

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Via Zoom

August 10, 2020

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

Neighborhood Members and others attending: NA

Excused: Tim Hemstreet, Laurie Holtz

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

Minutes: Minutes from July 13, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karla Lenox, Treasurer, reported we have \$11,692.07 cash in the bank as of 7/31/20. Accounts receivable are \$952.00. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that Tim Hemstreet, Tim Gillespie, Barbara Strunk and Karla Lenox are check signers for BWNA. Karla noted that charitable activities form CT-12 of the Dept. of Justice for fiscal year 7/1/19 through 6/30/20 must be filed by 11/15/20. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to pay the \$20.00 fee required with this filing.

Ongoing Projects and Reports: Status of Projects on Hold During Coronavirus: National Night Out, Neighborhood Clean Up, Stairs Clean Up, New Neighbor Welcoming Project and others: All these projects are on hold because of Coronavirus. Central Northeast Neighbors hopes that a National Night Out picnic might be held in October but at this time it is still undetermined.

BWNA Website/Communications: Rich Woyma reports no technical updates regarding the website at this time. The updated email list should be done this week. It was questioned who is allowed to post on the online blog. Rich is currently posting upcoming events. It was decided that BWNA will have a Communications Committee of Rich (chair), Andrew and Al. Rich and Andrew will develop a protocol for Board review regarding posting on the website and who will respond to neighbors' comments that come to the BWNA board via the website. Examples of comments from neighbors are objections to planting in parking strips and issues with the prevalence of drones overhead. Andrew volunteered to work on the drones issue. In future Rich will send these website neighborhood comments to the BWNA Board.

Traffic Safety Update: It was agreed to resurrect the Transportation Committee of the BWNA Board. John (chair), Gary and Tim G. will make up the committee. Sam Balto has reinstalled the traffic cones on Skidmore, which is against Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) rules. It was moved, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 3 against, to send a second letter to Sam, which will be drafted by Al, informing him of the Board's desire that any obstructions on Skidmore be removed or the issue would be reported by the Board to PBOT. Members of the Board commented that the Board must work actively with PBOT to address issues of car

speeds and safety. It was noted that several months ago PBOT stated they were looking at the data regarding Skidmore. It is not known if that has been done.

Update on Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with McPeet's Tavern: Al reports the PBOT okayed blockage of NE 45th Ave north of Fremont for Covid-related outdoor dining at McPeet's. The resulting noise late in the evening is an issue for neighbors. Complaints to the Beaumont Business Association were referred to Al. It is seen by neighbors as a problem that PBOT allowed closure of the street without any input from neighbors who have lost access to Fremont from 45th. Other issues are commercial and emergency vehicles are turning around in neighbors' driveways because of the lack of access to Fremont. Trash in neighboring yards and noise after the 10:00pm closing time are also issues. Chris, owner of McPeets, is willing to sign a GNA to work with neighbors on these issues: The GNA states: 1) McPeet's management will enact measures to facilitate patron social distancing and wearing of masks. 2) McPeet's management will take measures to curb loud noise and music by outdoor patrons, especially after 10:00 p.m. 3) McPeet's management will take measures to eliminate "unneighborly" behavior by outdoor patrons, such as leaving cans, bottles, and trash on residents' lawns, urinating on residents' lawns, and parking of cars that block driveways. Al will communicate with McPeet's regarding signing of the GNA.

BWNA Newsletter Update: The issues of racial equity and Black Lives Matter will be the emphasis of several articles of the upcoming edition of the newsletter.

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN): Barb reports there have been no meetings for several months because of Covid. As of this time a contract between CNN and Office of Community and Civic Life for the upcoming fiscal year has not been signed.

Residential Infill Project (RIP): Barb reports that the extensively revised rules were given a City Council approval vote on 8/5/20. This final vote allows a house to be built on any legally platted lot in Portland. Much increased density will be allowed in residential zones, especially if homes are substantially affordable. Affordable 6 plexes will be allowed. The rules regarding building on platted lots will be effective 30 days after a second reading (TBA) of the proposal in City Council. The remainder of the RIP will be effective 8/1/21.

Open Forum: How can the BWNA best address issues of discrimination, equity, and inclusion in our neighborhood, in our activities, and on our Board? A general group discussion resulted in the following ideas: 1) Our newly created statement on equity in our neighborhood will be printed in the newsletter and placed centrally on our website. 2) Every newsletter should have something written about inclusion. 3) Board members should sign-up on the Portland United Against Hate (PUAH) and encourage other residents to do the same. 4) BWNA will sponsor equity-training workshops in the near future such as offered by PUAH. 5) The neighborhood association should urgently develop a procedure to respond to racial incidents reported by residents. 6) Resources for the BWNA website should be developed to guide residents to contact the Board if a racial incident happens. This discussion will be ongoing. 7) John Sandie and Tim Gillespie will take the lead in developing procedures and resources.

Meeting adjourned by Vice President Tim Gillespie at 8:40pm

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