



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Marlin called to order and introductions made.
Board members attending were: Marlin Possehl-President, Liz Pederson-Co-Treasurer, Dave Holets-Co-Treasurer, Sandra Gay-Secretary, Scott McLaughlin-NRP/NCEC, Lynda Shaheen-Co-Area 2, Susan Verett-Co-Area 2, George Seebach-Co-Area 2, Jessica Wiley-Co-Area 3, Rick Carter-Co-Area 3, Christopher Etz-Co-Area 4, Jay Peterson-Co-Area 6, Barry Schade-Co-Area 6, Andrew Krahling-Co-Area 7, Dave Logsdon, Area 4, Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator.
Guests attending were: Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis, Paul Miller-City of Minneapolis, John Parker, Brian Willette-Area 2, Steve Maurelli-Area 3, Connie Adair-Area 6, Jenny Warner-Area 6, Barb Wulf-Area 6, Gertrude Carlson-Area 7, Ray Carlson-Area 7, Yves Gauthier-Area 7, Tracy Cerisier Lynn-Area 7, Sarah Rudolph-Area 7, Pat Waddick-Area 7, J. Pam Weiner-President of Friends of the Wild Flower Garden (Eloise Butler).
2. Approval of Consent Agenda – Including: Motion to accept minutes, agenda and financial report. Establish and publish log on protocol to website to view Financial Report.
 - o Minutes of last month’s meeting
 - o Today’s Agenda
 - o Acceptance of this month’s Financial Report (available online)Discussion held whether to email statements as attachments if members not accessing
3. City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman
 - Met Council Commissioner- Vita Ditter will serve on Brownie Lake Advisory Committee. \$1M for upgrades to Brownie Lake.
4. Requested presentation on Inglewood Addition/Anwatin Woods – Mpls Public Works, Paul Miller 373.3603
Development of parcels in Bryn Mawr-Private Owner proposing to build on selected parcels and needs for City to extend utilities.

Paul Miller with City Public Works Dept, PM, presented. Frank Stuckey intends to develop parcels for single family homes. Cities are obligated to allow Owner to build if follow zoning and codes. The parcels are along Xerxes and Vincent Avenues. Improvements will be made according to standards of City and the developer will pay for improvements to infrastructure. City Council must authorize. The Terms of Agreement will layout standards and specs that roads and improvements will be built to, will then go thru Planning review and Code review for approval. Back to Council for approval.

Questions:

What is time line? Council authority is granted and will work with Owner to determine Terms of Agreement. Roadway design will match similar in neighborhood. Two months for Terms of Agreement to be approved by City Council. After improvements are designed Site Plan is submitted for review and approval. Next Spring is the soonest that construction could start.

Why is the City working with these difficult sites? In the past a builder came in with street design but could not build on lots. The City will provide the parameters and will maintain roads. The Terms of Agreement will assure that the improvements are built to Cities’ standards. This is the third plan brought to community. Opinion of resident that it is not financially feasible. Some lots not buildable.

5. Requested presentation on Linden rail yard layover – Barry/Vida Ditter
The County proposes to build a passenger rail layover facility in the same location as Linden Yards, a heavy rail layover facility. It will function as a resting place for light rail passenger and diesel trains during the day. Because the diesel trains emit smells, dust, noise, Harrison Neighborhood is against the plan. The property lies inside Bryn Mawr and is present in the Bassett Creek Valley development plans. Ryan Companies was interviewed and selected to develop plans for the parcel. They propose to develop Office Buildings above the layover facility. Vida advocates getting involved in the development so Bryn Mawr can have a voice in decisions. 2500 jobs in the building projected. Trains housed in buildings. Development above train buildings will be parking and offices. Harrison objects on grounds of environmental and economic justice. Vida supports because development in Bryn Mawr needs a jump start after 14 years of active participation. Members of Harrison’s Board will be invited to speak to BM Board at a future meeting to hear their views which oppose a layover facility. The city has rescheduled an open presentation at Harrison Neighborhood Center at 7 pm, October 24th. The issue will be revisited after the presentation.
6. Brownie Lake CAC appointment of Colleen Smith, Area 2- Motion seconded and passed to appoint Colleen Smith to serve on Brownie Lake Advisory Committee. Rick Carter is also a candidate for appointment.
7. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report-Final bill for water hydrants is \$25 per hydrant and BM will receive a refund; Sip and Stroll -Oct 13; Harvest Dinner-Thurs Oct 26; Saturnalia-\$1200 is needed. No BM business grant this year, so businesses asked to contribute to Saturnalia as they can, i.e. sponsorship of fire pit, etc. Motion for \$1200 was seconded and passed.
8. JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report-deadline for submittals, list has been sent out in minutes. Consensus of group is to dispense with opening up applications.
9. Treasurer’s report– Liz Pederson/Dave Holets-New CD purchased, article in Bugle about PayPal. Financial statement will be emailed to Board Members once per quarter.
10. NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin
 - NRP status update-agreement to approve banner project. Order in for banners and brackets. Installation will be complete in, approximately, a month.
 - Projects-Rain garden first phase being installed. Church garden will be highly visible prototype. 10 more are planned for spring installation. 10 more will install on their own and submit receipts to Scott for any eligible reimbursements.
 - Bryn Mawr Business Façade Improvement Program-Using guidelines from City of Minneapolis. Planning for 10 businesses to participate. This commits up to a total of \$12,500 in BMNA dollars, along with business owner matching commitment to leverage city NRP dollars. Moved, seconded, passed.
 - Solar Panel Project-The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association is being honored for the environmental programs we have created for our neighborhood, such as, solar panel project, rain gardens, the energy challenge and hosting CEE sponsored course for free energy audit.. Scott and Patty are attending the event on Tues. Oct. 25th at CEE.
11. LRT Project updates
 - Station Area Strategic Planning
 - Hennepin Co CAC – Barry
 - Other
12. Garden projects – Dave L
13. Standing Committee Reports
Committee Reports
 - Land Use Committee Report—
 - *No variance requests this month*
 - Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen –September-Art Fair planned for school. Yellow school crossing signs have been removed.
14. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups
(BCV-ROC, SWLRT, CL Parks)
15. Discussion Items and Updates and Announcements:
 - Marlin missed last month’s meeting. Ted, VP does not want to be Pres for next year. Open nominations will be accepted for President.

- Bryn Mawr is on the list of top 30 neighborhoods in Twin Cities Magazine.
16. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, Nov 9**
7:00 p.m., BMElementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- .Harvest Festival Potluck