

**Meeting of the Board, Bancroft Neighborhood Association**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2017**

Present: Kate Roarty, Nicole Falk, Neal Baxter, Geneva Finn, Dan Gilchrist, Brenna Galvin, Keith Twist, Joanne Jongsma; Luke Stultz, Executive Director

President Kate called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Brenna moved the agenda; Neal seconded. Approved.

**Approval of the Minutes--Neal Baxter**

Geneva moved the minutes; Keith seconded. Approved.

**Green Initiatives Committee Update—Neal Baxter**

The season is winding down at The Meridian Garden, and the Step Up volunteers have finished their work. Wendy was a wonderful boss and partner, and we hope to hire her again next year. Neal has collaborated with Andrea of The Tiny Diner, developing classes that involve both venues. They are drawing up a list of interesting classes for 2018.

Meanwhile, we continue to look for a permanent sign in The Meridian, possibly through a partnership with Roosevelt High School.

The Monarch Festival is looking for more habitat for monarch butterflies in South Minneapolis, and Metro Blooms is interested in designing rain gardens for our neighbors.

The bus shelter at the northwest corner of Bloomington & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street has deteriorated badly. We might explore replacing it in a way that enhances its location next to The Bancroft Meadows.

**Financial Update—Dan Gilchrist**

BNA has \$70,000 in assets. Administration of the Great Streets grants brought in \$2300 recently; more grants are outstanding. Also, \$31,500 in CPP reimbursement will come to us by the end of the year.

Neal seconded the financial report. Accepted and filed.

**Housing and Property Update—Luke Stultz**

Speed bumps are being built on the 3800 block of Elliot, which block requested them.

A suggestion at a local meeting in July to post No Parking on the alley just east of Chicago Avenue & 38<sup>th</sup> Street went nowhere.

BNA's annual garage sale extravaganza was a huge success! No hindrance to our sales that Powderhorn also had sales. Many participants in the sales want another sale every spring.

GHMC's home improvement loan program is defunct, as the 2 outstanding loans have been re-paid. The sum of \$6600 in GHMC's account will be returned to BNA soon; we still have access to \$40,000 in City funds to use for a similar program.

The City Council voted to establish a home loan program. More about that later.

Geneva suggested asking Bancroft principal Erin Glynn if she would like BNA to help pay for a soccer field at the school, and fund community education classes, too.

Joanne and others suggested painting a mural on Neal's alley retaining wall.

**Stop Signs along 39<sup>th</sup> Street near Bancroft School—Kate Roarty**

The board discussed this idea at some length, and we decided that approaching the Safe Routes to School people would move this idea forward.

**Staff Report—Luke Stultz**

Wing Young Huie visited The Meridian Garden lately and his photo essay about the crew is on view at his studio (38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago).

The commercial properties at Bloomington & 38<sup>th</sup> St. have been sold. The new owner wants the City's help fixing up these buildings. Marla's lease remains intact, as do the others.

Elizabeth Glidden is planning a Ward 8 celebration in Martin Luther King Park. The event will take place around November 1, and double as a farewell to Elizabeth, our current city council member.

Joanne: I talked with Karen Notsch about the surveillance camera on the Super America service station on 38<sup>th</sup> Street. Karen, our local Crime Prevention Specialist, says that the camera will work fine if moved. She will look into this and report back.

The board also discussed Phelps Park, and how new programs available to all neighborhood children could reduce temptations for wayward youth, and better serve all our children.

Neal moved to adjourn; Dan seconded. Approved, and adjourned at 8:35 PM.