



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary

1. Call to Order and Introductions –  
Board members who attended are as follows:  
Marlin Possehl-President; Scott McLaughlin-Co-Vice President; Sandra Gay-Secretary; Liz Lindholm-Pederson-Treasurer; Greg Froehle-Area 1 Rep; Linda Shaheen-Area 2 Co-Rep, Susan Verrett-Area 2 Co-Rep; Jessica Wiley-Area 3 Co-Rep; Vita Ditter-Area 6 Co-Rep; Jay Peterson-Area 6 Co-Rep; Barry Schade-Area 6 Co-Rep; Steve Harvey-Area 7 Rep; JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor; Patty Wycoff- Neighborhood Coordinator.  
Guests who attended are as follows:  
Beth Grosen-Sr. Project Coordinator for City of Minneapolis; Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis; Dylan Thomas-SW Journal; Jeneen Hartley Sago-Area 7; Jeff Walkowski-Area 7
2. Approval of Consent Agenda – Including: Moved, Seconded and Passed.
  - o Minutes of last month’s meeting
  - o Today’s Agenda
  - o Acceptance of this month’s Financial Report (available online)
3. City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman
  - Some of the freight rails along Kenilworth Trails are being replaced. Per Hennepin Co the following options are available. If and when rail line is moved, the new rails can move with them, or they can be removed and auctioned or donated to SW LRT.
  - Lunch with Lisa is October 31-Voter ID discussion, no L with L in December.
  - There is an ongoing petty drug dealing problem in Bryn Mawr at the corner of Penn and Cedar Lake Road. Possible cause is that suburban people can easily exit at Penn/394. The City is installing a camera at the gas station to deal with problem.
  - Panhandling at 394/Penn is also an ongoing issue. City and MNDot have sent clean-up crews. Panhandling is legal and police are focusing on drug dealing. Article in paper from the Board explaining how many resources are given to help the homeless may help to deter giving at the intersection. Trash and debris is being left and constitutes a nuisance and sanitary problem.
  - Oct 23-Fall street sweeping begins and continues for 4 weeks.
  - Mpls One-Read-There is a Sept 24 kick-off event being held at the Mpls. Convention Center. The book title is “Spirit Car” and was written in commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dakota War.
  - Single sort recycling is coming in spring 2013.
4. Requested presentation on Linden Yards Beth Grosen, CEcD, Senior Project Coordinator,
  - Two handouts were distributed, a Basset Creek Re-Development graphic and LCDA Pre-Development Grant Brochure for Linden Yards West. \$100,000 grant from Met Council was awarded to assess road connections between Van White and impound lot for future development. Part of the development will be viewed from 394 and will infill vacant and underutilized land for low and medium density housing. Ryan has development rights and part of the study will be for geo-thermal and storm water strategies. The plan will be complete April 2013. MNDot plans to study high speed rail and alternate layover sites.
5. Resignation of Dave Holets-
  - Dave Holets tendered his resignation to Marlin. A resolution was regretfully passed by the Board. The Board wishes to thank Dave for his service and let

him know that he will be missed. Goran volunteered to take over some of his responsibilities.

6. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report –
  - Welcome packets - Getting businesses to send in print copy has been slow. Can't publish until all received.
  - October 11-Sip and Stroll from 6pm to 8pm, less than 100 attendees are expected.
  - October 25-Harvest Dinner from 6pm to 8pm- may be Middle Eastern theme or other. Educational literature for the two proposed amendments to the State Constitution will be available.
  - Benefit for neighbor in need-OK to advertise using Board email list.
8. Vida Ditter-Voter ID presentation will be in BM Elementary cafeteria on Oct 9 at 7pm.
7. JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report-Election articles will dominate next issue, articles by board members will again be published one per month, book review of Neil Trembly's book on BM neighborhood will be in Bugle.
8. Neighborhood Project – Rick/Jessica
  - Rick and Jeannie Carter have rented their home and moved to Excelsior to run a B & B. General agreement among Board members they can continue as reps if they still own a home in the neighborhood.
9. Treasurer's report– Liz Lindholm-Pederson
  - \$100,000 in bank.
  - USAA Bond fund, minimum of \$20,000 investment was recommended. Motion to invest \$20,000 and \$10,000 was seconded and passed.
  - Resolution was passed to remove Dave Holets as signer at Franklin Bank and be replaced with Goran. Written paperwork to be signed and submitted to Bank.
  - Board discussed forming a committee to formulate a 5-year plan for the Board.
10. NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin
  - Business façade report-Project coming to an end in October. Proof of payment must be submitted before payment made.
  - CPP – Scott handed out definition of acronyms. July 1-June 30 is fiscal year for City. Plan needed for one year for \$\$ from CPP. Committee volunteers to develop plan are Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator and Jeneen Hartley Sago-Area 7 resident. An article will be published in Bugle requesting other volunteers. This plan will not be as rigorous as for NRP. Susan Verett, Jay Peterson, Vida Ditter, Scott McLaughlin, and Marlin Possehl also volunteered. The committee will assess whether a professional planner is needed. Grad Student from the U was suggested as a good possibility. It is due in Sept. or Oct.
11. LRT Project updates
  - Barry reported on Freight Line move from SW LRT rail bed. St. Louis Park objects to move. Tours of Mpls where LRT lines and freight lines will go are being arranged. Sept 28-Mpls portion of tour from 6-8, Meet at City Hall in St. Louis Park.
  - Capstone Project- Barry-Setting up meetings with Mayor and other people running for office. Graphics available on the website.
  - Draft Environmental Impact -Barry-It is expected to be released in Sept-Oct. A public meeting will be arranged to inform the neighborhood and solicit feedback. The main issues are as follows; neighborhood access to trails and to LRT, neighborhood support of Penn Station, minimizing the impact upon the neighborhood. Venues for obtaining feedback and comments, including the neighborhood, will soon be established. With 45 days to respond, it may be necessary to use others' summaries and may have to submit before Nov. Board Meeting.
12. Standing Committee Reports  
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  - Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen – Banner for IB status for Anwatin School has been installed. The next meeting will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at BM Elementary Cafeteria @ 7. The Craft Fair is planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Dec.

- Communications Committee –Jay-Previously, the Board agreed that paid positions for Bugle Editor and Neighborhood Coordinator will not automatically be posted. We will continue with staff reviews. BMNA awards two year contracts on alternating years for these positions.

13. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 p.m., BM Elementary School

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Harvest Dinner Thu, Oct 25
- General Election Tue, Nov 13