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|  |  | **BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** **Board Meeting Minutes****Wednesday, July 10 , 2024****6:30– 8:00 PM****Hybrid Meeting** |

**Board and Staff**

Brian Treece – President

Addie Arnold – Vice President

Karen Soderberg –Treasurer

Jessica Wiley – Secretary

Liv Nielsen – Area 1 OL

Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep

Michael Tieleman – Area 2 Co-Rep

Allison Fruen Batzli– Area 3 Co-Rep OL

Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep

Joshua Nichols -Area 4 Co-Rep

Alec Werning - Area 4 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

Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Development Coordinator

Patty Wycoff – Event Coordinator

**Guests:**

Alan Kaufman - Area 3 OL

Roberta Jordan - Area 6

Zack Kramer – Area 6

Michael Martens – Area 6

Dave Gammell – Area 9

OL - online

1. Call to Order at 6:37PM and Introductions.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from June 14 moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilperson Katie Cashman. Coffee with Katie session on August 21 with Rep Frank Hornstein and Senator Scott Dibble to discuss legislation that affects the city. Additional resources have been allocated for safety. Council vote to approve the MPD police contract on July 18. Council’s role is to approve not to negotiate; they control the process for sharing the contract, it is posted publicly online. Hosted listening sessions, two public meetings, door knocking to hear from constituency on the issue. Regarding police accountability, available tools to advance the work of police responsibilities will be used, including Community Commission on Police Oversight, the court enforceable consent decree. The MPD policing manual will become public. Public works has articulated the Cedar Lake Road bridge replacement process. Tours of the LRT Green Line and Blue Line extensions are coming up. Municipal consent given for Modern Well approval as an event space. Joffe building being demolished, currently no proposals for the site. Question about neighborhood associations being on a priority list for funding sent to the mayor, budget coming out August 15. Read updates from Cashman at minneapolismn.gov/ward7
5. Crime Prevention Specialist Report - Only property crimes reported for this month. 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. Still working on getting Karen as a signer on the bank account.
7. Communications and Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen. Minnesota House 61A Candidate Forum set for July 17. Working on options for website redesign with Jay Peterson; scheduled free consultation with Tech Soup. Met with City of Minneapolis NCR (Neighborhood and Community Relations) contact to review our progress on the Equitable Engagement grant; shared successes  and challenges with goal to increase outreach to renters. Monthly meeting with City Council office. Modern Well had a hearing on July 9 on increased capacity for events; welcomes us to use space. Joffe building on South Frontage Road will be torn down this month. The Eloise is hosting a *Tour Bryn Mawr* on Wednesday, July 24th, from 9 am to 3 pm. BMNA will have a table. Working to schedule SWLRT tour outside the workday. Attended monthly meeting with Katie Cashman’s office. Fundraising - $14,270 of $20,000 goal.
8. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. Ice Cream Social set for July 25. Will use SignUpGenius for volunteers. Northpoint food shelf donations gathered, and change donated from the Market collection jar. Discussion about sufficient ice cream for all the new neighbors that will be coming.
9. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad. The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Store is down, go directly to Lynda for purchases.
11. Committee Reports (as needed)
* Schools –Colleen Dhennin. Email report. PTA meeting held to plan events for next year. Get on email list to support the next generation. Contact Colleen at (763) 639-1868 or colleen.dhennin@bmna.org
* Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Events include July 20 Pedal to Petals ride, July 26 trip to Trailhead at Wirth. August playground crawl. August 6 gratitude walk with Frank Hornstein. Considering making T-shirts with an active transportation slogan.
* Racial Justice – Steve Harvey. Working on fall sacred sites tour specifically for Bryn Mawr neighbors. Looking for suggestions for film series. Film of the first African American to win an Olympic medal in 1984 suggested.
* Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade.
* Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat.
* Gardens – Drew Quirk. Reported that hedge looks great, trimming taking place. Garden maintenance going well, rain has been helpful. Scoping for replacement gravel for Garden of Hope and Healing. Looking for alternative planting structures at Newton triangle. Pedal to Petal starting at Garden of Hope and Healing. Discussing combining Gateway and Garden committees.
* Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Met June 26 to confirm membership and responsibilities. Reviewed budget and NCR (formally CPP) expectations. Karen Soderberg will be streamlining procedures, will make budgetary changes in the draft for 2025. Discussed downtown signage request, how to use Façade grant. Will review independent contractor contracts yearly, investigate investment rebalancing, pay sales taxes for stickers and glasses yearly. Agreed that expenses not budgeted for under $1000 can be approved by the Finance Committee. Discussed website rebuild.
* Elections – Addie Arnold.
* Events – Addie Arnold.
* Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Big Hill Books is working on getting tables. Will be contacting Nature Pre-School and bridge beautification projects for updates.
* Communications - Jay Peterson. Website proposal brought to the Finance Committee. Site needs to be totally rebuilt, not just a fix. Proposing financing come from savings, expecting cost of $15,000 - $20,000. Discussion about website purpose.
* Façade Grants. Hard. Working with Market building owner Doug Anderson.
1. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
* SWLRT Update. Can tour the Kenilworth tunnel. Sign up through the project.
1. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Discussed purpose of having Emeritus Board members. Wiley reviewed by-law language. Board agreed to adopt process used for Area Reps to determine commitment to Board. Emeritus Board members will be asked to recommit every two years in May depending on Area they live in; even years for Areas 2.4.6 and 8, odd years for Areas 1.3.5.7 and 9. Discussed three issues related to Areas 8, 9 and 6; parking on city streets, snow removal in Areas 8 and 9, and the bus stop. Michael Scott shared that 200 units in the WOTW buildings have underground parking, not all used by residents; Penhurst residents are renting them Discussed bus stop issues, and snow removal. Discussed how the BMNA can help moderate the tensions between neighbors over parking and work with the building management in Areas 8/9 to help address the shortage of parking. Area 6 reps and other interested Board members will meet to discuss next steps.
2. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:  **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

**Upcoming Events: Saturday, July 20, Pedal to Petal ride**

 **Thursday, July 25, Ice Cream Social**

 **Friday, July 26, Wirth Trailhead ride**