



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Marlin called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
Members of the Board present are as follows:
Marlin Possehl-President; Scott McLaughlin-Vice President; Sandra Gay-Secretary; Dave Holets-Area 1 Rep; Jessica Wiley-Area 3 Rep; Chris Etz-Area 4 Co-Rep; Dave Logsdon-Area 5 Rep; Jay Peterson-Area 6 Co-Rep; Barry Shade-Area 6 Co-Rep; Vida Ditter-Area 6 Co-Rep; Yonathan Guthmann-Area 7 Co-Rep; Steve Harvey-Area 7 Co-Rep; Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator; JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor.
Guests of the Board are as follows:
Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis; Claudia Egelhoff-Area 4; Matt Stark-Area 4; Tom Deinke-Sundial Solar; Glen Goldshy-Sundial Solar; Dennis Fazio-Area 7; Stephen Wilson-Xcel Energy; R. Michael Martens-Area 6.
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
 - Lunch with Lisa- September 25 at Opus Hall, Room 201, the University of St. Thomas-Presentation on Plain Language Charter amendment on which the public will vote. The focus will be on the details of these changes.
 - Brownie Lake-Re-construction of off-street trails started on August 3rd and will extend to October 31.
 - Van White Bridge dedication to be held Wednesday, August 21st, 4:30pm to 6:00pm.
 - The Mayor’s budget message to be at Thrivent Financial lobby at noon on August 14th.
 - Voter Ambassadors-Training to teach how to use new ballot. Need 30-40 volunteers until Nov. 5
 - Minneapolis One Read book is “A Choice of Weapons” by Gordon Parks. The “weapons” are words i.e. love, dignity.
 - There are increasing problems at Bryn Mawr gas station including drug dealing, working in street on cars, etc. The police camera will be returned for surveillance of activities on the street. Corrective action will be taken.
4. Van White Bridge dedication and opening is scheduled for Wed, Aug 21, 4:30pm-6:00pm. There will be a ribbon cutting celebration with ice cream and music. Afterwards, all are invited to go to block party at Redeemer Church.
5. Requested presentation on Martin House – Claudia Egelhoff-Requested reallocation of funds of \$150 to be used for Purple Martin house. The Chimney Swift tower is built and is very successful. The money was originally allocated for the Chimney Swift Tower. \$500 more will be needed to complete project. Motion for \$300, seconded and passed.
6. Discussion/position on Linden Yards Layover facility-Beth’s request. Harrison approved a conditional statement. Vida will draft a position response and will circulate to Board. She will try to finalize by weekend.
7. Update on Accent memorial-There was a meeting with city personnel to discuss the plan.
8. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report-
 - Ice Cream Social-300-400 people attended and it was a successful event.

- Sip and Stroll-Thursday, October 12th, Patty will include home businesses i.e. realtors.
 - Harvest Dinner-Thursday, Oct. 24th, Patty requested ideas for food theme.
 - New Membership Packets should be dropped off for new residents. Also, distribute to realtors to leave in sold homes.
 - Membership Drive-It is underway late this year and will start again in February or March next year. Membership is free, contributions are voluntary.
 - Van White-Patty will buy ice cream from Sebastian Joe's or Ben & Jerry's. Bryn Mawr will share the cost with Harrison.
9. JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Reports-JoEllyn will hold space for an article for Van White. Vida will take pictures at the event. JoEllyn should review bill, sign in pen in triplicate and send to Liz. Fuzzy pictures sometimes in the Bugle can be avoided by sending 1-1.5 mega-byte photo size.
10. Treasurer's report-Currently, there is a \$50,000 balance. \$16,000 in donations is expected from Membership drive. Moved that Dennis Fazio take over the Treasurer's position, seconded and passed. Liz has volunteered to help train new Treasurer for a year. Dennis will move into Bryn Mawr in September.
11. Vice President's report – Scott McLaughlin
- Dave Holets volunteered to post by-laws on website to reflect changes.
 - A new program is posted on Community Bulletin Board to help with job training.
 - Business façade report-A \$29,000 check from the City was received. 98% of the funds were used and the City is pleased with the success of the program. Scott will have pictures to show the changes.
 - NRP status update-\$1100 will go back into the general account.
 - Projects-Bryn Mawr garden club is responsible for emptying Bryn Mawr garbage cans. This will be discussed at the Garden Club.
 - NPP Coordinator- Scott asked for volunteer for this position. The 2012 annual report is due. The coordinator should put together a group for planning for future. Funding will be based on 18 month plan and 12 month report is required. Board members should consider volunteering.
 - A grievance policy is required for BMNA. Vida will look for one already passed.
12. LRT Project updates
- Met Council pushed back decision on freight location until end of Sept. Jay, Vida and Barry have been going to the meetings.
13. Community project – Jessica/Jay-Removal of buckthorn near Vincent & Fruen Mill is moving forward. The marketing committee met but has no report yet.
14. Garden projects – Dave L-So far this had been a slow year with lots of rain. The next meeting is next Tuesday.
15. Standing Committee Reports
- Committee Reports
- Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen-Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 26th.
 - Communications Committee – Jay-Report next month.
 - Penn Avenue Redevelopment-Includes Penn Avenue and 10 blocks either side. There will be a survey of uses on Penn. Economic development, safety, church, police, arts organizations will be involved. Meetings will occur every two months. Moved to send volunteers to Project Implementation Committee (Steve Morrelli and Clarence Shallbetter) seconded and passed. Hennepin County will have time lines and decisions for BMNA Board sometime in Feb.
16. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups (BCV-ROC, MPRB Cedar Lake Trails CAC, CL Parks)
17. Discussion Items and Updates and Announcements:
- Steve Wilson-Xcel Energy – Presentation on City Council vote on Municipal Energy proposal. Xcel rates are 10% below the national average, have renewable energy sources, provide options for energy savings, have renewable energy contracts and manage renewable energy contracts. When the storm hit Minneapolis, power outages were widespread with 600,000 people out of power. A fleet of trucks 1 and ½ miles long came from Denver to Minneapolis to assist getting power back on. The municipal

proposal will necessitate buying an electrical system. They will be responsible for setting rates, for storm response and energy programs. Voters don't know issues and will have little information. Activists are pushing agenda. When financed with revenue bonds, the City doesn't have to bring back to voters. Xcel is the #1 wind provider, has kept rates low, no carbon associated with energy, and is using solar on convention center. Xcel is asking to oppose the resolution and contact all City Council members.

- Tom-Energy legislation allows solar cooperatives. Developers, churches, etc, would pay for shares of system. Solar panels can be in a remote location. After October, they will come back to present more thoroughly.
- September 14th Board party.

18. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, September 11, 2013**
7:00 p.m., BM Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| ➤ Van White opening | Wed, August 21, 4:30 pm |
| ➤ Membership Drive/ Directory | Membership Drive Underway |
| ➤ Harvest Dinner Potluck | Oct 24 |

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This is the resolution BMNA made in 2012:

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