

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association Board Meeting: November 11, 2019

Attendance (Board of Directors): Tim Hemstreet, Karla Lenox, John Sandie, Barbara Strunk, Al Ellis, Kathy Campbell, Tim Gillespie, Laurie Holtz, Cliff Goldman, Gary Hancock

Neighborhood Members and Others Attending: Darren Stowell

Excused: Deb Harris, Rich Wyoma

Absent: NA

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

Minutes: October 14, 2019 Board Meeting minutes approved as modified.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Karla Lenox, treasurer: BWNA has received \$2950.00 in 2019 communication funds from Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition. As of October 31, 2019, cash in the bank was \$8569.30, accounts receivable 0. A bill of \$1315.20 for the newsletter is to be paid. This amount includes copies to apartment residents.

What is in Store for the "Dutch Village" Building: New owner Darren Stowell, a Grant Park neighborhood resident whose business is purchasing and improving historic buildings and multiplexes, reviewed his plans for the building with the BWNA Board. He plans to retain the historic charm of the Dutch Village building but modernize inside. The four upstairs apartments, which have recently been used as commercial offices, are being converted back to apartments. These should be completed by the end of 2019. He wants the current commercial tenants on the ground floor to stay. For the one currently empty commercial space he is looking for a business that will be active all day to create more traffic to all businesses. The building is sound. Darren is uncertain if he will apply for historic registry of the building.

BWNA Website Hosting Options: Rich Wyoma was unable to attend, so topic was delayed to a future NA meeting.

Partnership with Beaumont Middle School (BMS) Parent Teachers Association (PTA) on Neighborhood Cleanup: Authorization to Proceed with Planning with PTA Members. A neighborhood cleanup is proposed as a fundraiser for the BMS PTA. BMS students working for the Sparrow Club project could help at this one-day event. It is hoped that a significant number of people will be able to work this event. The PTA is raising money to finance the school art room. BWNA could raise money for the Wilshire Park project. It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved by the board to move ahead with planning. Kathy Campbell will work with Marty Stockton, PTA president.

Status Update on Office of Community and Civic Life 3.96 Code Change Process:

a. Planned presentation of proposal to Council and Bureau Coordination: At the 11/14/19 City Council meeting Tim H., John and Al plan to testify and urge another process for amendment of code 3.96. The Office of Community and Civic Life and Commissioner Chloe Eudaly are delaying decisions on the current revised form of Code 3.96.

b. BWNA outreach to Apartment Dwellers and New Neighbor Welcome Project: John Sandie has been able to deliver newsletters to one apartment building on Fremont. He is still working on gaining access to

the second apartment building. It is proposed that an insert be developed to put in newsletters for apartment tenants, with the goal of increased awareness of BWNA and new residents' participation in the neighborhood association. BWNA will be able to work with former board member Sally Baker to identify new homeowners to welcome. The process for the welcoming effort continues to develop.

Other Items:

a. Friends of Wilshire Park Update: Gary Hancock reports that the playground car is built and the merry go round is fixed. Fund raising with a goal of \$15,000 or more is ongoing for a new playhouse to be located next to the car. The City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department will be replacing the padding under the playground equipment next spring. There have been quality issues at several parks with this recently installed surface.

b. Newsletter Update: Al reports that the newsletter continues at 16 pages. Currently there are plenty of articles to fill the paper. New advertisers are being added to the newsletter.

c. Sparrow Program – BWNA Sponsorship: The new “Sparrow Child” has been introduced to the BMS students. Kathy Campbell suggests that the BWNA Board donate \$300 to the program now. It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved by the Board to make this donation. BWNA will continue to support BMS in the Sparrow project.

d. Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) Update: Barb reported that Communications Funds checks have been delivered to neighborhood associations. Ronda at CNN suggested that small grants funding could apply to some of the neighborhood projects such as SUN Project at BMS. Tim H. will send information on to Malcolm at BMS. Small grants could also be applied to neighborhood stairway projects along the Alameda Ridge. Rose City NA is proposing a new park at the east end of the Rose City Golf Course. Grant Park NA is planning to purchase a speed radar unit to be used in the neighborhood and perhaps rent or lend to other neighborhoods. The neighborhood coalitions around the city are requesting that the city grant a 5-year extension of their contracts with current funding.

The next stairway cleanup project could be at Alameda at NE 43rd. It is hoped that the Boy Scouts could help with the project and neighbors help with watering if new plants are part of the project.

e. Residential Infill Project Update: Barb reported that a City Council work session will be held on 12/11/19, with a public hearing on 1/15/19. The Planning and Sustainability is recommending more density with more different housing types. Oregon HB 2001, passed during the 2019 session, mandates more housing types and more density. SB534, passed this session, mandates the ability to develop on any historically platted underlying lots.

“Big Tree Amendment” Extension: The Board has been asked by Janet Baker, a neighborhood resident, to approve a draft letter to City Council urging extension of protections for large trees in development situations. The Board unanimously approved this letter, which Tim H. will send to City Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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