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|  |  | **BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  **Board Meeting Minutes**  **Wednesday, September 11, 2024**  **6:30– 8:00 PM**  **Hybrid Meeting** |

**Board and Staff**

Brian Treece – President

Addie Arnold – Vice President

Karen Soderberg –Treasurer

Jessica Wiley – Secretary

Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep

Michael Tieleman – Area 2 Co-Rep

Mark Henry - Area 3 Co-Rep

Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep

Joshua Nichols -Area 4 Co-Rep

Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep

Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep

Katy Kessler - Area 5 Co-Rep

Haven Stephens - Area 6 Co-Rep

Drew Quirk– Area 6 Co-Rep

Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep

Michael Scott - Area 9 Co-Rep

Jay Peterson – Emeritus

Barry Schade – Emeritus - OL

**Guests:**

Kenn Hum - Area 4

Atsuko Fukushi - Area 4

Mark Dhennin - Area 5

Michael Martens - Area 6

Mary Ann Carpenter - Area 9

OL - online

1. Call to Order at 6:35 PM.
2. Agenda approved.
3. Minutes from August 14, 2024, approved.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilperson Katie Cashman. Read updates from Cashman at minneapolismn.gov/ward7
5. Crime Prevention Specialist Report - Only property crimes reported for this month. Three stolen vehicles, one running with keys in it while owner mailed a letter. Follow-up concerning assault from last month; Brian Treece checked with Shannon McDonough, will follow up with his response. Board and neighbors can view crime stats at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/crime-locations-map/>
6. Treasurer Report– Karen Soderberg. Distributed budget report compared to actuals. Reviewed revenue and expenses to date. Question about in-kind donations, both in-kind revenue and expenditures are tracked in QuickBooks.
7. Communications and Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen.
8. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. From submitted report. Member Night at Utepils from 5:00- 7:00PM September 26. Sandwich board is up, printed a new poster. Sip and Stroll Thursday, Oct. 10th. Meeting with a representative from Preserve Minneapolis to plan Bryn Mawr historical walking tour, possibly scheduled for August 2025.
9. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad. The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads. Steve Harvey drops off Bugles at WOTW and Penhurst. Looking for help delivering Bugles to Townhouses.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Quiet month.
11. Committee Reports (as needed)

* Schools –Colleen Dhennin. Playground behind Bryn Mawr Elementary scheduled for demolition/new build on September 21. Anticipating 2-4 weeks for completion. Tearing out everything, wood chip surface, will not have swings. Oct 8 Fall Social and State of the School spaghetti dinner at 5:30, Principal Oldenburg giving academic presentation at 6:00, will be available for conversations. New science teacher hired. Looking for volunteers to help with outdoor activities. New family coordinator, Regina Jackson. Contact her about volunteering at [Regina.Jackson@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Regina.Jackson@mpls.k12.mn.us) First BMNA school committee meeting Monday 9/16.
* Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Met with MNDOT reps, Office of Equity and Small Projects, LRT trail reps to discuss safety issues. Flags placed at the four corners of Penn/Cedar Lake Rd. for safe crossing. Take a flag, walk across the street, put it in the bucket on the other side. Dick Adair encouraging the park board to buy a parcel of land by the old paper mill on Bassett’s Creek, Wellington has purchased paper mill. The walking/bike bridge by the impound lot is completed, not open as it’s still an active construction site, not accessible for everyone. Michael Scott reported that a metro stop shelter on Wayzata Blvd will not be provided due to lack of riders. Scott feels the stats are not accurate. Transportation Committee and Brian Treece will continue to help secure a shelter.
* Racial Justice – Steve Harvey. Online meeting 9/18 at 7:00. Scheduling movie night in November, Native American Heritage month, and February, Black History month. Sacred Sites Tour in October. Will discuss planting trees in North Minneapolis.
* Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. BioBlitz in Wirth Park on September 28.
* Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat. Working on remediation for fungal rust disease affecting the hedge.
* Gardens – Drew Quirk. Clean up events took place at the Mobil Station, Newton Avenue triangle. Will be looking for ways to finance projects including decorating downtown. Hosting a volunteer appreciation activity.
* Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Committees should be reviewing budgets.
* Elections – Addie Arnold.
* Events – Addie Arnold.
* Communications - Jay Peterson. Met with 7 vendors, city rep, and Nativ3 for website redesign. All 83 neighborhoods in Minneapolis have websites, reviewed them. Looking at using Square Space or Word Press. Primarily doing a tech upgrade, not a complete rebuild
* Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Big Hill books picnic tables, decorating the 394 pedestrian bridge, and the chickadee landing project for the Nature Pre-School in process.
* Façade Grant – Addie Arnold. Close to finalizing a grant with Doug Anderson for Market tuckpointing. Interest expressed from Utepils. Three-year grant period.

1. Other Standing Reports (as needed)

* SWLRT Update

1. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements.

* Governor’s office has established a committee to coordinate commemoration of 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026
* Will discuss Blue Line extension at October meeting.
* Board took an e-vote in September to approve sending a letter of support for federal grant money to expand the public EV charging infrastructure. Discussed by-law expectations and process for taking a Board E-vote. Look at a new electronic system for taking votes.
* Jay Peterson reported on the process of gas line replacement at his residence. Workers were very respectful of the garden. Took about an hour.
* Area 6 Board Committee met about relationship with WOTW. Theodore hired 24-hour security. Eloise worked with management to get things dealt with. New management company hired. Townhouses are filling. Area 6 Reps have not fielded parking complaints lately. Snow removal will be an issue. As development fills, there could be continued issues with parking.
* MN House District 61ACandidate forum September 17 at Women’s Club.

1. Adjourned at 7:45 PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING:  **Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

**Upcoming Events: Park(ing) Lot Day Potluck, September 20, 2024**

**Neighborhood Clean Up, September 21, 2024**

**Membership Night, September 26, 2024, 2024**