



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:30– 8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

### Board and Staff

Brian Treece – President  
Addie Arnold – Vice President  
Karen Soderberg – Treasurer  
Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep  
Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep  
Joshua Nichols -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  
Drew Quirk– Area 6 Co-Rep  
Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep  
Michael Scott - Area 9 Co-Rep  
Chris Etz – Emeritus  
Jay Peterson – Emeritus  
Barry Schade – Emeritus  
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Development Coordinator  
Patty Wycoff – Event Coordinator

### Guests:

Mary Ann Carpenter - Area 9  
Pat Waddick - Area 7  
Alyson Quinn - Area 7  
Renee Torbenson – Area 7 OL  
Mark Dhennin - Area 5  
Ken Humm - Area 4 OL

OL - online

1. Call to Order at approximately 6:30 PM.
2. Agenda approved.
3. Minutes from November 13, 2024, moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilperson Katie Cashman. Read updates from Cashman at [minneapolismn.gov/ward7](https://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward7)
5. Crime Prevention Specialist Report - Only property crimes reported for this month. Copper cable was cut on November 6, reported by Century Link. 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. Request that all committee and contractor expenses be turned in; we want to clear funds out before end of the year.
7. Communications and Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen. Publicized blood drive, Harvest Dinner, winter Garden greenery event, Active Transportation Committee events, Taste of Anwatin, Give to the Max Day, Capri film series, election bake sale, schools committee open gym. Met with developers for new website. Ongoing discussion with City Council Member Katie Cashman’s office and neighbors regarding the property on Vincent Ave. Contacted Steve Minn, Lupe Development, about trail access to Wirth Park near Wirth on the Woods. Park Board did a review of all the trails. Park Board Rep Elizabeth Shaffer involved. Give to the Max was good, \$590. Donations are at \$21,831. Will be sending out reminders to those who typically donate. Good Bryn Mawr representation at Capri film.
8. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. Harvest Dinner went well. 74 neighbors attended. Saturnalia all set. Brian has arranged for an electric truck for the hayride. Bleu is hosting Santa, a firepit, and decorations. Spruce is hosting hot cocoa from Cuppa Java and our merch. Businesses are offering discounts during the event. Blood drive scheduled for February 7.
9. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad. The 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for articles/ads. There is no Bugle in January.
10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld.

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11. Committee Reports (as needed)
  - Schools –Colleen Dhennin. Thanked Board for sponsoring Toys for Tots. Over 150 families signed up. Received 500 toys. Looking for volunteers to unload, fill requests, and help with pick up. December 19 talent show at Bryn Mawr Elementary.
  - Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Great ride to the Farmers Market. Looking at two grants; one to work with schools on safety and one for cross walk art projects. Made more crosswalk flags for Saturnalia.
  - Racial Justice – Steve Harvey. Preparing for purchasing trees this spring. Moving film to mid-January. Spring Sacred Sites tour. Exploring a river cruise tour with Dakota artist Marlena Miles. Steve Harvey visited the Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center on Plymouth. Homewood Studios featured a Japanese artist over the holidays. Can visit Minnesota African American Heritage Center on Penn.
  - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Walked trails with Elizabeth Shaffer at South Wirth. Map shared showing the condition of the trails. Wayfinding signs are going up. Loppet winter fest will be different this year, some new events, The Luminary Loppet will not be on race day. Elizabeth Shaffer is discussing what role the Park Board might play in the Wirth trails near Wirth on the Woods.
  - Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat.
  - Gardens – Drew Quirk. Completed downtown decorations, Karen Fredrickson designed Starry Night concept for planters. Received in-kind donations.
  - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. Karen Soderberg reported. Submitted the request for our city draw, accepted with no changes required. Will receive nearly \$24,000. Addie Arnold moved we approve the 2025 budget, Beth Franzen second. Motion passed. Karen Soderberg discussed liability insurance the city is offering, exploring applying for that. Question about ear-marking donations to specific committees. Discussed ideas for gathering feedback from neighbors about priorities.
  - Elections – Addie Arnold.
  - Events – Addie Arnold.
  - Communications - Jay Peterson. Working on new website with Nativ3. We have the license for Squarespace.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Lynda reported. Solicitation sent in December; two projects submitted. Will continue to solicit through February, identify funded projects in March.
  - Façade Grant – Addie Arnold. Finalized the grant with Doug Anderson’s property. Doug Anderson will be getting a check for a third of the costs of tuck pointing.
12. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
  - SWLRT Update
13. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Alyson Quinn discussed the meeting with Andrew Frenz, Minneapolis city planner, concerning the possibility of the Vincent Ave right of way being vacated. No formal request to vacate has been submitted by the owner to date. Neighbors are welcome to submit comments or questions to Frenz at any time. Pat Waddick discussed the land use map BMNA created in 2002 and the history of support for keeping this area accessible. Alyson Quinn and Pat Waddick suggested the BMNA write a letter of support for keeping the right of way. It was noted that the IRP (Issue Review Process form) would need to be completed before the Board could consider the request. Michael Scott raised issues from neighbors at The Theodore. Discussed problem with thermostats being locked in the building.
14. Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:                    Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

**Upcoming Events:                        Thursday, December 12, Taste of Anwatin and Minneapolis Nature Preschool Winter Celebration**

**Saturday, December 14, Saturnalia**

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