

**Beresford Hillsdale Neighborhood Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by president Lisa Taner at 7:00 pm, in the board room at the Beresford Recreation Center.

Board Members in attendance were Susan Rowinski, Andrea McCutchin, Kaye Sharma, Ellen Wang, Monika Lee, Heinz Plischke, Lisa Taner

Also attending the meeting were Diana Mongini (former BHNA BOD) and Claire Jensen (current newsletter intern).

**Routine Business**

Board of Director Meeting Minutes for May 2014 were approved with changes.

General Meeting Minutes for May 2014 were approved.

The financial report was reviewed and approved. Ellen reported that the Beresford Recreation Center has asked about BHNA's needs for the upcoming year. There was a discussion whether to change the start time for the General Meeting to 7:00 pm, but no decision was made.

**Kohl Care Nomination Certificate**

The Certificate was presented to BHNA newspaper intern Claire Jensen.

**Mass Mailing to BHNA area residents**

Diana reported that the mass mailing is traditionally done over the Labor Day weekend. Labor Day is on September 1, 2014. There was discussion about the source of the mailing list, which in the past has been provided by Donna Chambers of Alain Pinel, and whether the list is complete. It contains only 2,600 household names, and the general feeling was that there are more households in the BHNA area. Diana will speak with Donna to get a better understanding of which households are included in the mailing list she provides to BHNA. Lisa will contact Hillsdale Garden Apartment to determine whether we can distribute the September 2014 newsletter, with invitation to join BHNA, to the residents. There are 700 apt units at the Garden Apt complex. These residents are presently not included in the mass mailing. Lisa also stated that she would post on Nextdoor to follow up on the mass mailing. Several board members volunteered to assist with the mailing.

**Postal Account for Change of Address Fees**

The post office charges \$0.57 per change of address notification to BHNA. It suggested that BHNA set up and fund an account (no charge) from which the post office can deduct such fees. By unanimous vote the board approved setting up the account and funding it with \$20.00.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

June Meeting: There was a brief discussion of the June meeting, and logistics involved.

July Social Preparations: Lisa reported on her negotiations with Mike Germano, whose group will provide the entertainment at the Social. Andrea will prepare and circulate a list of tasks that need to be completed as part of the preparations. Board members will be asked to indicate where they can help and to supplement the list, if necessary.

## **Bridgepointe Ice Rink Update**

Heinz, Susan and Ellen attended the May 27, 2014 Planning Committee Study Session. At the meeting, the five planning commissioners, all of whom are volunteers, expressed their frustration with the actions taken by the property owners, indicating that closing down the rink was not the way to get approval for alternate use plans. The ice rink was a mitigation feature, a part of the master plan which required recreation facilities, and a condition of the permits for building the shopping center. The fact that its operation is not profitable does not excuse the owners from continuing to operate it. It was decided that no action by BHNA is needed at this time.

## **BHNA fund surplus**

A number of questions were raised about the source of the approximately \$9,000 of funds in the BHNA account, and what to do about these extra funds. Ellen reported that it appears there was a bump in receipts in 2009, but even before then there were extra funds in the account approx. \$5000. Ellen suggested that the board should decide on a philosophy/strategy for addressing extra funds, and there was general discussion about potential uses for the funds. The topic will be taken up again at the July BOD meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

June 4, 2014 BOD meeting minutes submitted by Monika Lee, BHNA Director.