



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

6:30– 8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Board and Staff

Brian Treece – President
Addie Arnold – Vice President
Jessica Wiley – Secretary
Karen Soderberg- Treasurer OL
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Rep OL
Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep
Allison Fruen Batzli– Area 3 Co-Rep OL
Mark Henry - Area 3 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
Steve Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep OL
Michael Scott - Area 9 Co-Rep
Jay Peterson – Emeritus
Barry Schade – Emeritus
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor

Guests:

Neil Trembley- Area 3/Cedar Lake Park Association
Mark Dhennin – Area 5
Steve Young - Area 5/Bryn Mawr Market
Benjamin Lester – Area 6
Dan Martin - Area 7 OL
Mary Ann Carpenter - Area 9
Katie Jones – Minnesota House of Representatives Elect

OL - online

1. Call to Order at 6:34 PM.
2. Agenda approved.
3. Approval of minutes from December 11, 2025, moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. Request for letter of support for Bryn Mawr Market Grant Application - Good Food Access Program. Steve Young. Applying for a Minnesota Department of Agriculture [Good Food Access Program](#) Equipment and Physical Improvement Grant to provide funds for business improvement. Issue Review Process (IRP) form articulated need for grant. Dollars will be used to purchase produce coolers, update freezers, and walk-in cooler. Beth Turnbull moved the BMNA draft a letter of support, Sue Verrett second. Motion approved.
5. Active Transportation Committee Request for BMNA letter of support for MnDOT to continue I-94 at-grade traffic study. Alec Werning. MnDOT's Rethinking I-94 Minneapolis – St. Paul Project is planning to remove the At-Grade/Boulevard alternative plan from consideration. Issue Review Process (IRP) form identified those impacted by this study and why the at-grade option should be on the table. Alex Waring moved the BMNA approve a statement that encourages MnDOT to continue studying the at-grade alternative, Beth Turnbull second. Motion approved. The statement will be presented at the January 17th MnDOT Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting.
6. Request for BMNA letter of support for maintaining the right of way between Vincent Ave S and Bryn Mawr Elementary School. Brian Treece presented request from Pat Waddick. Issue Review Process (IRP) form identified who would be impacted by vacating the right of way and the level of support from neighbors supporting maintaining the right of way.

*The BMNA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the BMNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at bmna@bmna.org at least five days before our event. *Meeting location is ADA compliant.*

- Additionally, the BMNA 2003 Land Use Plan supports maintaining the right of way. Colleen Dhennin moved that the BMNA draft a letter of support for maintaining the right of way on public access of Vincent Ave So, Micheal Scott second. Motion approved. Statement will be sent to Councilperson Katie Cashman's office and Andrew Frenz, Minneapolis City Planner.
7. City of Minneapolis –Councilperson Katie Cashman. Read updates from Cashman at minneapolismn.gov/ward7
 8. Crime Prevention Specialist Report. Brian Treece from an email from Shannon McDonough. Four minor thefts, December 10 attempted carjacking, no one hurt. Domestic violence reported between two unhoused persons. 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/>
 9. Treasurer Report– Karen Soderberg.
 10. Communications and Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen. Brian Treece shared from email report. Communications activities in January included publicizing Saturnalia, creating year-end slide show, contacting WeWin to arrange January meeting, ongoing discussion with City Council Member Katie Cashman's office and neighbors regarding the property on Vincent Ave. Shared end-of-year social media use numbers. Development activities included contacting city about partnership funds for sacred sites tour, sent reminder letters to 2024 lapsed donors. Manually entering Give to the Max and Saturnalia donations. Shared preliminary revenue numbers.
 11. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. Brian Treece shared from email report. Saturnalia successful, indoor Santa at Bleu and space at Spruce a plus. Cuppa Java and Studio 411 were great supporters. Planning WinterFest. Tentative date March 27. Looking at Utepils. Lining up sponsors and items for the silent auction. Church hosting blood drive on February 7.
 12. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad. The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads. Katie Jones, Minnesota House of Representatives Elect, asked about submitting information from the state. Currently printing 2000 Bugles each month.
 13. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld.
 14. Committee Reports (as needed)
 - Schools –Colleen Dhennin. Winter break ended January 6. School choice open for next year. January 11 School Finder Fair at Minneapolis Community College. Requests for another school other than the community school due January 30. May 1, registration completed. Transportation is provided to magnet and community schools. North High School is our community high school, yellow bus service provided, all other high schools use city buses. National program called Girls on the Run. Athletic program. 3-5th grade looking for coaches, Tuesdays/Thursdays, 90 minutes after school April 7- Jun1. 2-hour training
 - Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Alec Werning reported. Benjamin Lester led a meeting with Jenny Borden and Regina Jackson at Bryn Mawr Elementary, applying for safe routes to school planning grant. Working with schools to get kids active, biking and walking.
 - Racial Justice – Steve Harvey. January 16 showing *ManKiller* movie about first female chief of the Cherokee nation.
 - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Commissioner Shaffer is very responsive.
 - Gardens – Drew Quirk.
 - Finance – Jessica Wiley. Our investment is doing well. Was rebalanced for better returns.
 - Elections – Addie Arnold.
 - Events – Addie Arnold.
 - Communications - Jay Peterson. Website development is slow but making progress. Website is built out. Structure is there.
 - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Continuing to solicit ideas through February.
 - Façade Grant – Addie Arnold.
 15. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
 - SWLRT Update
 16. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Katie Jones working on economic development in uptown and downtown, creating structure for roads that receive state aid, working on small business grants to help with survival during reconstruction, incentives for adaptive reuse for buildings downtown, energy efficiency in buildings. Has been assigned to transportation, energy, and state and local government committees. Discussed power sharing agreement negotiated before the session started in the House. Neil Trembley mentioned that the northeast corner of Cedar Lake is going through extensive buckthorn removal. Metro Transit adjusted the criteria for a bus shelter, the stop at Wirth on the Woods now meets the criteria. Looking at where shelters will go this spring. Michael Scott followed up on heating issue at the Theodore.

17. Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

*The BMNA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the BMNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at bmna@bmna.org at least five days before our event. *Meeting location is ADA compliant.*

*The BMNA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the BMNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at bmna@bmna.org at least five days before our event. *Meeting location is ADA compliant.*