

Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 20, 2021 Zoom Meeting

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

President Greg Underwood called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

The BWNA Board of Directors unanimously approved the March 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

Bill Woods gave the Treasurer's report: \$386 in memberships was downloaded from PayPal. The balance is \$11,369.57. The only expenditure was the Zoom monthly fee of \$15.98.

BWNA Committee Updates:

- 1) Communications: Chair Scott Brutocao nothing to report this month. The next newsletter will be in June. We will be accepting ads whether the June newsletter is electronic or on paper. The electronic newsletter is posted on all BWNA sites but calculating readership is challenging. The June newsletter may contain reader survey on distribution preferences. An editor and distribution organizer is required for a paper newsletter. We used to print up 750 copies of the newsletter for distribution to the neighbors and local businesses.
- 2) Parks and Beautification: Chair Will Gray visited with some of the neighbors who have expertise and an interest in landscaping and who have experience working with the city's partnering programs. Will recommends that BWNA come up with a close to uniform approach for park and beautification volunteers. With plans and some expert advice we will then be able to estimate the cost of beautification. The July 4th neighborhood event would be a good time to present our ideas to the neighbors. Joyce Basciano asked if someone might be interested in adopting the rain garden at 34th St adjacent to BWES. Tom Franke of the Watershed Protection Dept is willing to help us revitalize that rain garden. Having a local business adopt the rain garden is another option. Wendy Carnegie mentioned that Hanson and Thomson did work at BWES for its 75th anniversary. Corporate sponsorships for beautification projects will be explored. Will has a city service request to have the curb/gutter on the island at 34th and Bryker fixed. Joyce Basciano offered to follow up with Street and Bridge on his request.
- 3) Social: Chair Chris Epp is interested in resuming in-person gathering like the July 4th walkabout, assuming it will be safe. Celeste Hubert offered ideas for the walkabout including packaged refreshments. Scott Brutocao suggested we follow CDC guidelines. Chris will contact Edward Tasch.
- 4) Traffic and Safety: Nothing new to report.
- 5) Zoning/CodeNEXT: Chair Michael Curry continues to monitor bills at the Texas State Legislature. He will let us know when our support will be needed.

The issue of Google Fiber was once again discussed by the board. To protect our natural gas lines, a Texas Gas Service employee advised Joyce Basciano to call Dig Tess before Google Fiber does a home installation. She noted that John Michael Cortez, formerly with the mayor's office, is now Google Fiber's community contact person. We should find out how many water and gas lines Google Fiber broke, when home installation will be done and how much it will cost the user.

President Greg Underwood was offered a free dumpster for a neighborhood project. This offer is sponsored in part by the City of Austin. We need more details.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm