordinator

Lisa Goodman- Councilperson

Josh Savage – Uptown Heating and Cooling

RM Martens– neighbor Area 6/ROC

Claudia Egelhoff – neighbor Area 4

2. **Approval of today's agenda.** Moved, seconded and passed.

3. **Approval of minutes** of last month's meeting. Moved, seconded and passed.

4. **Treasurer's Report**-Dennis Fazio

- We took in more dollars than anticipated, although we did not meet our membership goal. We spent less than we thought. Adopted a basic budget in December; will continue to discuss the budget.

5. **City of Minneapolis:** Councilmember Lisa Goodman

- Lunch with Lisa starting up again. Topic for January 28- Youth homelessness. Lisa is committed to housing.
  - New, more aggressive city policy for snow removal on sidewalks. After a snowfall, commercial property has a four hour window to clear the snow, residential has 24 hours. If a report is received by the city that snow has not been removed, it will be verified and a private contractor dispatched to remove the snow; property owners will be billed for the shoveling.
  - SW LRT Advisory Committee being formed (CAC) including all 17 communities along the line. Lee Munnich will represent Bryn Mawr; 2 alternates.
  - Impound Lot- no news or progress. Conversations are on hold due to staff leave of absences
6. **Neighborhood Coordinator report:** Patty Wycoff
- UMN Extension is holding sessions on how to strengthen neighborhood groups. Patty will attend January 22-23.
  - Membership Drive for 2015. The committee will meet January 19 to formulate the process.
  - Loppet- Bryn Mawr will have a sandwich board near the ski trail saying “Welcome to Bryn Mawr.”
7. **Bugle Report:** JoEllyn Jolstad
- Content is due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.
8. **Josh Savage /Owner of Uptown Heating and Cooling**
- Josh has a 5-year lease to rent the space on the corner of Penn and Cedar Lake Road (former dry cleaning business). His company is hosting three community centers in Minneapolis; Bryn Mawr, 36<sup>th</sup>/Bryant North, and Lowry/Central. He envisions these spaces as places where non-profits can meet, artists can show their work, and classes can be held. He is hoping to display historical photographs of Bryn Mawr. Uptown Heating and Cooling offers free tune-ups to non-profits. He is committing to these spaces to give back to the community and to advertise his services. Jessica will be the liaison between the BMNA and Uptown Heating and Cooling.
9. **Standing Committee Reports** (only as needed)
- Communications- Kevin will finalize the new contract for the Bugle editor.
  - Schools- Next meeting January 29.
  - Community Projects – Solicit ideas through March 1. Bring proposed projects to Board in April.
  - BMNA Office- Patty and Jessica will take an inventory of the shed and determine what should be in the office. Patty will leave an outgoing message for the phone. Chris put the address on the website. Building is open from 8 – 5 with a receptionist present. After hours use; officers and Patty have keys. There is a kitchen that can be used. Small meetings can be held there; up to 7.
10. **BMNA office update**—Dennis Fazio
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11. **Budget Initiatives-** Dennis Fazio

- Website- proposed a budget of \$16,650 for redesigning the website and paying for a webmaster. The discussion centered on the vision for a more interactive site. Moved and seconded by Wiley/Ditter to approve this expenditure. We will advertise for a webmaster first, they can manage the website redesign.
- Gardens- proposed that we approve a budget item of \$9,000 for investing in our community gardens. Garden Group will be incorporated as a Committee of the Association. Moved and seconded by Etz/ Michalec to approve. Discussed involving more Garden Club members before moving forward with this.
- Membership Drive -2014-We have about 300 contributing members- approximately 20% of our households. Will discuss how to increase that at the membership committee meeting.

12. **ROC Update—**Vida Ditter

- Met with Harrison Neighborhood Association president to discuss the impound lot hopes.

13. **SWLRT Update—**Vida Ditter/Barry Schade

- Covered in Lisa’s report.

14. **Penn Avenue Corridor Update—**Jay Peterson

- Jay is looking for a co-rep or alternate rep who would need approval from Lisa Goodman

15. **Announcements:**

- PUSH received approval from the railroad for grade level crossings at the (former) Glenwood-Inglewood site. A microbrewery is drawing up plans to be part of the building. Hoping that the railway agreement might be positive for the Fruen Mill site.
- Michael Martens raised a concern about the city organics diversion. Methane gas is released during the decomposing process; what will be done to capture the gas? Kevin will inquire as a citizen to the Mayor’s office.

16. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, February 11, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary School, cafeteria**