

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2011

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Ted Kiesselbach, Co-Vice President; Larry Skov, Co-Vice President, Sandra Gay, Secretary; Ben Horn, Co-Treasurer; Greg Forehle, Area 1; Dave Holets, Area 1; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Lynda Shaheen, Area 2; Dave Wahlstadt, Area 2, Rick Carter, Area 3, Chris Etz, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Schade, Area 6; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Chair, JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor.

Guests in attendance: Lisa Goodman, City Councilmember

2. Approval of Consent Agenda: Approved

- Minutes of last month's meeting
- Today's Agenda
- Acceptance of this month's Financial Report (available online)

3. Crime update: Minneapolis Police Department Liason ????????????

- Most crimes down except for auto theft. Don't know why anomaly occurred. The one rape was a false report. See attachment.

4. City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

- *Lunch with Lisa starting up*-1st presentation is with Tom Oslund for a focus group for the Peavey Plaza upgrade It will be held Jan 26 at Opus Hall, Rm 202 at St. Thomas. Open houses will be held in next couple of months.
- *Property Taxes*- Property valuation coming soon. Statement will come in mail. Go to Assessor if don't agree with valuation. Appeal process can go thru courts or Assessor. Bryn Mawr not seeing highest raise in Property Taxes. See attached handouts.
- *Census*-Can access state by state basis. See websites on attached handouts.
- *Miscell*-The Schubert Theater will open in Sept 2011. WAC presentation on riverfront development on Jan 27.

5. NC Activity Report: Patty Wycoff

- *Saturnalia*-Cancelled due to snow storm.
- *Welcome Packets*-Distributed to local businesses.
- *Directory*- 2012 directory info is due and form is included in Welcome Packets. It is printed every three years. Advertising pays for it.
- *Website*- An article will be included on website on foreclosure prevention. Packets are available thru BMNA.
- *Proposal for Business Assoc.*-Some money will be awarded although not as much as previously thought.

6. Bugle Report: JoEllen Jolstad

- *No people in Jan.*
- *Advertising*-It is falling off and some advertisers didn't pay. New ads for Bugle needed.

7. Membership Update: Ben/Paul

- Packet will be printed by Feb meeting. An article will be placed in Bugle on membership. There will be an envelope stuffing party prior to Feb meeting @ 6:30pm.

8. NRP report/discussion – Scott McLaughlin

- *CEE Energy Project*: Have 10 coupons left for free home visits to conduct energy audit. Invited to competition for a grant. Need volunteer Jan 21 8-9:30am. Andrew Krahling volunteered.

- *Downtown Project (lighting & striping)*- New LED lighting installed at corner of Penn and Cedar Lake Road. No comments yet. Banners group needs to meet for final decisions.
 - *Raingarden Project*- 90% done. Have \$18,000 for implementations. Half of coupons purchased. 15 more available. Free consultation and free design services. Get \$\$\$ for implementation. Need to clarify to residents that funds are available. Metro Blooms working with us.
 - *Community Solar Power Project*- Half done with reimbursement to residents. 1 year extension was granted for distribution of funds, \$21,000 left. Add participants' testimonials to website.
 - NRP axed by City Council but \$7200-\$18000 is still available for Bryn Mawr projects. \$17000 to \$28000 was lost. Active groups continue to work on proposals to compete. Had \$330,000 initially.
9. **Update on proposal to add NiceRide bike kiosks to downtown-Ben Horn-No Update.**
10. **Community Project Report – Rick/Jessica/Jay**
- *5th annual project*-Deadline for proposals is Feb. 20th. Could use NRP \$\$\$ for \$2000 budget.
11. **LRT Project Updates: Ted Kiesselbach**
- *Capstone (Humphrey Institute) Project*- Rick Carter is working with Capstone Class on Penn LRT Station. Monthly updates will be presented. A presentation on conclusions will be made at end of class.
 - *Cedar Lake Parks Ass'n Charette*-Barry/Jay There has been a delay in draft statement. Citizens Advisory Committee is busy on other projects. Funding in place?
12. **Garden Project Developments – on hiatus for winter.**
13. **Update from Website Committee: Barry No Update**
14. **Standing Committee Reports**
- *Redistricting Committee Report*-Lynda Shaheen Nothing to report.
 - *Land Use Committee Report*- NA
 - *Schools Committee Report*- Lynda Shaheen Neighborhood delineated walking areas vs. busing. Mapping done to designate best areas for group walking or busing. School committee looking at Community Ed. Gov. Dayton appointed a new Commissioner of Education who is an educator rather than politician. School choices changed a small amount for Bryn Mawr compared to other neighborhoods. School changes due Feb 8th.
 - *Communications Committee Report*- Jay Requested volunteers to meet and look at overview of communication vehicles. Replaces Bugle Committee.
15. **Treasurer's report– Ben Horn**
- Balance sheet passed around. Will be emailed to Google Group. There was no 2011 budget to present. Fundraising and income a little down. The final balance was up \$4000 for year. Discussed retreat for Board members.
16. **Reports from BMNA Reps to affiliated groups: No update**
(BCV-ROC, SWLRT, CL Parks)
17. **Discussion Items, Updates and Announcements:**
- A program to distribute healthy foods one day a month, funded by a grant from Blue Cross&Blue Shield, may be available to residents of Bryn Mawr. More later.

Adjourn: 8:45pm pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, Feb 9th at BM Elementary Cafeteria**

6:30pm-Envelope Stuffing and 7:00 pm-Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Membership Campaign