



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Marlin called the meeting to order and the introductions were made. Board members attending were:
Marlin Possehl-President; Scott MeLaughlin-Vice President; Sandra Gay-Secretary; Dennis Fazio-Treasurer; Lynda Shaheen-Area 2 Co-Rep; Susan Verrett-Area 2 Co-Rep; Jessica Wiley-Area 3 Co-Rep; Chris Kirwan-Area 4 Co-Rep; Jay Peterson-Area 6 Co-Rep; Barry Schade-Area 6 Co-Rep; Vida Ditter-Area 6 Co-Rep; Steve Harvey-Area 7 Co-Rep; Jeneen Hartley Sago-Area 7 Co-Rep; Yonathan Guthmann-Area 7 Co-Rep; JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor; Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator, Matt Stark-Neighbor in Area 4.
Guests attending are as follows:
Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis; Rowenna Holmes-City of Minneapolis; Anissa Hollingshead.
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
 - Lisa thinks no municipal consent will be forthcoming for the LRT shallow tunnel proposal from the Minneapolis City Council. According to reports to the City Council, there would be significant environmental impacts. Hennepin County is moving forward on Penn Avenue public works project. Jay Peterson will be serving as Lisa’s delegate on the Project Steering Committee. Steve Maurelli will be the BMNA representative and Clarence Shallbetter will be the alternate on the Project Implementation Committee.
 - Volunteers for voter ambassadors and election judges are needed. Training classes will be given and time served will be paid. The need for this volunteer position will end on election day, Nov 5 from 7am to 8pm. Some college students are training to be election judges.
 - Street Sweeping-There will be signs on streets starting Oct 21st. A reminder to not sweep leaves on street.
 - Boards and commissions-One can volunteer on line or let Lisa know.
 - Retiming of street lights will happen in City of Minneapolis, with downtown the first priority.
 - Met on Accent Signs Memorial- The City of Minneapolis will partner with the volunteer group.
4. Update on Accent memorial – The group met with Anita Tabb, her assistant and a representative from the Governor’s Office at the site to see area. They have proposed a new name, The Bryn Mawr Garden of Hope and Healing. They are proposing to use the “paper street” for access to the creek. Who owns the land must be determined prior to designing the garden, fund raising and providing for maintenance. The two candidates are the Park Board or Shereen. The group is planning a cleanup of the site with a pot luck supper near the anniversary date. BMNA will donate refreshments. Also, buckthorn chippers are needed for the clean-up. Perhaps, the Garden Club will maintain it. Patty will meet with the Park Board to discuss how BMNA has maintained the BM gardens.
5. Andrea from Park Board

- BM Path-The path around outside of the Bryn Mawr meadows is scheduled for refurbishing. There were no bidders for the project and it will be rebid in Jan.
 - Basset Creek Erosion Control-The project ends at the Fruen Mill area. It involves repairing banks, stabilizing water flow and may go into the spring. It is a complicated permitting scenario and may go into 2014.
 - The Fruen Mill design is available for review. Next Thursday it will be presented to the Watershed District for 50% design review. The project is intended to re-establish the trail as it occurred in the past. It is essentially an erosion based project.
 - Buckthorn removal-A grant for vegetation management in Wirth Park was submitted by the Park Board.
 - There is funding for the playground near Accent Signs but not for the park.
 - Eloise Butler wildflower garden-They are planning a redo of the bridge and are currently working on community engagement. BMNA and neighborhood will eventually be a part of the planning process.
6. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report
- The membership drive has gone well and Patty has processed checks for \$6000
 - Oct 10 is the date for the Sip and Stroll annual event.
7. JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report –A sign-up list for articles for next year was passed around. There will be Sip and Stroll, Harvest Dinner and political ads in the next Bugle.
8. Anissa Hollingshead – requested presentation on ranked choice voting-The City needs election judges and voter ambassadors. Training is available. Vote.mn.mpls.gov is website to educate on voting where one can see a sample ballot. An article on the new method of voting should be run in the Bugle.
9. Treasurer’s report–Dennis Fazio
There is \$84,000 in BMNA accounts.
10. Vice President’s report – Scott McLaughlin
- All board members should save copies in a turnover file of what they do to pass on to next person. Scott passed out files for paper copies. Either digital or paper copies will suffice.
 - Yonathan volunteered for NPP Coordinator. He will be meeting with the City. 2011 and 2012 Reports will be turned in by Patty and Scott. Yonathan will coordinate a planning group for a three year plan and volunteers are needed. Scott thinks approximately \$20,000 a year has been earmarked for BM. There is information on the City’s website to see what other neighborhoods are doing.
 - Grievance Policy-BMNA needs to approve a new one. Scott passed out a copy of the proposed one which is very similar to the old one. NPP is new name of former NRP. Send edits to Grievance Policy to Scott.
 - Conflict of Interest Policy- The board needs to consider a formal Conflict of Interest policy.
 - LRT Project updates-Station Area Strategic Planning- Barry attended a meeting of the Corridor Management Group. It is not the deciding body but will make recommendations to the Metropolitan Council. They eliminated the deep tunnel LRT option as being too expensive. A consultant has been hired to re-look at co-location and relocation of the freight line and will report in 2 weeks. In 3 weeks, it is possible a decision will be made. BMNA supports preserving the Kenilworth and Cedar Lake trails, building the Penn Avenue Station, and re-location of the freight line.
11. Garden projects – Dave L –There will be a work session on Saturday.
12. Standing Committee Reports
Committee Reports
- Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen
 - Communications Committee – Jeneen-
 - Accent Signs Memorial Event-Friday night, Sept 27th is the one year anniversary of the Accent Signs tragedy. The committee will email and publicize a memorial service. Current planning is to meet at the peace pole near the school at 6pm with candles and then walk to the memorial bench or somewhere else. Resolution to

sponsor an event of Hope and Healing on the anniversary date of the Accent Signs tragedy and to advertise it. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Website-The committee is running a pilot program for 6 months and will make recommendations on how to manage it. The committee will update the site during this time. Send items to be put on website to Jeneen's email address, jeneen@hartleysago.com. Jessica will update the bulletin board. Send ideas to Jessica.

13. Discussion Items and Updates and Announcements:

- Rowenna Holmes-The City has dedicated more officers to Bryn Mawr and will install another surveillance camera. Information on identifying vehicles and firearms was handed out to the group.

14. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wed, October 9, 2013**
7:00 p.m., BM Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Membership Drive/ Directory Underway
- Harvest Dinner Potluck Thursday, Oct 24
-
-
-
- The item at the end re conflict of interest should be a separate bullet.
- It should read "

This is the resolution BMNA made in 2012:

**BMNA position letter on the 4.6 acre rail layover facility in
the BCV**

Adopted February 8, 2012

BMNA's Rail Layover Facility in Linden Yards East Policy Statement

BMNA's continued support will be contingent upon:

- a. **Successful resolution of questions, conflicts and issues (such as, but not limited to: air pollution from diesel engines, noise pollution from running engines, attractively enclosed facilities that enhance and support development above and Cedar Lake Trail runs continuously through the Linden Yards site) that are a concern to the community.**
- b. **Air rights above any rail layover facility must be dedicated to and available for development.**
- c. **BMNA and ROC's active and full participation in all decision-making as facility planning moves forward.**

The BMNA looks forward to developing a constructive partnership which will result in innovative, transit-oriented development in the BCV, development that will benefit, enhance and improve the neighborhood, surrounding area and the city.

Beth Grosen is asking for the BMNA to vote on this new language (see her memo to you and the BMNA on 7/10/2013):

The City Council approves the future use of the westerly 6 acres of Linden Yards East for development. Only the easterly portion of Linden Yards East will be considered for future study as a potential option for a regional commuter and high speed rail layover facility as shown on Exhibit 1 (attached). The Cedar Lake Trail will run continuously through the Linden Yards site. Any future rail layover facility will be designed, enclosed, landscaped and mitigated for noise and air quality impacts in a manner that meets or exceeds the standards defined for compatible development by the City of Minneapolis.