



BWNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date & Location
5/13/24 BMS Library

Prepared by: Patti Koehler

Adopted on: 6/10/24

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

Welcome & Introductions: Al Ellis, BWNA President

Attendees:

Board Members: Al Ellis, Patti Koehler, Karla Lenox, Patty Nelson, Tim Gillespie, Colin O'Neill, John Sandie, Susan Trabucco, Tim Root, David Knowles

Excused: Gary Hancock, Aaron Breakstone, Rob Lee, Angela Frome

Guests: Katie Day

Neighbors: Angelia Lovell

Meeting and Association Governance

Adoption of Meeting Agenda: Tim G moved, John seconded, agenda approved unanimously

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Tim G moved, Patti seconded, previous minutes be accepted with Karla's emailed corrections/additions. Motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: As of 4/30/24

Cash in checking account: \$ 28,511.45

Cash in Venmo account: \$ 601.99

Outstanding bills: Movie in the Park, \$500. Newsletter printing \$1922 (received a \$100 credit for foggy photo in last newsletter). \$31.01 to Susan for New Neighbor welcoming packet labels and envelopes. \$119.94 to Jane Feinberg for Adobe Creator used for the newsletter

Budget: Karla presented the budget, discussion was had. Will vote on during our June meeting

Bylaws: Karla noted that the amended bylaws are finalized

Formal Welcome to new Board Members

Al introduced and welcomed new board members Tim Root and David Knowles. There remains one open at large Board Position.

Introduction of Policy Draft

Al introduced a "Policy" Draft to be considered at a future meeting. Please review prior to the next meeting for discussion.

Yard Sale Proposal:

Angelia Lovell had wished to present her proposal for a neighborhood yard sale. As the meeting was already running late she stated she would send out her proposal via email.

Meeting Discussion & Action Items:

New Business:

1. Al nominated Tim Gillespie to fill the vacated Vice President Position. He was approved by unanimous vote.
2. Karla made a motion to nominate Al, Tim and herself as check signers. John seconded and the motion passed. Rhonda from CNN will be removed when we transition to NECN. Karla mentioned that our bank accounts MAY need to be changed following the transition though that has not yet been determined
3. New meeting venue was discussed. Sylan Learning Center has offered space for meetings at no charge. Tables will need to be moved before and after the meeting. The doors lock at 6:00 though the meeting will be held on the first floor and would be accessible. Following discussion it was agreed to give Sylan a try. Susan will see if it could be available for our June meeting
4. Al suggested that the Board consider a summer Board retreat. No discussion was held at this time
5. Katie Day from the Alameda School Foundation presented an appeal for funds to the foundation. She stated that Alameda is unique in that it serves four neighborhoods including ours. Funds to the PTA are used to fund things (band uniforms, instruments, equipment etc) and donations to Foundations fund People (extra staff). There are changes coming to PPS that will take effect July 1st which will eliminate local foundations with a single districtwide foundation. Any donations made prior to July 1st will be able to be used the following calendar year. Due to time constraints the board agreed to discuss her request at our next meeting.

Committee Updates

Central Northeast Neighbors: Chair Patty Nelson

Patty reported that she has been attending NECN meetings as our representative. The meetings are run by NECN's head, Jona Davis. Patty reported that progress has been slow and frustrating. They have stated that the city is committed to covering Insurance for events and that we will have a new EIN tax idea number that is being set up She has made an appointment with the Mayors Assistant, Haley, to discuss ongoing issues such as a lack of function with NECN's website, bylaws and agenda's. Susan moved, Patti seconded and the board unanimously approved Patty's representation of BWNA concerns at her upcoming meeting.

Crime and Safety: Chairs (Patty and Bill Markwart): No report

Friends of Wilshire Park: Chair (Gary Hancock): No report

Land Use: Chair (Tim Root): One Accessory Short term rental permit application for 4120 NE Prescott St.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: Chair (Al Ellis): 19 new Neighbors

Newsletter: Editor (Susan Trabucco): Susan requested \$500 annually to be used for discretionary funds for the newsletter. Al moved, Tim seconded that we agree to Susan's request. Following discussion the request was approved unanimously. See full request below.

Newsletter Discretionary Expenses: \$500

Submitted by Susan Trabucco

May 13, 2024

The newsletter editor at times needs the authorization to make expenditure decisions quickly AND the need for volunteer appreciation events to say "thank you" to a team of folks who work regularly and diligently to put out the BWNA newsletter on time and on budget!

Items for which the Editor will request reimbursement not to exceed \$500 during fiscal year 2024-2025 include:

- Stock photo images as needed
- Software applications not currently anticipated (if for multi-year use, must go to the board for approval.)
- Additional color pages as advertiser or content may dictate
- Food items for volunteer appreciation events

Items not on this list will be brought to the BWNA board for approval.

Transportation: Chair (Colin O'Neill): Colin presented Jim Karloff's concern regarding speed bump safety to PBOT but he was unable to get any traction for further discussion. PBOT reports 60% of the Skidmore plan will be focused on calming traffic, and a PBOT representative is being invited to speak on the topic and field questions and suggestions at the Transportation Committee's June meeting (TBA)

Friends of Wilshire Park: Chair (Gary Hancock): No report

Events Committee: Chair (John Sandie): John presented a request for funding not to exceed \$1500 to support movie in the park activities (movie, possible music and kids activities.) Susan moved, Patti seconded a budget not to exceed \$1500. Discussion was held and the motion was passed

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Next Board Meeting: June 10th. General Meeting speaker BBA president Mary Meyers. Susan will see if Sylvan could be available for our next meeting. She will notify the Board by email.