

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors' Meeting Via Zoom

July 13, 2020

Attendance (Board of Directors): Tim Hemstreet, Karla Lenox, John Sandie, Tim Gillespie, Al Ellis, Kathy Campbell, Gary Hancock, Rich Woyma, Laurie Holtz, Barbara Strunk

Neighborhood Members and others attending: Andrew Rinke, Sam Balto

Excused: NA

Meeting called to order: At 7:00pm by Tim Hemstreet, President. Agenda approved.

Minutes: Minutes from March 9, 2020 were unanimously approved. Thanks to Kathy Campbell for taking the March minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Karla Lenox, Treasurer reported we have \$12833.53 cash in the bank as of 6/30/20. Accounts receivable are \$142.00. We owe \$1,284 for the printing of the newsletter last month. Zoom meeting charges are \$15.00 a month. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to continue the meeting via Zoom. Tim H. will be reimbursed for this expense.

Andrew Rinke Joins BWNA Board – It was moved by Tim Gillespie and seconded by Karla Lenox to have Andrew join the board. The board unanimously approved this motion. Welcome to Andrew.

BWNA Update/Covid Status – Revised Plans for 2020 – Board Recruitment – Future Meetings: Tonight's meeting is the first BWNA meeting since March. No Taste of Beaumont was held this year and no board elections. Meetings in the near future will continue on Zoom. An announcement of the August general meeting will be placed on the blog and perhaps in the Beaumont Business Assn. announcements kiosk.

Kathy Campbell board position retirement/Tim Gillespie to Become Vice President – Kathy needs to step down from the board because of other issues claiming her time and energy. A "super huge thank you" to Kathy for all her work on the board over recent years.

It was moved by Karla and seconded by John and unanimously voted that Tim Gillespie will take on the Vice President position. Karla will help Tim G. obtain neighborhood association check signing authority with Beneficial State Bank.

Neighborhood Harassment Concerns – Available Resources and Next Steps: John and Barb reported on the meeting held with the BWNA neighbor who experienced racial harassment in our neighborhood. The incident of racial slurs was described. The victim is focused on moving on and working with the neighborhood association how to prevent and deal with this kind of experience. John will talk with Portland United Against Hate (PUAH) about this incident and explore possible educational opportunities for our neighborhood regarding dealing with racial

harassment issues. Future Board discussion will include whether to support PUAH's action statement.

BWNA Statement Condemning Discrimination: Tim Gillespie presented a draft statement he has written as a neighborhood response to the racial harassment event in our neighborhood. Andrew will work with Tim G. to do final edits. It is hoped the statement will be up on the BWNA website by the end of the week. Board members will write articles for the BWNA newsletter and a blog post.

BWNA Website/Communications Platform Update – Status of website, traffic, email list, top-level emails, blog posting: Rich reports the old BWNA site will be deleted by 9/8/20, at which time the current email system will be lost. Rich is working on an updated email list, which currently has 104 addresses. Data on the amount of traffic on the new website will be available soon. Some possibilities from the new website and email system include bi-weekly NA emails, surveys to neighbors regarding what they are interested in from the neighborhood association and newsletter. Rich hopes to have progress updates in the next week.

Multnomah County/DEQ Wood Smoke Campaign: Multnomah County emailed all board members with information about this campaign in hopes we could help with publicity. The due date for the survey is past so it is too late for the Board to take any action.

Future/Ongoing Projects (On Hold): Neighborhood Cleanup: on hold because of the COVID19 pandemic. Stairs Cleanup Between Wisteria and Alameda at NE 42nd: on hold because of the pandemic. The neighborhood will work with the Boy Scouts on stair cleanup in the future.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: AI continues to obtain names of new residents but going door to door to welcome is on hold for now. When door-to-door gets going again more volunteers will be needed to do the welcoming.

Friends of Wilshire Park Update: Gary reports the new playhouse in the park is completed. The city parks department is not active with projects now but ideas for future projects are a water feature and big kids playground.

Portland Parks Levy: Neighborhood resident, Peter Mogielnicki, requests that the BWNA support the proposed \$48 million parks levy, for which a City Council hearing will take place on 7/22/20. The Parks Foundation has proposed endorsement of this levy. The BWNA Board does not know enough about this levy at this time to take a position. Peter M. will write a letter to BWNA newsletter editor or a newsletter article regarding the levy.

Traffic Safety: BWNA resident, Sam Balto, presented his ideas for "Safer Skidmore". Because Skidmore is a wide street without traffic lights adjacent to Wilshire Park many drivers use Skidmore as a bypass of Prescott. Speeds are too fast and pedestrians are put at risk. Sam proposes neighborhood- initiated methods to widen the sidewalk and parking strip along Skidmore between NE 33rd and NE 37th such as traffic cones and planter boxes in the street. He wishes the emphasis of Skidmore to be on people, not cars. Discussion after Sam's presentation resulted in suggestions: asking residents on Skidmore to weigh in on the issues and the

neighborhood association working with Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) regarding methods to slow down traffic on Skidmore. Sam will reach out to neighbors to get input and then the neighborhood association will go from there. Gary Hancock will work with Sam to explore these issues and develop possible solutions to present to PBOT. The BWNA Board did not endorse Sam's current activities because they appear to be against PBOT regulations.

Newsletter Update: Al reports a letter from a BWNA resident regarding priorities for the newsletter that he will put in the next newsletter. Articles/statements regarding racial justice will also be included in the newsletter.

Central Northeast Neighbors: No report.

Residential Infill Project: Barb reports that the City Council has passed BPS proposals for significantly increased density in R5 zones. (Update/correction: there will be a City Council meeting on this subject on August 12 for final vote on the infill plan.)

A BWNA general meeting via Zoom is planned for 8/10/20.

Meeting adjourned by President Tim Hemstreet at 8:55pm

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