



# BWNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7/8/2024

Sylvan Learning Center

**Prepared by:** Patti Koehler

**Adopted on:** 8/12/24

**Board Officers:** Al Ellis, President; Tim Gillespie, Vice President; Patti Koehler, Secretary; Karla Lenox, Treasurer; Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President. **At-Large Board Members:** Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, Gary Hancock, David Knowles, Rob Lee, Colin O'Neill, John Sandie, Tim Root, Susan Trabucco.

**Welcome & Introductions:** Al Ellis, BWNA President

## Attendees

**Board Members:** Al Ellis, Tim Gillespie, Patti Koehler, Karla Lenox, Patty Nelson, Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, David Knowles, John Sandie, Tim Root, Susan Trabucco

**Excused Board:** Colin O'Neill, Gary Hancock, Rob Lee

**Neighbors:** Jim Karlock

## Association Meeting and Governance Items

**Adoption of Meeting Agenda:** Patti moved, Susan seconded, unanimous approval

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Tim G moved, John seconded, unanimous approval

**Treasurers Report as of:** 6/30/2024

Cash in checking account: \$ 29,361.61

Cash in Venmo account: \$ 862.53

Outstanding bills: \$2022.00 to Carpenter Media for newsletter and printing. \$96.00 for 6 months of PO Box. Movie in the Park expenses: \$450 for face painters and \$650 for musical trio. John Sandie requested \$486.89 for bike rally (\$86.89 over budget), Patty moved Aaron seconded and the request was unanimously approved.

Additional discussion: Karla presented a 2 yr fiscal comparison of FY 2023 to FY 2024. July marks the beginning of a new fiscal year.

## Meeting Discussion

**1. NECN:** Patty reported she was encouraged at the last NECN meeting as it was the best run. They have Executive Team meetings separate from Board Meetings occurring on the third Tuesday of the month. Patty believes she will be on the Board and she assured us we will have insurance and possible fiscal sponsorship. Jim Karlock asked if past meeting minutes were saved, Patty stated that CNN had been digitizing our past newsletters and meeting minutes.

**2. Board Retreat:** Al suggested that this years retreat be shorter and less formal as we have accomplished updating and streamlining bylaws and committees are functioning well. The Mule

Clementine's Banquet Room was suggested as a location. Al will email October date options to vote on. Angie requested another survey be done prior to the retreat. Susan and Al volunteered to work on devising questions for the survey in hopes of having it done in time for the Sept issue of the newsletter.

**3. Speaker ideas for General Meetings 8/12, 10/14 and 12/9.** Al suggested keeping Board Mtgs speaker free and requested suggestions for speakers for General meetings for the remaining calendar year. Suggestions included Rank Choice voting (Patty), Infill and Police officer (Tim). David suggested a political candidate mixer, perhaps co-sponsoring with other NA's in our area. No decisions were made.

**4. Fremont Fest:** (ad hoc committee of Al, Angie and John). Al requested \$480 for Fremont Fest activities such as a win spin machine, party favors, table top display, velcro dots, tripod fold with bag. Al moved, Patty seconded and the request was passed unanimously. Angie will work on purchasing.

### **Committee Updates and Outstanding Action Items**

**Neighborhood Clean up: (Angie Frome, Chair):** Next clean up scheduled for 9/22. Meet at Foot Traffic on Fremont St. John C from the city will again bring cleaning materials. Angie reports she has been cleaning up Fremont St 3-4 times a week and will graffiti is better stickers are a big issue. Angie is hoping to meet with Mary Meyers to see ways we can work with BBA.

**Events: (John Sandie, Chair):** Movie in the Park will occur on 7/25. Art and Garden is scheduled for 7/27. All homes now have insurance coverage through NECN.

**Friends of Wilshire Park: (Gary Hancock, Chair):** Gary was absent but Al reports the next Meeting will occur Wed (7/10) at 7pm at the picnic tables.

**Land Use: (Tim Root, Chair):** No new notices. He has had a back and forth with a women in the neighborhood questioning a short term rental. Tim advised her to start with going to the city. Tim states he did get in touch with a land use attorney regarding the infill situation. No follow up to that at this time.

**New Neighbor Welcoming Packets: (Al Ellis, Chair):** Another 19 newcomers.

**Newsletter: (Susan Trabucco, Chair):** Reports she got great feedback from Mary Meyers about our last meeting and also had nice feedback about Tim G's recent article in the newsletter.

**Safety and Crime:** No update

**Social Media, Website, E-mail Blasts: (Rob Lee, Chair):** Al and Susan asked for the following policy regarding email blasts. Information must be submitted to Susan by the 15th of the month. Provide all pertinent information. Susan will forward it to Jane to proof and Rob will send the proofed material out the LAST MONDAY of the month. Susan reports instagram is on hold due to Jons departure. A Blog link had been started by Andrew over a year ago (a previous board member) but has not been picked up by anyone and it might be something to think about for the future.

**Transportation Committee: (Colin O'Neill, Chair):** In Colin's absence Al reported PBOT is working on Funds and a new Design for the work between NE34th and 37th Ave.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:36

**Next Board Meeting:** 8/12/24 Sylvan Learning Center 4300 NE Fremont St.