



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 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 Co-Rep  
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  
Alec Werning - 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  
Anne Hartman- Area 7 Co-Rep  
Carol Chapman – Area 9 Co-Rep OL  
Jay Peterson – Emeritus  
Barry Schade – Emeritus  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor

### Guests:

57 in person  
5 online

OL - online

1. Call to Order at 6:35 PM.
2. Agenda approved.
3. Minutes from October 9, 2024, moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilperson Katie Cashman. Cashman discussed the purchase of parcels of land on Vincent Ave So, distributed a flyer responding to six frequently asked questions. Purchaser met with city staff to discuss plans for the property. Currently there is a public right of way on Vincent Ave So to the border of school property; owner indicated they may request Vincent be vacated. Vacating a street involves a multi-step process including a lengthy application, city staff recommendation, a public hearing at a planning commission meeting, and city council approval. Cashman anticipated that it would be a lengthy process. Cashman stated that it is difficult to obtain street vacations, there have been several proposals for this property in the past that have not come to fruition. City staffer Brette Hjelle informed Cashman it has taken years for other street vacation applications. Process for applying for a vacation can be accessed online <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/street-or-alley-vacation>. A city planner has been assigned to work with the owner. Cashman answered questions from neighbors in attendance and Board members. The city does not do land swaps. The city has not been saving the street for future development. Cashman has encouraged owner to engage with the neighborhood association and encouraged working with crime prevention specialist Shannon McDonough to address difficulties occurring between owner and neighbors. shannon.mcdonough@minneapolismn.gov | (612) 398-4707. Cashman said a 311-call instigated cleaning up rubble on Vincent Ave So. Board members asked for a separate meeting to give neighbors the opportunity to discuss their concerns. Steve Harvey agreed to spearhead setting it up. Discussed possibility of contacting a mediator regarding neighborhood issues. Cashman discussed the situation at the former Joffe clinic. It was neglected and demolished. Tents set up behind the building were on BNSF land. BNSF removed the encampment. We Win Institute has purchased 2801 Wayzata Blvd in Area 2. Cashman is seeking input on the city budget through a survey she distributed.

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5. Crime Prevention Specialist Report - Stabbing in early November in Area 2. Board discussed what constitutes reporting a crime. Haven Stephens will contact Shannon McDonough, have the process explained, and write an article for the Bugle. Carol Chapman supported the idea of having access to a mediator for issues that are occurring on Vincent and in Area 9. 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.
7. Communications and Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen written report. Communications included publicizing Sip and Stroll, bike outings, Meadow’s ribbon cutting. Met with new business owner, developers for website, neighbor working on branding and marketing across all platforms. Contacted City Councilperson Katie Cashman’s office regarding property purchased on Vincent, Park Board Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer about Eloise Butler construction, We Win Institute on Wayzata Blvd, Steve Minn, Lupe Development, about trail access to Wirth Park, and service coordinator at Wirth On The Woods. Distributed diversity survey from City NCR staff to all Board members. Development activities included submitting request to extend NCR contract for 2025, work on NCR funding documentation. Donations are \$20,616 compared to \$16,437 in 2023, Sip and Stroll- Items Sales \$294 compared to \$165 in 2023.
8. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff written report. Sip and Stroll went smoothly, great turn out. Big Hill Books perfect place for check-in and selling merch. Many neighbors said it is their favorite event, businesses appreciate this event. Low-cost event that continues to grow. Harvest Dinner Nov. 21. Blood Drive Nov. 22. Trying to locate the sandwich board from the corner of the church. Preservation Minneapolis Walking Tour will take place in mid-September 2025. Winter/Spring Fest, meeting with La Dona on November 23rd to discuss holding Winter/Spring Fest at La Dona again.
9. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad. The 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for articles/ads. There is no Bugle in January. Responded to a question about historic Lieder house article in November Bugle.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld.
11. Committee Reports (as needed)
  - Schools –Colleen Dhennin. PTO thanks neighbors for generous donations on election day, raised \$2242. Playground nearly completed. Negotiating with district office for additional teachers, class sizes are above targets. Working on getting more accurate data on the expected number of students for funding. School has requested that the BMNA be a sponsor for Toys for Tots. Colleen Dhennin will write the application; school staff will fill the orders. Dhennin moved approval of BMNA as sponsor for Toys for Tots campaign, Karen Soderberg second. Motion passed.
  - Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Alec Werning reported. Hosted a successful ride and picnic to Minneapolis local Dervish Mazza in mid-October. Encourage individuals to submit feedback on Metro Transit's [Network Now](#) plan (due November 15). December 7th Holiday Decor ride at 10:00 AM to Farmers Market. Will have extra room to bring holiday trees home. Hoping to have a bus alternative option.
  - Racial Justice – Steve Harvey. Request for increase in budget for purchasing trees for North Minneapolis. Beginning talks with persons in North Minneapolis about LRT plans for Broadway. Data dashboard on Minneapolis Public Schools website about school transformation plans. Would be helpful to have summations about crimes.
  - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Accolades for neighborhood advocating for parks, specifically for continued projects at the Meadows. Eloise Butler is expanding. Commissioner Shaffer asking for input on marijuana use in parks. Brian Treece requested funding for lights on rinks in Meadows. Meadows is not one of the planned rink closures. Neil Trembley reported on Cedar Lake Park Association working to acquire remnant land in Cedar Lake Corridor.
  - Gardens – Drew Quirk. Working to get hoses reclaimed for the winter. Thanks to Kathy Ripke for work on the Newton Triangle. Got loads of pavers from Minnesota Green society. Downtown planters in progress,
  - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Presented draft budget for 2025. BMNA committee chairs submitted budget adjustments. Send questions to Finance Committee between now and December meeting. Will vote on final budget on December 11.
  - Elections – Addie Arnold.
  - Events – Addie Arnold.
  - Communications - Jay Peterson. Summarized where the process is for building new website. Showed front page mock-up.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Will solicit for 2025 projects December – February. Identify projects for funding in March 2025.
  - Facade Grant – Addie Arnold. Handed out flyers to all the businesses during Sip and Stroll. La Mesa and Bryn Mawr Market continue to be interested.
12. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
  - SWLRT Update
13. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Long time neighbor and former BMNA Board Member

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Clarence Shallbetter passed away. Extensive buckthorn removal around Cedar Lake taking place.  
14. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, **December 11, 2024**

**Upcoming Events:**  
**Harvest Dinner, Thursday, November 21, 2024**  
**Blood Drive, Friday, November 22, 2024**  
**Saturnalia, Saturday, December 14, 2024**

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