**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**September 12, 2017**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Emily Shuel, Devra Gartenstein, Lee Keim, Bill Dwyer, Bettelinn Brown, Sophia Kowalski, Joe Mentele, Ian Taylor, Amy Anscher, Jean Hilde, Brada Cohen, Evy Cohen, April Ingle, Alice Keller, Chris Field.

Minutes. August minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer’s Report and Candidates’ Forum. Sarah is away on the ship so there’s nothing treasury-related to discuss at present, but the Candidates’ Forum will be held on Oct 12.

Mini Grant. So far we’ve given away 50 signs, and Jean has more in her car if anyone wants another or knows anyone who wants one. Emily asked how someone who doesn’t attend meetings (or the picnic) could get a sign. She will make a note about their availability in the newsletter. Jean said Emily could include her email and phone number so people who want signs can contact her directly. Jean also commented that the signs are stinky and she would like to store them somewhere other than her car. Amy volunteered her garage.

Newsletter. Emily has had some submissions. If you have any events for November and December please send them her way by tomorrow.

Storytelling. The most recent neighborhood storytelling event took place this past Friday at Amy and Jon’s house. Alice felt it was the best ever, and others agreed. The diversity of stories was especially impressive. The newsletter will give an account of the range of stories. The next event is Friday November 3.

Picnic. The event was successful, with about 50 people attending. The police didn’t show because they were short staffed but there was plenty of good food and good company. This was the third neighborhood picnic, and we look forward to holding one annually..

Hamlin Park. The City Council is proposing to reduce the park by at least 4 acres to increase the size of the maintenance yard. There was a rally Friday night with more than 40 people waving signs. The rally coincided with a presentation in the maintenance facility about the proposed changes. Some rally attendees squeezed into the presentation. There’s a long decision making process ahead, and other opportunities to express disapproval. The comment period is officially closed, but it’s still important to comment. Sofia mentioned that she would like to bring it to CON. A resolution stating, “The BNA strongly opposes any expansion of the maintenance yard within Hamlin Park”, was moved, seconded and approved.

Map Your Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Video. Bill prefaced the video by noting that the sites of recent disastrous hurricanes had weeks to prepare. Our next disaster will likely be an earthquake, so we won’t have time to prepare. The best way to prepare for an event that will occur without warning is to get to know our neighbors. The MYN program has been around for a long time; it’s a plan for getting together with neighbors to share information about who you are and what you’ll need. Bill will make short presentations on different topics at upcoming BNA meetings. The next one will be about water.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.