



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

6:30– 8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

### Board and Staff

Brian Treece – President  
Addie Arnold – Vice President  
Karen Soderberg – Treasurer  
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep  
Michael Tieleman – Area 2 Co-Rep  
Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep  
Alec Werning - Area 4 Co-Rep  
Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep

Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Haven Stephens - 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

**Guests:** Dave Gammell area 9, Pat Waddick area 7, Casey Burrows area 7, Dan Martin area 7, Mark Dhennin area 5

OL guests–Rod Miller area 6, John Davenport area 1, Jody Wynen area 6, Karol Smith area 6

1. Call to Order at 6:32 PM.
2. Agenda approved (Beth Turnbull, Liv Nielsen )
3. Minutes from September 11, 2024, approved (Beth Turnbull, Beth Franzen)
4. Board Representation Survey conducted by Victoria Balko, Neighborhood Support Specialist for City of Minneapolis- Neighborhood Community Relations. Absent due to schedule conflict. Lynda Shaheen will email a link for the board to complete the survey.
5. City of Minneapolis Councilperson Katie Cashman. Will attend Nov meeting. Lynda Shaheen reported. Vincent lots update: new owner met with Ward 7 staff to discuss plans for property. No variance or anything filed yet. Cashman asked city to clarify what's private and what's public in the area of the lots.
6. Crime Prevention Specialist Report, Shannon McDonough. From Email. Aug 30- Sep 27: Thefts from garage, from vehicles, and vehicle stolen from garage. (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/> ) Neighbors reported shots fired Oct 5, 1:15 AM, on the 400 block of Upton. Questioned why McDonough did not respond or provide official report. Lynda Shaheen said she can ask McDonough for this.
7. Treasurer Report– Karen Soderberg. No report.
8. Communications and Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen.  
Communications:
  - Coordinated electric vehicle grant letter of support
  - Discussed empty lot owned by Joffe and parking at WOTW with neighbors and Katie Cashman's office.Board member reported an unhoused person has been sleeping under the Cedar Lake Pkwy bridge that goes over the N. Cedar Lake Trail and the railroad tracks (between areas 1 and 2).
  - Met with developers for new website
  - Publicized back to school events
  - Coordinated Member Night
  - Coordinated with Park Board staff for Bryn Mawr meadows opening celebration Oct 24, 4:00-5:30pm
  - Coordinated with SWLRT staff to arrange tour and rail safety meeting. Still waiting for final date.
  - Publicized 61A candidate forum.

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- Met new management at Eloise and Theodore.
- Attended city coordinator meeting with NCR staff
- Attended Ward 7 meeting with Katie Cashman's office

Discussion: Delay in same-day voter registration. During primary voting, it took extra time to register some people with Area 9 addresses because the addresses were not yet loaded in the system. Everyone was able to vote but it took extra time.

### Development

- Met with Big Hill Books about merchandise sales (\$1208 YTD).
- Sent emails to all 2024 donors to invite them to Member Night.
- Sent emails to all 2023 lapsed donors to encourage them to donate in 2024 and come to Member Night.
- Ordered new merchandise for Member Night.
- Donations are at \$19,651 compared to \$16,337 this time last year.
- Member night new member donations \$2185 compared to \$2665 last year. Item sales \$486 compared to \$320 last year.

#### 9. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. From Email.

We're all set for Sip and Stroll tomorrow 6-8. Check in is at Big Hill Books in the basement. The drawing is at Cuppa Java about 8:15. We have 13 businesses participating and the weather looks fantastic. When I had the posters printed for each participating business I had them laminated. We can use them each year moving forward and avoid this printing expense.

I met with a rep from Minneapolis Preservation on Monday. We walked around Area 3. We have so many options for a great historical walking tour in 2025. I've asked for late Aug or mid Sept for our tour. They will be letting me know our date when the 2025 schedule is decided. There will be 3-4 more meetings before our event. This is going to be a unique event for the neighborhood.

We have the harvest dinner and a blood drive in Nov. I'll be creating a Sign-up Genius for volunteers for both events.

#### 10. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad. No report. The 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for articles/ads.

#### 11. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Jay Peterson reported. Slow couple weeks. Keeping plug-ins current.

#### 12. Committee Reports

- Schools - Colleen Dhennin. Need volunteers for the Election Day treats table noon-2:00, 4:00-6:00. (See BMNA website or email newsletter for SignUp Genius link.) Need reading tutors (contact [Lei.Washington@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Lei.Washington@mpls.k12.mn.us)) and outdoor help for science teacher (contact Allison.Kavanagh@mpls.k12.mn.us).
- Active Transportation - Josh Nichols. Alec Werning reported. Canceled parking day due to schedule conflicts. Successful ride to Farmers Market for pumpkins. Need to RSVP to [mike.tieleman@gmail.com](mailto:mike.tieleman@gmail.com) for Dervish Mazza ride Oct 19, 4:30. Dick Adair invited Park Commissioners Shaffer and Thompson to a walk-through exploring connecting Bassett's Creek and Luce Line trails under Cedar Lake Rd to avoid street-level traffic.
- Racial Justice - Steve Harvey. Sacred Sites tour moved to spring because fall dates all booked. Looking for suggestions for films for Dec and Feb. Working with Kristel Porter to potentially donate trees to areas in North Mpls.
- Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Oct 24 Meadows opening is a big deal! Come celebrate! BMNA should send a rep—Brian Treece or Chris Etz.
- Gardens – Drew Quirk. Beth Franzen reported. Newton Triangle dug up and planted!
- Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Karen Soderberg reported. Meeting Oct 14 to prepare to draw our funds from the city.
- Communications - Jay Peterson. BMNA website redesign. Big thank you to Jay for all the work invested here! Proposal to engage Nativ3 to build site, Colin Kulow for design work and ongoing maintenance, and to establish a 20% contingency. Discussion: Current webmaster position will probably be unnecessary. Board members will be able to do some jobs such as editing, design, picking pictures. Nativ3 also provides maintenance options. Karen Soderberg seconded. Approved.
- Façade Grant – Addie Arnold. Struggling to communicate and finalize agreement with Doug Anderson for BM Market building. Required contractor bids are slowing the process with other businesses: Utepils, LaMesa, Studio 411.

#### 13. Other Standing Reports (as needed)

- SWLRT Update. Rail safety meeting Oct 22, online, 6:00-7:15 pm. See [Metrocouncil.org](http://Metrocouncil.org) Public Meetings and Events.

#### 14. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Bus stop bench installed on Wayzata Blvd N in Area 9!

Jody Wynen reported that the heavily used trail connection to Wirth Park behind Anwatin is full of big rocks, unsafe, and has

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reduced public access to woods. Park Commissioner Shaffer willing to do a walk-around Oct 17 in the morning.

15. Adjourned at 7:48p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

**Upcoming Events:**  
**Sip and Stroll, Thursday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Bryn Mawr Meadows Park opening celebration, Oct 24, 4:00-5:30pm**  
**Election, Nov 5**  
**Harvest Dinner, Nov 14**

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