

AGENDA BPNA General ZOOM Meeting

27 October 2021
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Meeting called by NA/Monthly Meeting
Attendees: Total Attendees =
22

- 6:30 pm** **Welcome**
Call to Order | Emily
Approve last meeting's minutes | Emily
Review tonight's agenda | Emily
- 6:35 pm –** **New Business**
6:55 pm Board Introduction | Emily
Updating By-Laws | Caitlyn
Moving to In-Person Meetings | Emily
Fall Bounty Festival | Harry & Crystal
- 6:55 pm –** **Old Business**
7:15 pm Financial Updates | Jessica
Membership & Events Committee Update | Harry
Beautification Committee Update | Emily
Community & Wellbeing Committee Update | Crystal
- 7:25 pm** **Action Items & Adjournment** | Emily
January Annual Report
February Elections

Welcome

Call to Order | Emily

- Welcome to our October (virtual) BPNA general meeting! Thank you for taking the time to join us this evening! Emily is grateful and excited to have the privilege to be here and serve as the new BPNA President!
- Please remember to use your yays, nays, and seconds (shows agreement outside of voting) in order to stay within our one hour time limit

Do we have any motions to amend last meeting's minutes?

*This step is necessary if you believe anything was left off or is inconsistent and needs to be amended

Seeing none, motion to approve? | *Approved*

- Minutes can be found on our website along with our Bylaws, calendar and other resources

Review tonight's agenda | Emily

- New Business:
 - Board Addition Welcome
 - Updating By-Laws
 - Moving to In-Person (poll)
 - Fall Bounty Festival
- Old Business:
 - Financial Update
 - Membership & Events Update
 - Beautification Update



- Community & Wellbeing Update

New Business

Board Additions | Emily

- Please welcome our new Board members Linda (Secretary), Harry (Membership & Events Chair), Terez (Beautification Chair) David (Community & Wellbeing Co-Chair) & Crystal (Community & Wellbeing Co-Chair), for those of you who may not know Crystal was appointed by the Board due to a vacant seat, per our Bylaws: Article IV Section 5. Board Vacancies: Vacancies on the board shall be filled by a vote of the directors currently serving on the board. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next election.
- Crystal has been a wonderful addition and hopefully she will show up on the ballot in February
- And a big thank you to Jessica, Jason, & Caitlyn for their continued commitment and service

Updating By-Laws | Caitlyn

- Our Bylaw edits will be finalized and released, in writing, at the January General Meeting, then members will vote to accept or reject the changes (along with the mission statement & board of director candidates) during the February Election Meeting in February of 2022
- We need ⅔ of members to approve the amendments for them to be adopted (34 yay votes out of 51 members)
 - Add Mission Statement to Purpose (Article II)
 - Current Draft: The Belvedere Park Neighborhood Association's mission is to create a welcoming community through:
 - Cultivating inclusive membership and hosting fun events
 - Fostering connection through service
 - Promoting a family-friendly environment through public safety
 - Creating a beautiful neighborhood
 - Unifying our membership through quality communication
 - We have received member input to add trust and listening components to the mission statement so the board will be taking further suggestions and reviewing before submitting our final written edit
 - Mission Statement will be voted in during the February Election Meeting before being added to the Bylaws
 - Add additional membership channel(s) (Article IV Sec. 3)
 - Non-monetary membership payment options
 - Hardship application + BPNA committee volunteer hours
 - Legacy Resident
 - 10+ years in BP
 - Amend quorum from 55% to 50% + 1 (Article IV Sec. 4)
 - Finalize Executive Board names - President & Vice President (Article V1 Sec. 3a-b)
 - Amend Annual Election Meeting from January to February (Article VII Sec. 1b)
 - Remove Nomination Committee verbiage (Article IX Sec 1&4)
 - Amend Voting Process window (from opening the day after elections - and closing two days after to opening after election meeting and closing the following Friday) (Article IX Sec 5)
 - Review & define Grievance Committee members (2 exec board members & 2 general board members & 4 random general members?) (Article X)
 - Remove Indemnity (Article XI)
- All changes will be submitted to members, in writing, in January, which is in accordance with our current Bylaws
- If you would like to be involved or have any suggestions please email bpneighborhoodinfo@gmail.com

Moving to In-Person | Emily

- Poll held on thoughts about moving to in-person meetings in 2022



- Please add any Pro's and Con's to the chat so they can be recorded into the minutes. **None**.
- Poll Results -- Meeting Comfort level:
 - Not comfortable zoom only (11%)
 - Outdoors only (11%)
 - Indoor or Outdoor (78%)

Fall Bounty Food Drive & Festival | Harry & David/Crystal

- Events: our first BPNA Fall Bounty Festival and Food/Clothing Drive before winter hits! There will be fun games (with prizes), good food, and great neighbors! Stay tuned for details at the end of the meeting



- [RSVP here](#)

Old Business

Finances | Jessica

- Beginning Balance: \$ 1,974.62
 - Deposits/Credits: \$ 420.00
 - Membership: \$ 140.00
 - Plaques: \$ 280.00
 - Withdrawals/Debits: \$ 109.53
 - Monthly Zoom: \$ 14.99
 - Monthly Wix: \$ 17.00
 - Annual E-Commerce Fee Wix: \$ 57.49
 - PayPal Fee (Changes Based on Deposits/Credits): \$ 20.05
 - Monthly Revenue: +310.43
- Ending Balance: \$ 2,285.09
- Current October Revenue vs. expenses: + \$48.01
- Heaviest revenue months are March and September

Membership & Events | Harry

- After Fall Bounty Festival we will be finalizing the welcome gift to be delivered in February 2022
- Help us spread the word about BPNA memberships - Our new membership goal is 100 by 2023
- Not a member? [Join now](#). Membership Fees: \$20 year / \$5 a quarter.
 - All funds go back into the neighborhood via projects on the agenda as well as the operational costs (paypal button, zoom membership, website, etc.)
- Our [Belvederian Owl Plaques](#) are still up for sale on the website
- Join the [Membership & Events Committee!](#) To do so you must be a Belvedere Park Neighborhood Association member.

Beautification Committee | Terez

- Big thanks to the BCC & everyone who did the rivers alive cleanup and did the heavy lifting to make sure the neighborhood sounds beautiful
- Lovely Spark Joy Rock Garden is now up at Carter & Linda, check it out! Thanks Maria!!
- Working on a neighborhood distribution map
- Bi-weekly Community Clean-ups: We clean up the main entrances every other Saturday so we can all "notice the cute houses" and not the trash littering the road. **Meet us at Rupert & Memorial October 30th and Nov 13th @ 9:00 a.m.**



- We clean for an hour and have bags, gloves, and grabbers to use if you need them. See you next Saturday!
- **Adopt-A Block:** Unable to attend the Saturday clean-up? Our neighbor Sarah Tynes started Adopt-A-Block. You can adopt a street or a block and pick-up litter on your own schedule.
- [Join the beautification committee on NextDoor](#)

Community Service Committee | David/Crystal

- We are continuing our annual food drive at the Fall Bounty Festival
- Please bring one item as your entry fee for DCM
- We are working with the BCC to explore options to assist neighborhood seniors.
- Join Security Patrol. More subscribers = more hours
- Interested? Join the Community Service Committee! To do so you must be a Belvedere Park Neighborhood Association member. [NextDoor Committee Group](#)

Action Items | Emily

- Join a committee today!!
- RSVP & Volunteer for the fall event
- BCC E-SPLOST: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84827248564>
 - November 2nd have to vote on is the referendum on renewing the E-SPLOST (Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax).
 - The E-SPLOST will expire on June 30, 2022, unless it is continued by the voters of DeKalb County. The county is proposing renewing a 1% sales tax in DeKalb to fund specific projects in the School district not covered by the annual budget over the next 5 years spanning the 2022-2027 school years.
 - The DeKalb County School District estimates that the tax would bring in approximately \$660 million to \$700 million over those five years.
 - They have invited District 3 School Board Member Deirdre Pierce and DeKalb County School District Chief of Staff Antwyn Brown to our meeting. There we will discuss the proposed 5 year E-SPLOST, what it has accomplished in the past, how it fits into the \$2.2 billion approved annual budget, and the list of projects the renewal of this tax would accomplish.
 - Please join us at this meeting as we become more informed voters. All participants are encouraged to ask questions and become a part of the conversation around transparency and accuracy in how our tax dollars are being spent. You can access the meeting with your computer or smartphone [here](#)
 - To get more information on the history of E-SPLOST, the projects completed, and the proposed projects to be completed in the future, [please visit their website](#)
 - BCC will be recording the meeting and will upload it to their site for those who are unable
- Be on the lookout for:
 - January Annual Report
 - February Elections
 - Board Members
 - Mission Statement
 - By-Laws
 - Welcome Gift Distribution Q1 2022
 - Community Project Reveal Q1 2022

Extra Notes:

- Question regarding Valor Townhome Status: Haven't received any updates and assuming they are still in the process of receiving the proper permits form DeKalb County

