

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association General Meeting: December 9, 2019

Attendance (Board of Directors): Tim Hemstreet, Karla Lenox, John Sandie, Barbara Strunk, Al Ellis, Kathy Campbell, Tim Gillespie, Cliff Goldman, Rich Wyoma

Neighborhood Members and Others Attending: Peter Mogielnicki, Nancy Mogielnicki, Jane Feinberg, Kathy Madore (BBA), Jim Karlock, Diane Charlton, Baer Charlton, Janet Baker

Excused: Gary Hancock, Laurie Holtz

Absent: NA

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

Minutes: November 11, 2019 Board Meeting minutes approved as modified.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Karla Lenox, treasurer: Cash in the bank: \$10,084.89. Accounts Receivable: \$1355.00. A thank you note from Sparrow Project Executive Director, Terry King, which was read to the General Meeting attendees by Karla, acknowledged the recent BWNA gift of \$300.00.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: Al Ellis reports that planning continues for this project, with Kathy Madore, the new Beaumont Business Association representative to BWNA. A local title company is assisting with identifying new homeowners who would be contacted by the Neighborhood Association. A list of people who have bought homes in BW in November is expected shortly. Efforts continue to develop a system for welcoming new renters to the neighborhood. Several ideas/to do's to welcome newcomers were mentioned: 1) Develop a punch card with Beaumont area business discounts; 2) Identification of which businesses will participate is needed; 3) Welcome bags including letters of welcome from BWNA and BBA, business information, BWNA newsletter, perhaps discount cards from businesses; 4) A BWNA board member would personally welcome new residents. It was moved and unanimously approved that BWNA spend \$100.00 to launch the welcome bags.

BWNA Website/Communications Platform Review and Discussion: Rich Wyoma led this discussion based on his research into various options for a new website and email system. Rich has built a mock up of a new website which is more user friendly and would contain more information than the current website. He will send it out to the board soon for review. A new domain name will be needed. The proposed new email system will be able to reach many more residents. A new sub-committee of Tim H., Rich and Karla will continue the development work. An increased cost of \$80.00 per year is expected with the new systems.

Partnership with Beaumont Middle School PTA on Neighborhood Cleanup: Kathy Campbell reports that we hope to partner with Beaumont Middle School, and possibly Grant NA. We will consult with CNN and meet with CNN staff soon. The event is tentatively scheduled for April or May of 2020. Kathy Campbell, John Sandie and Tim Gillespie will form a subcommittee to continue planning.

Stair Cleanup between Wisteria and Alameda at 42nd: This project is planned for March when a cleanup session will be scheduled. It is planned that the local Boy Scout troop and perhaps students from the Sparrow Project will help with cleanup. Once the cleanup is accomplished planning for planting along the

staircase will begin. Grants to support the cleanup and planting may be available from the Bureau of Environmental Services and East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. BWNA will work with CNN Coalition on the project.

Status Update on Office of Community and Civic Life 3.96 Code Change Process: A resolution put forward by City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, to be heard in City Council 1/9/20, proposes to extend the Neighborhood Coalitions' current contracts for three years. It is also proposed to convene a multi-bureau work group to review policies of public involvement, policies that have been questioned in regard to the recent 3.96 code work. New recommendations for neighborhood code changes will come to the City Council in 2023.

Friends of Trees Project in Beaumont Wilshire: BWNA resident and previous board member, Janet Baker, presented a proposed tree-planting project for the neighborhood to be held on 4/4/20. A recent city tree inventory for Beaumont-Wilshire indicates the neighborhood is lacking street tree canopy and there is lots of space to plant additional street trees in regular and wide parking strips. The goal is to plant 100 trees this spring. Volunteers are needed to work with Friends of Trees on this project. To sign up for trees go to the Friends of Trees website. Janet Baker is the neighborhood coordinator for this project.
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Friends of Wilshire Park Projects: It was reported that fund-raising is slow. The current target is \$15,000. A final design for the play area is not yet completed by the City Parks and Recreation Department. There will be an article in the upcoming BWNA newsletter by Peter Mogielnicki, BWNA neighborhood resident, about this project.

Newsletter Update: Al Ellis reports the next issue will be delivered soon. Newsletters have been delivered to one of the Fremont apartment building but access to the second has not been achieved yet.

Sparrow Program Beaumont Middle School: Our current "Sparrow Child" lives in Beaverton. He and his brother are autistic.

Gas Leaf Blowers: Nancy Mogielnicki, BWNA resident, introduced an initiative to prohibit use of gas powered leaf blowers in the city. She asked for BWNA endorsement. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting when more information is available. Information is available from QC/PDX, quietcleanpdx.org.

Central Northeast Neighbors Update: No report.

Residential Infill Project Update: A City Council briefing will be held 12/11/19 with no public testimony. The first City Council hearing with public testimony will be held on 1/15/20. Online testimony is open now. The City's plan includes multi-family dwellings in single-family zones. The City's RIP plan exceeds the Oregon state mandate. A work group of Janet Baker, Barb Strunk and Tim Hemstreet will draft BWNA's testimony.

Meeting adjourned by President Tim Hemstreet at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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