

1/13/25 BWNA Board Meeting Agenda

Sylvan Learning Center, 4300 N.E. Fremont St. (or via *Zoom*)

Welcome & Introductions (President Al Ellis)

- 1) Board members present:
Al Ellis, President; Patti Koehler, Secretary; Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President. At Large Board Members; Aaron Breakstone, Tom Cuppernull, Angela Frome, Rob Lee, Colin O'Neill, Tim Root, John Sandie, Susan Trabucco.
- 2) Board members with excused absences: Tim Gillespie, David Knowles, Karla Lenox
- 3) Neighbors: David Zell introduced himself, he is 68, grew up on 48th and Stanton, went to Beaumont and then Grant. He appreciated the evolution of the newsletter. He noted the high number of responses in the recent survey asking the board to focus on beautification in the neighborhood. He has a possible project in mind that he needs to do more research on before presenting it to the board but he wanted to come and meet us and see how we work.

Association Meeting and Governance Items

- 1) Approval of Meeting Agenda (Al): Patty moved, John seconded, unanimous approval
- 2) Approval of December 9th General Meeting minutes (Patti Koehler): Patti moved, Patty seconded, unanimous approval
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Al standing in for Treasurer Karla Lenox)
 - a.) Cash in checking account: \$21,437.17
 - b.) Cash in Venmo account: \$254.99
 - c.) Outstanding bills: Newsletter printing: \$2022
 - d.) Questions/Discussion: NECN distributed the communication funds, per Karla they are supposed to be issuing a check which we have not yet received
- 4) Rose City Park NA inquiry: "Land Acknowledgement" statement at BWNA meetings (Al): "A Rose City Park Neighborhood Association Board member sent BWNA a survey about our use of the brief Land Acknowledgements that many organizations recite at the beginning of meetings to recognize indigenous people who first lived here. After consulting with the National Museum of the American Indian and other Native American sources, Tim Gillespie shared those organizations' arguments that Land Acknowledgements do honor the original inhabitants of the area but also can be seen as tokenism without the involvement of current local indigenous communities. Based on those groups' recommendations, Tim G recommended that we at least consider offering a Land Acknowledgement at our annual October meeting, which usually occurs close to Indigenous People's Day, and that we also seek out a local Native Historian to advise us on this matter as well as to offer us a talk through the Events Committee on the first inhabitants of our neighborhood. Patti moved that we recognize indigenous people day annually in October and that we work to educate ourselves further about the native peoples that were in this area. Aaron seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.
- 5) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, District 2 (NECN) report (Patty Nelson): Patty reported NECN is making organizational progress with the 28 neighborhoods it oversees.

The communications funds are being sent out to neighborhoods. They are starting to roll out small grants like CNN sustainability grants but they do it a little differently. Most of the meetings have focused on meeting new district representatives. The next focus will be on activating committees.

- 6) Proposed Feb. 10th General Meeting speaker: 4D extended recovery housing program (Al): Located at 42nd and Prescott. Focus on providing shelter and housing for people who have gone through recovery programs. Susan reached out to them regarding speaking at our upcoming Feb 10th and June General Board Meetings. They replied yes to being a guest speaker but did not verify the dates.
Other speakers were discussed including inviting back PBOT. Colin reported he has reached out to several people and has gotten bounced around. He is currently talking to The Traffic Operations Manager but he does not seem very amenable to coming and talking with us but he is still working on it. As of now, we don't have anyone. Patty recommended he reach out to a Wendy who is in charge of traffic. Colin asked Patty to connect them by email and he will reach out to her. Al reported St. Moore emailed to thank us for having him at our last meeting. We previously discussed having a Police Officer every 6 months so we could consider that for our June meeting.
- 7) At-large board position vacancy following Gary Hancock's resignation (Al): There is a vacancy on the Board with Gary Hancock's resignation.

Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates

- 1.) Revitalization of Friends of Wilshire Park Committee: (Al) Unless someone comes forward with interest in maintaining the Friends of Wilshire Park Committee it may be discontinued. There has been limited participation over the past year. No decision at this time.
- 2.) New Neighbor Welcoming Project: (Al). There are 18 newcomers to welcome, First American Title again provided information for 2-3 months worth of new neighbors. Al brought welcoming packets and asked the Board to look at the list and find one or two in our immediate neighborhoods to deliver packets to. Patti and John shared the information which they have been giving neighbors when packets are delivered..
- 3.) Events Committee (John Sandie). John reports he is happy to continue being the repository for events supplies. The recent recycling event at Laurie Webbers home was very successful with a gross of \$270 made in excess of expenses. The movie in the park application has been submitted. Upcoming lecture events to consider include Historian Doug Decker for sometime in April and Dr. Scott Burns for the fall. These events would require a budget of \$500-600 each for room rental, possible insurance and speaker honorarium. John is reaching out to Angelia regarding her ongoing time commitment for the proposed yard sale as she will be responsible for much of the organization. The Events Committee felt that having it at the same time as Fremont Fest would be advantageous. Also considering a smaller scale Pollinator talk for late April, Garden Fever has someone interested in talking for a \$200 fee. Other board members suggested looking into the option of getting a speaker for less cost from the Parks Dept or from a Master Gardener. The local organization Electrify Now would also be interested in giving a talk sometime this summer (Laurie Webber has been in touch with the Pollinator and Electrify Now people). Following discussion Al moved the we allocate up to \$600 for Doug Decker and \$600 for Scott Burns. The motion passed unanimously. Patty reminded the

the Events committee that insurance will need to be obtained through NECN.

4.) Transportation Committee (Colin O'Neill)

Colin reports no updates from the Transportation Committee. Traffic Engineering has agreed to add one light on 47th and Fremont though they are months behind. A discussion was had regarding new LED lights which Patty reports are dimmer and do not illuminate as well as older lights. There are codes regarding illumination. Patty feels there needs to be a letter to the City asking the them to acknowledge the differences. Collin and Patty will work on drafting a letter. Colin also reports he has asked for an additional light to go in near the new food carts, he has not heard back regarding this request.

Fremont Safety Flags pilot (Angela and Patti): Proposal for up to \$350 for safety flag project with a goal of asking BBA to pay half the costs. Beaumont Hardware will provide supplies at cost and PaperJam Press will provide adhesive signage for canisters. The board voted unanimously to approve spending up to \$350.

5.) Newsletter Team (Susan Trabucco): No updates at this time.

6) Website / E-Blast Team (Rob Lee, Tom Cuppernell, Susan):Dropbox = Jane Feinberg: Rob reported that Gary's information has been removed from the website. Jane Feinberg has agreed to take on Zoom and was able to continue with a monthly subscription at reduced rates. Susan commented that the last email blast was great. Al asked the team to update the links on the website, removing CNN and others no longer relevant.

7) Land Use Committee (Tim Root): Tim introduced Jamie Van Hoorn Gardner, a realtor and broker who has offered to help the neighborhood association. Tim reported a new middle housing notice in Cully. There was a discussion regarding the loosening of R5 requirements which allows for cottage clusters. Tim emphasized the importance of being aware of land use changes and the potential for future proposals. Board discussion followed with recommendations to invite our new District 2 Representatives to an upcoming meeting either individually or as a group. Others suggested a forum which would include multiple neighborhoods. No final decisions were made.

8) Crime Prevention and Safety Committee (Patty): Fremont Foot Traffic was broken into 2-3 weeks. Someone broke into the old Frazier Wealth Management office, which was empty, to access Foot Traffic.

9) Graffiti Cleanup: Angie suggests organizing another cleanup and beautification event this spring, possibly March or April. She wondered who we could contact about getting another garbage can or two for the North side of Fremont St.

Upcoming General Meeting: Monday, Feb. 10th, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

Adjournment: 8:34

