

Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 19, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Greg Underwood, Casey Roy, Bill Woods, Irene Pickhardt, Joyce Basciano, Celeste Hubert, Michael Curry, Will Gray, Chris Epp and Scott Brutocao.

President Greg Underwood called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The BWNA Board of Directors unanimously accepted Scott Brutocao's summary of the November 14, 2020, BWNA virtual Annual Meeting as meeting minutes.

Bill Woods gave the Treasurer's report. The current balance: \$10,495.53. The monthly Zoom fee is \$15.98. Since December we have received \$1918.32 in membership dues. With the vote to increase our budget for the 2020 Luminaria Project, we have come in under budget. The total expenses are \$833.42 (\$500 offset by Benchmark Bank) which Chris Epp will be reimbursed for.

President Underwood reported that 53 members (13 of which are new) attended our annual meeting. The meeting was content rich and the Milk and Cookies donations Celeste provided were a hit. He will send us a Year (2020) in Review Document for our input and review. We may consider having our next annual meeting on a weekday night and doing a simulcast. Trial runs for different meeting formats would be wise before our annual meeting. National Night Out Meeting is an event that may require a creative format. Virtual picnics, happy hours and break out meetings are also possibilities. Chris will look into using Twocan as a virtual meeting option for National Night Out (we have the option of doing it in August or October).

BWNA Committee Updates:

- 1) Communications Committee Chair Scott Brutocao reported that his committee will make recommendations for how often the newsletter should be published. For better content it was suggested that perhaps we should publish it every 3 months, or when there is important information to give our neighbors.
- 2) Historic Review Committee Chair Bill Woods reported that the board voted online not to oppose the new screen porch for 3211 Glenview. He expressed concern that 3 houses on the 3200 block of Funston St were being replaced. He and the Historic Review Committee have worked with the owners to modify designs to be more compatible with Bryker Woods' character and scale. A Local Historic District may be an option for Bryker Woods. President Underwood will speak to Steve Sadowsky, COA Preservation Office, about the requirements for a Local Historic District.
- 3) Parks and Beautification Chair Will Gray will look into the swing on the island at Beverly and 32nd that is tied to a dead limb. It is not known who put the swing up, but a warning sign was recently posted not to use the swing. Will did a survey of the neighborhood islands and was seeking suggestions for what to do with these green spaces. Irene suggested using our own yards as part of Bryker Woods green spaces ("Gardening for Nature"). Will and Irene will put together a newsletter article to encourage more natural habitat and best gardening practices. Scott will work with them. Bill recommended his neighbor Deborah Hornickle, whose garden has received awards, as someone to approach for gardening advice. The Watershed Dept is another source of information, they installed the rain garden on 34th St near BWES. Joyce asked BWNA consider adopting it.
- 4) Social Committee Chair Chris Epp reported that the Luminarias Project was a success. The LED lights were expensive but are reusable and a safe lighting solution during a burn ban. President Underwood suggested BWNA put a plaque up for Benchmark Bank for their generosity over the years. Celeste, our outreach person to the Bank, agreed.

Dawson Neighborhood Resolution vote: Irene moved the Resolution, as put forward by WANG, regarding public meetings during the pandemic, and amended by Michael be adopted by the BWNA Board of Directors. Bill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President Underwood sent Christmas Cards to the Mayor and City Council.

Joyce reported that the Environmental Commission is looking into the administrative approvals given for the removal of Protected Size and Heritage Trees. The city recently changed some of the tree removal rules. Also all tree issues are being handled by the Development Services Dept. staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.