

MEET BELMONT PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018
TOWN HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2
7:00 PM- 9:00PM
Minutes by Chay Ngee Lim

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. Present at the meeting were chair Lisa Scudder, Valerie Krempus, Ashley Lang, Chay Ngee Lim, Carol Trager, Emily Ferris, and Brian Saper.

II. APPROVAL OF 11/08/18 MINUTES

The minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting was approved.

III. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF TALK OF THE TOWN

Carol Trager confirmed that the speaker roster has been set, and will consist of Leah Hager Cohen, Deb Roy, Amanda Fernandez and two student speakers. Belmont media center will provide media coverage and Belmont Books will be a sponsor.

The committee discussed event publicity on the Meet Belmont page, emails to past attendees and via sandwich boards, which Valarie and Carol will be in charge of. Procurement of yard signs that can be reused for future events was brought up for consideration. The event has been included in 2019 Belmont Light Historical Calendar. Other topics related to logistics that were discussed includes

- recruitment of student volunteers to help out with registration on day of the event
- small tokens of appreciation for speakers
- MBPC chair to inquire on funding (Patrice)

IV. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF BELMONT BLOCK PARTY

The possibility of collaboration with Porchfest organizers and potential sponsors was discussed. The committee also conferred on potential venues, dates and activities for the event, with tentative date set on May 18th 2019 3 to 5pm, and May 19th same time as rain date. Potential venues that were shortlisted include Beaver Brook Park (Emily, Valerie and Chay), Grove St Park (Ashley and Lisa), Joey's Park (Natalie & Brian). Musical performances, lawn games and nature activities were brought up for consideration as potential activities for the block party. The MBPC chair will reach out to the Belmont Parks and Recreation department to inquire on availability and other logistics related to the venues.

Continuity and possible expansion of the scale of the block party was discussed, and the committee will take into consideration feedback and reception of the first block party event for future plans.

V. GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

Continue follow-up with Carol on additional updates and logistics for the Talk of the Town event. Committee chair will also work on securing funding for the event.

APPROVED on 03/07/2019

The committee will continue to consider ways to engage the town through the committee and will further discuss additional ideas on the first block party event. Committee chair will follow up on venue feasibility/logistics.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

The committee will continue to look into the idea of providing “Welcome to Belmont” Tote Bags for new Belmont residents.

VII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourn at 8.27pm