



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria

1. Call to Order and Introductions
Board Members and Staff attending are as follows:
Scott McLaughlin-President; Dennis Fazio-Treasurer; Sandie Gay-Secretary; Lynda Shaheen-Area 2 Rep; Dennie Juillerat-Area 3 Rep; Carol Hejl-Area 3 Rep; Barry Schade-Area 6; Vida Y. Ditter-Area 6 Rep; Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator.
Guests attending are as follows:
Beth Turnbull-Area 5; Michael Martens-ROC; Carolyn Bastick-Garden Tour Coordinator; Ellen Dordall-Manager Impound Facility for City of Minneapolis; Bill Prisce-City of Minneapolis Public Works; Jon Wertges-City of Minneapolis Public Works; Jerry Schaefer-HNA; Beth Grosen-CEPED.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda- Moved, seconded and passed
 - Minutes of last month's meeting
 - Today's Agenda
3. Garden Tour Update: Carolyn Bastick
 - New chair of Garden Tour, has already started, has updated website for this event, it shall be 1st weekend in May, promotions have started, has some volunteers.
 - Included in budget for 2014. An expense report with receipts should be turned into the Treasurer for reimbursement.
4. Minneapolis Impound Lot Update: Beth Grosen (CPED) and Jon Wertges (Public Works)
 - Presentation of city owned property near the Impound Lot for City of Minneapolis. Goal is to shrink the Impound Lot and attract developers to the area. The March presentation is an introduction to the proposal. In April there will be an updated presentation. The process will include community input. In May further presentations will be made and then taken to the City Council in June.
 - Recommendations-Reduce size of the impound lot, improve the facility or build new. Combine adjacent parcels for development.
 - There are two approaches to the existing building; either remodel or build a new one.

- The site should be studied to determine if and how the lots can be shrunk.
 - CEPED-Development-Braun Intertec has been hired to report on soil and site conditions and conduct a feasibility study, reports will be filed next week, by end of April they should have a good sense of soil conditions, CEPED is close to the selection of a real estate marketing professional to assist in making the decision as to what should be built. Light industrial or housing are two possibilities. In early 2015, an RFP for the publically owned property should be ready. Federal money has been used for some of the current purchases so MNDOT approval is necessary.
5. Harrison "Bridge" Program: Jerry Schaefer (HNA)
 - HNA Alternate-Changes in make-up of the Board have been implemented. The Staff driven Board has changed to a resident-driven board. There are four new members to ROC. The current board wants a productive relationship with BM. They believe that education is a key to making changes in the Harrison Neighborhood. They have started to work with the State University bridge program (catch up program for freshman) to expand into neighborhoods. They are looking for a school room where professors can run a program in Harrison. Adult volunteers will be needed as mentors and tutors. They will continue to keep us updated.
 6. Area 5 Representative Nominations and Election
 - Beth Turnbull was nominated by Barry for Area 5 Rep, seconded and passed.
 7. Neighborhood Coordinator report: Patty Wycoff
 - BM was approved for 3 hydrants by the Mpls. Park Board. BM uses 5 and pays for 2.
 - Malik Holt Shabazz-Mpls. Bicycle Coalition advocates and lobbies for bike lane development. They have requested that BMNA sign on as a sponsor supporting their work. Barry moved to sponsor, seconded and passed.
 - Membership drive will be handled by Jessica and will market PayPal options, per month or quarterly,
 - Garage Sale-April begins sign up phase. Patty is asking for more board involvement i.e. picking up donations, passing out maps, and working the sale. She will bring a sign-up sheet to the next meeting.
 - Annual Meeting-One rep from each area should bring a table centerpiece and Board members should commit to attending.
 8. Report on "Financing Great Places" workshop: Sandie and Vida
 - Speakers on Crowd Funding, Cooperatives and traditional investment presented to the Urban Land Institute as way of funding development. BMNA can be a funding pass-thru.
 9. Report on Bassett Creek Watershed Bank Improvements
 - Shoreline on west side and downstream is being improved. Taking some trees and a new park trail will be part of the improvements. Vida is advocating for the plan for the park commons in the Basset Creek Masterplan to be incorporated into the 10 year plan.
 10. SW LRT Project update: Barry Schade and Vida Ditter
 - LRT is at a political level with details in the morning paper tomorrow. The Minneapolis City Council is against keeping freight lines in Kenilworth corridor.

- By June 30th , the funds could be shifted to Bottineau Line.
11. NPP Coordinator-Yonathon
 - Community Investment Fund will award grants for community improvement. Proposals will be accepted from neighborhood groups.
 12. Standing Committee Reports
 - Communications: Jeneen Hartley Sago
They are in the middle of a pilot project to manage the website and to develop requirements for posting on it. The Committee has the right to turn down any posting.
 - Gardens: Jason Rathe
They met and discussed the Garden Tour and possibly allowing artists to show their work in the gardens.
 - Nominating: Dennie Juillerat and Vida Ditter
They are putting together a ballot for the upcoming year. If anyone is interested in serving, let a Committee Member know.
 13. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups
 14. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements-March 18th next meeting for ROC.
 - New Home Construction @ 23 Washburn Ave S by Kale Massey
 15. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, April 9, 2014**
7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Community Connections Conference: March 22, 2014 (8:00-4:30)
- Festival of Garage Sales: May 2-4, 2014
- Annual Meeting: May 14, 2014