



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Kevin Thompson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Directors attending:

Kevin Thompson-President, Jessica Wiley-Vice President, Dennis Fazio-Treasurer, Sandie Gay-Secretary, Dave Holets-Area 1, Susan Verrett-Area 2, Dennie Juillerat – Area 3, Matt Stark – Area 4, Christopher Etz – Area 4, Barry Schade – Area 6, Vida Ditter – Area 6,

A quorum was present.

Others attending:

Patty Wycoff – Neighborhood Coordinator.
Lisa Goodman – City of Minneapolis, Claudia Englehoff, Neighbor,

2. **Approval of today's agenda.** Agenda approved with amendments.
3. **Approval of minutes** of last month's meeting. Moved to approve, seconded and passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report – Dennis Fazio** – First half 2014 budget vs. actual presented and attached to the minutes. Net income is negative because funding due from the City has not yet been received. We've received communication from the City that this should be coming soon. Income and expense on all other categories is doing well or is on track.
Other highlights:
 - Garage sale netted \$1,149 on revenue of \$2,193.
 - Garden Tour netted \$1,588 on revenue of \$9,672, about half of which was in-kind contributions.
 - Ice Cream Social received \$764 in donations at the event, netting \$81 in cash after expenses. There was also \$273 in other cash and in-kind donations.
5. **City of Minneapolis: Councilmember Lisa Goodman**
 - Lunch with Lisa will occur on August 20, 2014 at St. Thomas in Terrence Murphy Hall in Room No. 252. The subject will be The Nicollet Mall Redesign Plan Update.
 - Public Hearings on SWLRT for Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority/Met Council is scheduled at Central Library on August 13th at

5:30pm.

- Public Hearings on SWLRT for the City of Minneapolis is scheduled to occur at City Hall, Room 317 on August 19 at 6:00pm. Written comments will be accepted prior to the hearing. E-mail is councilcomment@minneapolismn.gov and mail is T&Pw Committee Coordinator, Room 304, City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415.
- Proposed “Residential Infill” ordinance revising residential points system for site plan review was unanimously approved by City Planning Commission on July 28th. Zoning and Planning vote is tentatively set for August 21.
- The proposed ordinance on Accessory Dwelling Units will have four public open houses as follows: August 23 at Hosmer Library (347 East 36th Street) at 10:30am to 12:30pm; August 27th at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd Street NE) at 5:00pm to 7:00pm; September 16th at North Regional Library (1315 Lowry Avenue North) at 5:00pm to 7:00pm and September 17th at Kenwood Community Center (2101 West Franklin Avenue) at 7:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Looking for volunteers to be Election Judges. If interested, contact Jilla Nadimi at 612-673-3870 or Jilla.nadima@minneapolismn.gov
- Hennepin County hosting household hazardous waste collection events at the following times: August 21-23 in NE Minneapolis at 340 27th Avenue NE, September 18-20 at U of MN parking lot C66 at 2904 Fairmont Street SE, October 9-11 at Minneapolis Public Works at 3607 East 44th Street. All sites open to the public from 9am to 4pm. For accepted materials see www.hennepin.us/collectionevents.
- Repair/replacement of sidewalks is planned for Bryn Mawr neighborhoods. Workers have been marking areas with white paint. Call 311 with questions or concerns.

6. **Neighborhood Coordinator report: Patty Wycoff**

- Scoop-Off was a huge success, went smoothly and a good time was had. Cross Roads volunteers helped out. Ben and Jerry’s, Sebastian Joe’s, Zelo and Adele’s Custard participated.
- Park and Rec is sponsoring Tuesday night music at Wirth Park. BMNA will support by putting a reminder in The Bugle and sending out a neighborhood email.
- Sip and Stroll is set for Oct 9th, 6pm – 8pm.
- Thurs Oct 30th-Harvest Dinner-Patty will send around a list to Board Members for table decorations.

7. **Charter Beer and Wine ballot initiative discussion**

- Charter Wine and Beer Discussion-Matt Stark moved the BMNA support the initiatives to change and/or remove the 70/30 and 60/40 rules. The motion was seconded and passed. Kevin will speak to the owners of Sparks and Cuppa Java about the issue.

8. **SW LRT Update:** Barry Schade and Vida Ditter

- The City is sponsoring a meeting on August 19th at 6pm to explain about the negotiations of accommodations for City of Minneapolis prior to Council vote. The vote is scheduled for August 29th

9. **Garden Tour Recap:** Jessica Wiley
 - The Garden Tour was financially successful. Jessica met with Carolyn and they developed a list of reasons for the Tour - Introduces people to BM, Shows off the gardens, it is a healthy activity. The recommendation is to create a committee to oversee Garden Tour and other events with name of Events Committee. Volunteer members are Jessica Wiley, Committee Chair, Patty Wycoff, Vida Ditter, Dennie Juillerat, and Kevin Thompson.

10. **Standing Committee Reports** (only as needed)

The Garden Tour was both a social and financial success. Jessica and Kevin met with Carolyn to debrief the successes and challenges. The rationale for continuing the tour was discussed was developed as follows: it introduces people to BM, it shows off the gardens, is a healthy neighborhood activity, and it is a fundraiser They recommend creating an Events Committee to discuss sustainability of the Garden Tour and other events. Volunteer members are Jessica Wiley, Committee Chair, Patty Wycoff, Vida Ditter, Dennie Juillerat, and Kevin Thompson.

 - Communications-Jessica-The committee discussed the website. They have worked on it for a year and want to extend through fall before making a recommendation. The Bugle is being sent to the President for review before publishing. The new BMNA email list policy was passed out to the Board. Jessica moved it be approved. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.
 - Schools – Jessica reported on new Principal for Bryn Mawr Elementary and school board candidates for the at-large position
 - Gardens— A wholesale account has been set up at Gertens for the Garden Group with a credit of up to \$1700. There are a lot of maintenance issues for the hedge, gardens, boulevard planters, commercial planters, etc. The Garden Group committee prefers to garden not organize events. Jessica and Kevin will meet with Jason Rathke to discuss.
 - Nominations—NPP Coordinator nomination(s) needed. BMNA officers will meet with the city organizers to confirm expectations for the position.

11. **ROC Update**—Vida Ditter-No ROC meeting last month, so, no report.

12. **Conflict of Interest Policy**—Kevin Thompson

Jessica moved the Conflict of Interest Policy, as presented, be approved. Vida seconded and it passed. Board members are required to sign and date.

13. **Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements** Solar Update-

Barry met with consultants to get information on solar arrays i.e. solar gardens in neighborhoods. Participants can buy shares and get credit on electric bill. It would take 3 shares for a typical house. There is an 8 year pay back. Barry is getting recommendation using the example of his own house. Linden Hills may try it. SW Journal has an article coming out.

14. **Adjourn**—The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, September 10, 2014**
7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary School, cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS: Sip and Stroll, Oct 9th, 6pm – 8pm
 Harvest Dinner, Oct 30