



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

6:30– 8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

### Board and Staff

Brian Treece – President  
Karen Soderberg – Treasurer  
Jessica Wiley – Secretary  
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep OL  
Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep  
Michael Tieleman – Area 2 Co-Rep  
Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep  
Joshua Nichols -Area 4 Co-Rep

Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Katy Kessler - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Drew Quirk– Area 6 Co-Rep  
Michael Scott - Area 9 Co-Rep  
Barry Schade – Emeritus  
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Development Coordinator  
Patty Wycoff – Event Coordinator

### Guests:

Mark Dhennin – Area 5  
Ben Gansky - Area 6  
Marianne Carpenter - Area 9  
Steve Spohn - Area 9  
M. Navarro - Area 9  
Paula Chesley  
Venke Davis OL  
Yoga Prakasa OL

OL - online

1. Call to Order at 6:35PM.
2. Agenda approved.
3. Minutes from January 8, 2025. Amended to include John Trujillo as in attendance OL. Approved.
4. City of Minneapolis -Councilperson Katie Cashman. Cashman reiterated that she will not support vacating the right of way on Vincent Ave So. The owner has rights to her property and to explore development. Owner is currently conducting an environmental investigation using Braun Intertec Corporation. No land use application has been submitted to date. Owner has contacted the park board about possible land donation. Update on the boulevard gardening ordinance. The intention is to allow the public to use boulevards for planting, to create policies and language that will clearly spell out what is lawful. Technically boulevard gardening is currently not allowed. News reported by Fox 9 had inaccuracies; the city is not banning Little Free Libraries. *Coffee with Katie* will address this topic March 2. Grace Rude from the City's [Homegrown Minneapolis](#) program will discuss changes and answer questions. Question about who would monitor problem gardens. Ordinance will be voted on next month. Cashman pointed out that *Coffee with Katie* is a monthly opportunity for Ward 7 constituents to share ideas and concerns with her. It is not a political event. Read updates from Cashman at [minneapolisismn.gov/ward7](http://minneapolisismn.gov/ward7)
5. Presentation on new community gathering program - Beth Turnbull, Colleen Pulawski, and Ben Gansky. Presented a proposal for a gathering series. Envisioning a reading group, salon, and working committee. Defined salon as an event where there is a

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specified topic or theme, specific people speak, then an open managed conversation ensues. Proposing seasonal groups gathering 3-4 times a year based on topics of shared interest, resulting in collective action. There is a link to a survey in the Bugle and the e-newsletter.

6. Crime Prevention Specialist Report – Email report from Shannon McDonough. Reported on the period from January 5- 27. Two thefts, 2 burglaries. 2 vehicle thefts, (one was running). A robbery on Russell took place on the street. No one physically hurt. 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/>
7. Treasurer Report– Karen Soderberg. Met with Wiley and Shaheen to work out kinks in QuickBooks. Ready to file taxes. \$9300 in the black for 2024.
8. Communications and Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen. Facilitated request for letter of support for Market grant. Publicized blood drive, Racial Justice film, Community Projects, Market mural event, public safety meeting. Edited website. Met with Katie Cashman’s office. Bryn Mawr Market had an open house for new mural. Market wants to continue to do neighborhood events. Welcome Packet pizza coupons were being photocopied. Taking steps to ensure coupons are original, they are only for new neighbors. Attended monthly meeting with Ward 7 coordinators facilitated by Katie Cashman’s office. We have 1612 households on our mailing list. WinterFest sponsors have been contacted from last year, 7-8 sponsors so far, a dozen silent auction items. Barry Schade encouraged area reps to pick up and distribute Welcome Packets.
9. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. WinterFest at Utepils on March 27. Utepils donating the private rooms and \$3 off on drinks. Piano in private room, Saddle Sores band in main room, 2 bars. Davani’s catering meal, pizza and salad. \$30 ticket in advance for dinner, beverage, live music. Committees can have a table.
10. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad. The 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for articles/ads.
11. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. Lyda Shaheen shared mockup for new website. Developer is Nativ3.
12. Committee Reports (as needed)
  - Schools –Colleen Dhennin. Bryn Mawr Elementary Principal Oldenburg planning budget for next school year, which is based on anticipated enrollment. Estimating class size too early has been an issue. Using a later date will give a more accurate number. Caregiver conferences Friday February 14; serving light breakfast and lunch for teachers.
  - Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Preparing for meeting with Katie Jones and Frank Hornstein regarding transportation issues. Following upcoming projects - resurfacing Penn Ave, rebuilding Cedar Lake Road Bridge, completion of LRT station. Events will be planned 6 months out. No word yet about Safe Walk to School grant. Wirth Park parking and traffic survey link in February 12 e-newsletter. Katie Cashman shared that Senate bill SF 1091 has been introduced for traffic calming.
  - Racial Justice – Steve Harvey. Emailed report. Successful showing of “Mankiller” film, 60 attendees. Investigating donating trees to North Minneapolis. Exploring ways to improve Bryn Mawr’s relationship with North Side businesses and neighbors. Harrison Neighborhood Association celebrating its 40th anniversary at La Dona on February 22.
  - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Park Board Rep Elizabeth Shaffer considering a run for City Council. Thanks to Katie Cashman for her work on the boulevard gardens policies. Bryn Mawr neighbor Mike Welch was honored by the city for his 25-year service on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission.
  - Gardens – Drew Quirk. Formalizing a monthly calendar for volunteering during the season. Completed application for watering from city.
  - Finance – Jessica Wiley. Currently working with independent contractor Michael Wilson on 990’s and tax return. Will be completed this spring for review by the Board.
  - Elections – Addie Arnold.
  - Communications - Jay Peterson.
  - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. February 28 deadline for submitting projects for funding. Committee will meet in March.
  - Façade Grant – Addie Arnold.
13. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
  - SWLRT Update
14. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Michael Scott discussed Theodore issues with renewing leases and parking. Suggestion was made for a self-defense activity.

15. Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:                    Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**Upcoming Events:                        Thursday, March 27, WinterFest at Utepils**

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