



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian

1. Call to Order and Introductions –Meeting called to order followed by introductions. Those in attendance are the following:  
Board Members: Marlin Posschl-President; Scott McLaughlin-Vice-President; Sandra Gay-Secretary; Dave Logsdon-Area 5 Rep; Barry Shade-Area 6 Co-Rep; Jay Peterson-Area 6 Co-Rep; Vida Ditter-Area 6 Co-Rep; Steve Harvey-Area 7 Co-Rep; Yonathan Guthmann-Area 7 Co-Rep; Jeneen Hartley Sago-Area 7 Co-Rep; Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator; JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor.  
Guests: Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis; Jim Voll-City of Minneapolis; Beth Grosen-City of Minneapolis; Dan Cohen-Planning Area Commission; Patricia Fitzgerald-Hennepin County; Matt Stark-Area 4; Dennis Fazio; Diane Ashby-Area 3; Clause Shallbettu-Area 5; Rep. Raymond Dehn-District 59B; Eric Rogers; Chris Malooly, Jessica Wiley, Clarence Shallbetter.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda – Including: Moved, seconded and passed.
  - Minutes of last month’s meeting
  - Today’s Agenda
  - Acceptance of this month’s Financial Report (available online)
3. City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman
  - No more Lunch with Lisa next 2 months.
  - Need volunteers to be voter ambassadors. So far, two (2) people have volunteered and will be trained to make presentations to neighborhood groups.
  - Storm damage was bad around Bryn Mawr. There is no Federal disaster money to help defray costs of clean-up. The City of Minneapolis is chipping up fallen trees to give to the public. Tree debris and garbage from the storms will be picked up by July 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The City of Minneapolis is celebrating Sister City Day on Sunday at the Nicollet Island Pavilion with an ice cream social.
  - There are already free wood chips near the Glenwood turn around. No ash chips are included.
  - Fruit trees being considered for replacement of boulevard trees.
4. Beth Grosen, HC Planning requested presentation-
  - Presentation on East Linden Yards development-MnDot rail office staff is discussing how to get development started in the Linden Yards area. Beth has hopes the Council will consider a development scheme by end of summer. Ryan Companies has presented ideas for development. Because rail layout is far in future there are problems with planning for a facility. She presented a scheme that would reduce the amount of land for a rail layover facility. The plan identifies areas for rail layover and for development. This would allow development to extend to the ground and not be dependent upon being layered above a rail facility. Tall office towers and high density housing are envisioned for this area. She distributed graphics that show the proposed scheme. Harrison ROC representatives requested a decision be put off until January but there was no unanimity at the ROC meeting for this idea. Talks are ongoing with representatives for Harrison neighborhood. She offered to answer any questions or concerns by the BMNA Board and hopes it can take a position by August. Could present the scheme to City Council in September or October. Ryan is asking for permission to go ahead with development. Harrison concerned but trying to help everyone and may put conditions on it. She will come back or send an email, if needed.

- She requested the BMNA Board send a letter describing its' position. The decision may not be made until next year.
- Vida will find former resolution. BMNA Board could add to it for the above issue. It will be sent out to the Board. Ryan could use extra parking in green area until rail issue is resolved. The Board needs to address the proposed resolution to develop office and residential without regard to rail and to minimize the amount of space for rail layover. Harrison concerned about soil mitigation, noise and air pollution.
  - Van White bridge is opening by Labor Day.
5. Patricia Fitzgerald, HC Community Works Penn Ave project-
    - Patricia is the project Mgr. for the Penn Avenue public works project. Rapid bus to 55 into downtown will be a part of the planning. Examples of Hennepin County Public Works projects are the downtown greenway which benefit the community and create economic development. The process is to develop partnerships and then approach the planning process. The Project Implementation Committee is an example of this and she will send sign-up sheets for participants. The project boundaries extend the full length of Penn Avenue and will take into consideration transportation and possibility of streetcars. Also, look at the entire corridor. Phases include inventory and assessment, vision implementation and project implementation. She would welcome input from our neighborhood. Survey crews will be dimensioning our streets. A consultation team will be hired by late fall deadline. Project goals will be established prior to that. Layout may not change width but will improve and enhance the pedestrian experience. Buses and bikes will be a part of the study. A traffic-calming study has already been done. We already have 8 people interested in being on the committee, inform Jay Peterson if interested.
  6. Eric Rogers requested presentation (buying property to develop at 296 Vincent Av N)-
    - Eric explained his plans to update the existing duplex on Vincent and move in. There is 250' of frontage and he is proposing to divide it into 4 lots. Does not have any ideas about design of homes at this time. Within this zoned area, he has to keep lower density so no town houses. The land is under contract, and he plans to close by end of month. He is not aware of any soil mitigation and will start the investigations as a part of construction. The land has not had any dry cleaners or gas stations, so possibility of pollution is minimal. He currently does not have a final plan. When he does he will come back and will present drawings. Vida suggested he begin by talking to neighbors. Three variances will be presented. A suggestion was made to invite neighbors within 350 feet to the BMNA Board meeting presentation.
  7. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report
    - Ice Cream Social-Ready to go, has a band under contract. She requested volunteers and passed a sign-up sheet. Contact Patty if want to volunteer. There will be a table on "ranked voting" and one for membership. Letters are going out.
    - Garage Sale-We did not have as many registrations this year but had a lot of traffic, in spite of the rain.
    - Annual Meeting-Went well and had a fairly good turn-out.
    - Directories have been mailed out. Contact Patty if did not receive one, she has extras.
    - Three grants for fire hydrants have been received this year.
  8. JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report-
    - July issue went out in spite of power outage. This was the grad edition but she had no article from Board members, although Vida contributed info. Dave Holets has updated some info on Website.
  9. Treasurer's report-
    - Balance same as last month. City owes \$20,000 on façade project. Dennis may be treasurer and is offering to help out. He is building a home on Vincent and will send contact info to Marlin.
  10. NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin

- Purchase of equipment to support Family Gym night at Bryn Mawr Elementary is approved. NRP funds will be distributed to pay for it. The equipment must be stored separately and not used by students during the school day.
  - NRP status update-Phase 3 of Rain Gardens is the last one and 6 or 7 are scheduled for the last phase. Contact Scott if you want to participate. The program will close on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.
11. LRT Project updates
- Station Area Strategic Planning-Vida and Jay have been going to the meetings and the next issue is whether or not Penn Ave Station will be built. The BMNA Neighborhood should speak up if they want it. St. Louis Park offered idea to sponsor a walk along rail route. BMNA requested City staff to do same. City of Minneapolis continues to say all stations will be built. Go to public meetings and call Lisa to let her know about support. An engineer hired by a private group checked tunnel design and thought no houses need to be destroyed. No houses lost (from private engineer) vs. houses lost (from LRT engineer). Glenwood Avenue was put forward as location for LRT station during public meetings. All are urged to go to meetings to push for Penn Station. Vida will send a list of public officials to whom we can send a mailing describing BMNA positions.
12. Community project – Jessica/Jay-
- The committee has identified the two projects-buckthorn eradication and a PR piece on BMNA being a good location for business.
13. Garden projects – Dave L-
- Jason Rath is now the head of the group but has sent no report. In lieu of that, Dave reported for him, that the rain has taken care of watering and some work days for weeding have happened but have no future plans. The group does not plan to have meetings but to maintain the BM gardens.
  - Community Gardens-There are some plantings but not much. Anwatin and BM folks are cooperating on maintaining it.
  - Marlin asked for Dave to be the Board’s liaison for this group and he accepted.
14. Standing Committee Reports
- Committee Reports
- Land Use Committee Report— The BMNA Board acknowledges a building request for 15 Xerxes Ave S.
  - Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen- Jessica reported there is an ongoing Community Ed issue. Because some Community Ed staff are overseen by supervisors paid from education funds, there is a move to use some of the Community Ed money for the supervisor’s salaries. The School Board is leaning toward funding some student programs that would take some money from the Community Ed program.
  - Communications Committee – Jay-He reported he enjoys the meetings but is looking for someone to be the Chair. Issues discussed by the committee are the Bugle, website, bulletin board, email list, FaceBook and developing a strategy for the future. They review contracts for our two staff persons. Anyone interested should contact Jay.
15. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups
- ROC-Vida Ditter
- The Van White bridge is opening in the fall. Harrison is planning a celebration to have kids riding their bikes over the bridge. Vida suggested that BM kids ride to center to meet them and have an ice cream social. Patty has been in touch with Malik to set up an event. Perhaps, a band could be hired. Expenses up to \$100 do not have to have Board approval and can be used for this event.
16. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, August 14 , 2013**  
7:00 p.m., BM Elementary

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
➤ Membership Drive

➤ Ice Cream Scoop Off

6:00 pm, Tue, July 16<sup>th</sup>