

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
January 8, 2024
Eugene Field Public Library

The meeting was convened by board member Bill Steitz at 4:00 p.m. with opening remarks and welcome to guests. Bill explained the purpose of board meetings is to bring together neighbors to foster an open dialogue about issues facing the neighborhood. He mentioned that we are looking for a venue with more flexible hours to hold future meetings.

There followed an introduction of board members present and their roles. All board members, with the exception of Dave Anderson, were present.

Kate Young, District 3 Community Resource Officer (CRO) gave a brief report about safety and crime in Bonnie Brae. She told us we are a relatively boring neighborhood with crime down 65% in 2023 from the previous year. She talked about programs initiated through the Denver Police Department to help with reporting and responding to crimes including a new 911 link to livestream what is being witnessed during a crime as well as having clinicians and mental health advocates join officers in responding to certain types of disturbances. She indicated that traffic enforcement (speeding) is now centralized and based on emailed complaints received by CROs Kate.young@denvergov.org

Elise Bupp, who works with our city council representative Paul Kashmann, addressed residents' concerns about the recent repaving of Bonnie Brae. Bonnie Brae streets were last replaced 14 years ago. It was agreed that several things led to an unsatisfactory outcome, much of which will have to be redone in the spring. A bad batch of asphalt, poor timing late in the season, and inadequate project oversight and cleanup were the three main areas that led to the current state of our streets. If any resident has specific concerns about the street where they live Elise encouraged outreach to Paul Kashmann - Paul.Kashmann@denvergov.org especially if the seam down the middle of your street is not holding as that can be improved with equipment still on site in the neighborhood. There was a general consensus that it would be a good idea to put up "no parking" signs block by block and have the debris swept up until a major fix is done in the spring.

Elise also addressed questions about ADUs and the process for approval. She indicated that most of the complaints City Council hears are for large houses being rented out and not ADUs. She also indicated that all approved applications for ADUs have met the building criteria in district 6.

There was a brief discussion about the current status of the sidewalk tax for repairs. Elise reported that the ordinance is being reevaluated at the city council level to determine how to make it equitable.

Robin Filipczak who heads up the Eugene Field library gave a report about the remodeling project for the library which will begin in 2025. It won't expand the building footprint but will

overhaul the interior space to allow for better site corridors. The funding for this comes from bond money approved seven years ago.

Nancy Bell, board treasurer, gave a year end financial report for the neighborhood. In 2023 total dues collected were \$2,937. The suggested annual dues are \$40 per family which indicates approximately 75 households out of the roughly 600 in the neighborhood paid dues last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Nancy Bell, BBNA board member.

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
Year to Date Financial Statement Ending 12/30/2023

Beginning balance 1/1/2023	\$7,478.70
Income:	
Membership dues by check and cash	990.00
Membership dues via website (credit card)	919.34
Membership dues via Venmo	1,027.25
2024 picnic sponsorship (Silver Stem)	250.00
District 6 Community Building Grant	1,686.00
<u>Total income</u>	\$4,872.59
Expenses:	
Constant contact (email database)	269.94
Board activity (website, PO Box, meetings)	941.52
Food truck night	166.22
Annual picnic	4,090.06
<u>Total expenses</u>	\$5,467.74
<u>Net Income</u>	(\$595.16)
Ending bank balance 12/30/2023	\$6,883.55