

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Via Zoom

September 14, 2020

Attendance (Board of Directors): Tim Gillespie, Karla Lenox, John Sandie, Al Ellis, Rich Woyma, Barbara Strunk, Andrew Rinke, Laurie Holze

Neighborhood Members and others attending: NA

Excused: Tim Hemstreet

Meeting called to order: At 7:00pm by Tim Gillespie, President. Proposed agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes: Minutes from August 10, 2020 General Meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karla Lenox, Treasurer, reported we have \$12,300.57 cash in the bank as of 8/31/20. There are no accounts receivable. Tim Gillespie, Tim Hemstreet, Barbara Strunk and Karla Lenox are currently check signers for Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association and paperwork was updated at Beneficial State bank on September 4, 2020. All outstanding bills to BWNA are paid.

Vote on Filling Vacancy of BWNA President's Position: Tim Gillespie, Vice President, automatically filled the President position when Tim Hemstreet recently stepped down. Per the BWNA bylaws the BWNA board may fill any board vacancy by vote or appointment.

Discussion about filling the now-vacant vice president position: The roles of President and Treasurer are up for election in 2020. Tim Gillespie will automatically fill the President position. Karla Lenox is willing to stay on as Treasurer until 2022. It was moved and seconded, and unanimously approved that: 1) Karla will continue as Treasurer until 2022, 2) Tim G. will fill the President position through 2022; 3) Andrew Rinke will fill the role of Vice President to 2021, since he is stepping into a vacancy; 4) The current Secretary position, now filled by Barb Strunk, will be up in 2021; 5) Tim Hemstreet will fill the Immediate Past President position, and 6) John Sandie will fill Board Position #10.

Many thanks go to Tim Hemstreet for his outstanding leadership as President of the Board of the BWNA for the last few years.

Ongoing Projects and Committee Reports: Status of Projects On Hold During Coronavirus:

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: Al Ellis is receiving monthly reports of new home purchases but currently is not going door-to-door to welcome new neighbors because of coronavirus.

National Night Out is October 6: CNN is not planning any activity because of coronavirus.

Report From New BWNA Transportation Committee: The committee is John Sandie (chair), Gary Hancock and Tim Gillespie. The committee has sent surveys about traffic to households in the area bordered by NE Skidmore to NE Prescott and NE 33rd to NE 36th. The committee has received raw data collected by PBOT on speed and traffic count on Skidmore. PBOT has not analyzed this data and expects BWNA to do so. The committee is awaiting added data from PBOT and responses to the resident surveys before moving forward.

Report From the New BWNA Communications Committee (Chair Rich Wyoma, Andrew Rinke, Al Ellis): The Committee is currently working on an informal charter to guide how the committee will operate. Al suggested regular Communications Committee meetings. Multiple people will be needed to post on the website and deal with issues that arise to lighten Rich Wyoma's current BWNA website workload. It was suggested that this committee have an operations group of 3 people put in place now, and an internal advisory group be established in addition. Once the nuts and bolts of the communications system are in place we should additionally focus on community outreach/engagement.

Report on Efforts to Address Issues of Discrimination, Equity, and Inclusion in our Neighborhood, Possible Next Steps (John Sandie and Tim Gillespie): John and Tim G. are the point people to get this effort started. The question was raised whether this effort should be led by a Board committee or subsumed under the Communications Committee. No decision was made. Because of Covid it has been difficult to get together. The Portland United Against Hate workshops are on hold for now. Ideas from the Board for the BWNA equity efforts moving forward include reaching out to neighbors via the BWNA newsletter, a possible book group, create a neighborhood committee outside of the board to move efforts forward.

Newsletter Update: Al reports the next issue is November/December. Ideas for articles are: 1) description of neighborhood association committees and invitation to residents to join; 2) idea from Laurie to create a page for children to color in the newsletter; 3) fun facts about the neighborhood; 4) children's writing contest with winner published in the newsletter; 5) article on food donation. Andrew will reach out to Portland Food Project.

Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition Update: Barb Strunk reports that the last Zoom meeting included a presentation from neighbors supporting the Green New Deal. CNN has a Zoom account, which can be used by coalition member neighborhoods. CNN has lost its meeting space at the 87th Ave location, though the CNN offices are still located there. A question was raised at the CNN meeting whether neighborhood associations should have bylaw language governing Zoom meetings. Grant Park NA has language that will be shared with CNN. No decision regarding whether by-law language for Zoom meetings was necessary. Karla Lenox has been working through CNN staff to get updates of BWNA website and officers to the city's Civic Life website. Karla will follow up with CNN.

Future-Focused Discussion Topics: Possible Ways to Expand Participation in BWNA and Generate Interest in Open Board Positions: this subject was covered under previous agenda items.

Decision on Topic for October 12 General Meeting: Ideas included reports on NA committees, a discussion of life during winter quarantines with a theme of "What Can Neighborhood Associations do During Covid?" An announcement of the meeting will be placed on the BWNA website and NextDoor. Rich W. is working on getting a NextDoor BWNA account.

President Tim Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Strunk, Secretary.

OFFICERS (Updated 9/14/20)

President: **Tim Gillespie**; 2915 N. E. 38th St.; 97212; gillespi@teleport.com

503-287-6272

Vice President: **Andrew Rinke**; 3707 N.E. Failing St., 97212; aprinke@gmail.com

503-893-2504

Secretary: **Barbara Strunk**; 3444 N. E. 35th Place, 97212; wolsey_9@hotmail.com

503-284-7502

Treasurer: **Karla Lenox**; 4342 N. E. 36th Ave.; 97211; karla.lenox@centurylink.net

Cell **503-686-5915**

Immediate Past President: **Tim Hemstreet**; 3225 N.E. 42nd Ave.; 97213; themstre@yahoo.com

(cell = 503-807-4001) home = **503-239-6231** preferred

AT-LARGE DIRECTORS

Position # 1: **vacant**

Position # 2: **Al Ellis**; 3635 N. E. Skidmore St., 97211; aje0280@gmail.com

(cell = 971-219-1831) home = **503-287-0477** (preferred)

Position # 3: **vacant**

Position # 4: **vacant**

Position # 5: **vacant**

Position # 6: **Gary Hancock**; 3404 N. E. Bryce St., 97212; outside503@aol.com

503-367-0862

Position # 7: **Richard Woyma**; 4525 N. E. 41st Ave, 97211; <mailto:rich.woyma@gmail.com>

971-488-0140

Position # 8: **Laurie Holtz**; 4536 N. E. 41st Ave., 97211; laurieholtz@gmail.com

612-327-5595

Position #9: **vacant**

Position # 10: **John Sandie**; 3425 N. E. Fremont St. 97212; sandiefam@gmail.com

219-508-4162