

## **BNA annual meeting**

**May 20, 2025 – 6:00 pm**

**#46 School**

### **Opening remarks – Andy**

- The garage sale was successful in spite of the rain – the committee was acknowledged and thanked by name for their efforts

### **Election of officers – Bob**

This is the 52<sup>nd</sup> BNA election of officers

A quorum was present

The Board submitted the following names for election: Andy Spadoni President, Cassy Petsos VP, Sara Castro Secretary, Bruce Rumbold Treasurer. All were elected by one voice vote.

### **Street and district reps – Cassy**

Both reps and Crier deliverers present were acknowledged – roles of each were explained – street rep vacancies open for Yarmouth, Elm and Gaslight – Ben Montreuil volunteered to be Yarmouth rep – he will need Broad approval at next meeting.

### **Treasurer report – Bruce**

Our fiscal year runs June 1 to May 31

Revenue \$7200, expenses \$8500 (winter gathering net loss \$800) (administrative costs around \$2500)

Assets \$17,000

31% membership participation 210/672 households

Emphasized remaining sustainable and welcome input/ideas

Tom Argust posed question, if we had an extra \$2000 how would the Board consider using it? Ideas mentioned: tree pilot program, rose garden, street marker restoration. Future grant applications to help defray costs.

A topic to defer to Beautification committee for consideration: rose garden utility box painting by an artist.

**Guest speaker: John McMahon, Administrator, City of Rochester's South East Neighborhood Service Center**

Explained the role of the center and how to access the varied services

Acts like a Mini City Hall

Intake for code violations or complaints ie. High grasses/weeds

Deal with code enforcement staff to issue violations

Issue handicap permits and renewals, issue business permits – renewed yearly, check they meet zoning requirements.

Help residents navigate issues/processes

Coordinate commercial oversee

Manage nuisance point system for problem properties after RPD reports – can be sent to law department for property shutdown.

Intake for some grant programs ie. Water heaters, roofs

Last Friday of the month staff gets out on the streets for a neighborhood walk to engage with residents – “Out and About” service center walk abouts

Mayor on the Block is once a month

Questions: who is responsible for electric bike pickups? Crosswalk painting? - 311 can help provide information.

**Sara Keys – Neighbors in Action – Community Program Planner**

Works with grant applications, aids with using the grant money to get the job done, can aid with monies for neighborhood associations, up to \$10,000 is eligible for neighborhood association grants, application for fiscal sponsorship.

Dede inquired if historical tree line replanting (involves private property) would qualify for a grant?

There are 37 neighborhood groups in the south east quadrant.

**Committee Reports:**

**Events: Ann**

Ice cream social June 26, 6:30-7:30 pm 127 Berwick Rd

New books for new student project donations will be accepted at all events

Rose garden movies in the park

Family picnic Friday September 19, 5:30- 8:30 pm Ellison Park

### **Hospitality – Kathy**

Pilot program started this year - in the first quarter 16 new households received a small welcome bag. Tom suggested committee follow up to see if after receiving these bags it prompted the resident to join BNA. Possibly identify those membership applications in the bag with a colored dot.

### **Membership – Andy**

Need a committee and chair dedicated to this, only 31% are paid households

### **Beautification – Cassy**

Rose garden volunteers for Spring and Fall cleanup acknowledged and thanked by name. BNA started working the rose garden since 1972. The City owns the land and does the mowing. We need to decide if we wish to have BNA continue to do the planting/cleanups or take on a small City assessment to support the garden.

Currently obtaining cost estimates for landscape design, replacing non “showing” Rose varieties.

A new replacement bench to be placed thanks to donations from 2 neighbors.

A memorial tree will be planted at #46 School in honor of the late David Kaiser

### **Crime – need chairperson**

### **Misc:**

Thank you to Bob for website maintenance and Cassy for Crier publishing.

Discussed ways to make paying yearly dues easier – tabled for further discussion

### **Social & Refreshments**