



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 7:00– 8:30 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary

1. Call to Order and Introductions –The following attended the meeting:
Board Members-Ted Kiesselbach, Vice President (Presiding in absence of President); Sandra Gay, Secretary; Dave Holets, Co-Treasurer, Liz Lindholm-Pederson, Co-treasurer; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator; JoEllen Jolstad, Schools/Bugle; Greg Froehle, Area 1 Rep; George Seebach, Area 2 Rep; Rick Carter, Area 3 Rep, Jessica Wiley, Area 3 Rep; Dave Logsdon, Area 5/Bugle; Scott McLaughlin, Area 5/NRP/NCEC; Barry Schall, Area 6 Rep.
Guests-Patrick for Councilmember Lisa Goodman; Dylan Thomas, SW Journal.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda –Moved and passed motion to accept the following:
 - o Minutes of last month’s meeting
 - o Today’s Agenda
 - o Acceptance of this month’s Financial Report (available online)
3. City update: Patrick for Councilmember Lisa Goodman
 - Two new reports available-Healthy Housing Indicators Analysis and Minneapolis Trends(http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/docs/Healthy_Housing_Indicators_Analysis.pdf) and A Quarterly Overview of Socioeconomic and housing Trends in Minneapolis(http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/2Q-2011trend_report.pdf)
 - Results Minneapolis available-See <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/docs/NCRResultsReport.pdf>
 - Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) supports work of NCR department.
 - Openings available on Minneapolis Boards and Commissions-For information visit www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions and <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards.asp>. Application review process begins on September 30, 2011.
 - Minneapolis Bike Tour on Sunday, September 18.
 - Projects of the RiverFirst Team presentation on Monday, September 19.
 - Neighborhood and Community Connections Conference held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Zurah Shrine Event Center.
 - 1 million grant will be voted on thru Facebook vote. Board members asked for a more public forum and was promised it would be corrected.
 - Laurel torn up again for 2nd time. Questioned why it will be done twice. Board members would like to know why 2nd construction was done. Public works projects crews worked until 11pm at night.
 - SW LRT will affect neighborhood. Ted will email list of concerns re: LRT construction to Lisa Goodman. There will be neighborhood input for design of stations.
4. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report-Hydrant update-The two hydrants used 6 units and 4 units of water. Prepaid \$75 and will get refunds. Irrigation of garden behind school will be shared with BMNA. Harvest Dinner in BM Elementary Cafeteria- Oct 26th at 6:00-Theme discussed and decided on soup and stew competition. Cuppa Java will donate \$25 gift card for prize. Sip and Stroll is an event to visit local businesses and the Board is in favor of doing again. As the business association has no grant money, BMNA will take the lead on planning it. The date is Oct 13th from 6-8, will pass out punch cards and if filled up, can drop into bowl at Cuppa Java for prize drawing.
5. JoEllen-Promoting Harvest Dinner thru articles and party invitation in Bugle.
6. PayPal update – Dave Holets-PayPal is now active and set up on Membership page of website. Could be tailored for paying tickets, etc. on line. Record keeping-contributions can be tracked

by putting buttons on for each item. Three buttons discussed were for Membership, Garden Group and General. A field should be designated within for donations to keep track of school donations, etc..

7. Garden Tour volunteer event – Ted-Article in Bugle about event, four gardens visited, food and wine served, looking for volunteers for 2012 Garden Tour.
8. NCEC report – Scott
 - NRP status update-Phasing out but still exists.
 - \$14,500 grant received from NCEC.
 - Projects-Scott attending awards event on Oct 25th 5:30pm at Center for Energy and Environment. Members may sign up to attend. Call Scott.
 - Solar-Project in progress in BMNA. Runs out at end of year.
 - Rain Garden, Home Improvement-City may take balance back.
 - Business Community Program-Street Improvement program planning underway. Next month more information will be available. Banners should be up soon. Waiting for City approval. Cost-\$160.
9. LRT Project updates
 - Station Area Strategic Planning-Feds signed off on preliminary engineering which will be a 2 year process. Operational date is 2018. Impact statement will be issued soon. Pitch on stations will be held in Bryn Mawr along with initial meetings and discussion with City. City of St. Louis Park trying to keep freight line from being moved to another rail in St. Louis Park, filed law suit, in Court of Appeals.
 - Hennepin Co CAC – Barry-
 - Other
10. Garden Group update – Dave L-The group will meet next Tuesday to set stage this fall for clean up projects and planning for next year’s events. Rain gardens will be installed this fall, including near church. Plantings will be done in September. Need neighbors as volunteers. Rain garden documentary available and shows participation/ ownership of gardens. Anwatin garden-will be discussed.
11. Standing Committee Reports
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 - Redistricting Cmte / Report – Barry –Hearing will be held this week, Via Ditter may report. Update on ROC. Controversy on railroad yard, Harrison neighborhood group against layover facility for commuter rail. Harrison sees it as an environmental issue. The park acts as buffer between Bryn Mawr and future facility.
 - Land Use Committee Report—
 - *Acknowledge receipt of variance request/review for 17 Oliver Avenue South.*
 - Schools Committee –Jessica-Meeting scheduled for Sept 22 to discuss new focus, community ed. The committee has \$1200 and will determine how to use for community activities for teens and adults. Because enrollment for public schools is up there may be administrative reorganization for school districts.
 - Communications Committee – Jay-Bugle Editor position advertised, changes need to be made to scope of services, one resume has been submitted.
12. Treasurer’s report– Liz Pederson/Dave Holets-The reinvestment of \$10,000 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed and motion passed. Liz will keep looking for an appropriate conservative investment and report back.
13. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups (BCV-ROC, SWLRT, CL Parks)
14. Discussion Items and Updates and Announcements:
 - Dave L.-Communications Committee will review request to make the community bulletin board more visible, either thru signage or lighting.
15. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, October 12th**
7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Harvest Dinner, Wed., October 26.