



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

7:00– 8:45 PM

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Basement

1. Call to Order and Introductions-Call to order. Kevin Thompson , President of BMNA Board called the meeting to order and introductions were made.  
Attendees are as follows:  
Kevin Thompson-President, Jessica Wiley-Vice President, Sandra Gay-Secretary, Dennis Faszio-Treasurer, Dave Holets-Area 1, Dennie Juillerat-Area 3, Joanne Michalic-Area 4, Beth Turnbull-Area 5, Jay Peterson-Area 6, Vida Ditter-Area 6, Barry Shade-Area 6, JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor, Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator.  
Guests:  
Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis, Claudia Englehoff.
2. Approval of today's agenda.-Agenda approved with amendments.
3. Approval of minutes of last month's meeting. Minutes approved.
4. City of Minneapolis: Councilmember Lisa Goodman
  - All are encouraged to call Minneapolis 311 to report incidents.
  - There is a city wide composting plan. Hennepin County is selling compost bins for \$45. Check county's website for ordering information.
  - No Lunch with Lisa in June and July. An August public open house is planned for presentation of the Nicollet Mall design.
  - There have been a large number of calls to the City about the Service Station at Cedar Lake/Penn about noise and disturbance. It has abated thru' City action.
  - A police camera will be permanently installed at the Penn/Glenwood intersection to look for crime related issues.
4. Neighborhood Coordinator- report: Patty Wycoff
  - Water hydrants are connected and ready for use. The cost is \$200 for two of them.
  - All membership materials have been mailed.
  - Ice Cream Social is planned for July 22. A band has been scheduled to play. BMNA may have to purchase some of the ice cream.
  - Volunteers are needed for scoopers, set up or clean-up.
6. Bugle Report: JoEllyn Jolstad
  - Looking for a volunteer to write a column for this month. Need someone to take over Dave's column.
7. City of Minneapolis Impound Lot Update/Discussion
  - Comments from the public are due June 16 regarding three proposals presented at public meeting. Impound Lot will shrink by 6 acres. Police holds have been moved to underneath 394. Some neighbors don't want the facility to remain in its' present location. The Minneapolis City Council has mandated it remain in same location and

shrink. A recommendation will be made to Minneapolis City Council. Comments go to [Ellen.Dosdall@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Ellen.Dosdall@minneapolismn.gov).

#### 8. Treasurer Report/Action Items

- Tax filing-Dennis made a motion to approve and recognize the State and Federal tax returns. It was seconded and passed.
- AG Registration- Dennis made a motion to approve signing and filing of the Charitable Organization Initial Registration and Annual Report form for the BMNA. It was seconded and passed.
- Audit Findings- written by Michael Wilson- The summary states the organization could improve some practices including document retention and the Conflict of Interest statement which is the disclosure statement signed by Board Members. The officers will put together a policy and bring to Board. Management practices regarding independent contractors need to be improved. BMNA should receive invoices and time accounting from Patty and JoEllen or any contract workers. The financial reporting is ok. BMNA should-have control over funds and cash and offers protection for BMNA Board and individuals regarding money handling. Generally, financial matters are in good shape, but suggestions will be made to the Board to improve the policies. Dennis moved to accept the report. It was seconded and passed. The report will be uploaded to BMNA website.
- The Secretary of State Non-Profit Annual Renewal was filed by Dennis. No action necessary.
- Resolution to change signature authority on bank accounts-Dennis moved to change the signature authority on Sunrise and other institutions to new President. Seconded and passed.

#### 10. Garden Tour Update: Kevin Thompson for Carolyn Bastick

- Garden selections are complete-There will be ten on each side of 394.
- All mailings have gone out and online postings are in place.
- MSHS and Friends of Eloise Butler Wildlife Garden will be selling memberships as the only non-tour table at the event.
- Art in the Gardens- Jeff Walkowski of Area 7 is working to find artists to participate.
- There will be a drawing for some fun prizes.
- Signage-A new banner will be placed in front of the BMNA hedge designed and time donated by Larry Skov. The banner was paid for by BMNA.
- Ticket sales are slow. They are available on line and at Bassett Creek Arts for \$10 (advance sales) and \$15 on day of event.
- There are designated volunteers but additional help would be welcomed by Liking our Facebook page & postings, buy tickets, help with community gardening , trash pick-up and donating cash, prizes or gifts.
- Contact Carolyn Bastick for more information.

#### 11. Standing Committee Reports

##### Communications

- Google Apps- Dennis has created a domain for BMNA Board use by officers and Board members. Mail will have a tag at the front of the subject field indicating the alias.
  - Jeneen Hartley Sago is moving to Seattle and has resigned as the Chair for Communications. Jay Peterson volunteered to replace her.
- Schools: Lynda Shaheen
- The Co-Chairs proposed a slate for the BMNA School Committee membership as follows: Area 2-Lynda Shaheen and Kevina Munnich, Area 4-JoEllyn Jolstad; Area 6-Liz Everton. A representative for Area 7 is needed. Jessica moved to approve the slate

of Committee Members. It was seconded and passed. Beth Boyle will no longer serve as a Committee member and the Board thanks her for her six years of service.

12. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups
  - The Steering Committee has hired a consultant for the Penn Avenue Corridor Committee.
13. Acknowledgment of Variance Requests
  - 2020 Cedar Lake Parkway New single family on Cedar Lake Parkway.
  - 296 Vincent Ave. N. Developer has bought lot.
16. Discussion Items, New Business Updates and Announcements
  - Solar Garden-Barry and Claudia are looking into Solar Gardens. The 2013 Legislature passed a bill allowing communities to create solar arrays. Neighbors can invest and get a reduction or credit on their electrical bill. The benefit to the BMNA Board will be \$50 for each share that is sold.
17. Yonathon Guthman-The Board is grateful for Yonathan's service. He has resigned as NPP Coordinator and a new volunteer is needed. Sandie resigned as Mayor's Rep for ROC and Vida will look into finding another.
17. Adjourn by 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

**Wednesday, July 9, 2014**

**7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, basement**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Garden Tour; July 12

Ice Cream Scoop Off, July 22