



Bottineau Neighborhood Association

Board Minutes

BNA Board Meeting November 11, 2025 Board Minutes

Introductions - Mariam Slayhi, Susana Daughtery, Elyssa Eull, Mel Ikola, Aki, Nancy, Chad Shultz, Lindsay Neibauer, Emma, Kelly Agosto, Brandon Mast, Kjirsten (HUM yoga), Seth Stattmiller, Tim Kremer, Council President Payne, Gulsan Osman, Christina Keyser

Marshall Street Plan Discussion - Guests: Council President Payne, Erikka Curran (Violet Wine), and Hennepin County Transportation Project Managers Kelly Agosto and Brandon Mast

- Erikka did not make the meeting, power outage at her business, Violet Wine.
- The County decided to pull the Marshall Street layout from the Climate and Infrastructure meeting this Thursday.
- It was pulled from the approval process so they can give some time to hear more from the businesses in the area.
- Parking alternated from one side of the street to the other in the plan, they are looking to make the walking and biking experience more comfortable, but not at the expense of businesses.
- Aki's Bakery thinks they will go out of business if there is no parking.
- HUM said the majority of people drive to their business and that people come from outside of their direct neighborhood.
- Mel asked if we contacted PCA, PCA does not have a permitted loading zone on Marshall Street. Maybe we limit the parking by PCA and then allow more parking by businesses.
- Council Member Payne is grateful to the county for pulling the plan back before bringing it forward for municipal consent. He is looking into curb management, they don't want to meter every parking space, but as a city we can better manage the spaces that we do have. We can look into intentional planning around curbside management.
- Seth from Recovery Bike is in favor of the county's plan, since Marshall Ave is our only connection to the river, the only parkway in NE. Crossings now on Marshall are all 4 lanes.
- Tim appreciates Seth's comments, but comments that if he can't park within a short distance from a business he may choose elsewhere, we need to make sure we have enough parking.
- Council President Payne is putting a workgroup together with Rainville to look at all transportation projects in the Ward and doing some focus work.
- Will there be more opportunity to have conversation on construction? Yes, both CP Payne and Hennepin county say there will be more opportunities to speak.
- Aki's says you don't enjoy the river from Marshall, you will enjoy it from the bike path that is directly on the river. Aki's say they rely on people who come from the suburbs, they cannot stay in business on foot and bike traffic. They speak for Broken Clock as well.
- Chad commutes downtown by bike and it is dangerous on Marshall so there has to be a balance. This is an urban neighborhood so parking will always be an issue.
- Elyssa has experienced parking issues in previous residences, but is also a bike commuter and Marshall is unsafe. Can we coordinate with some of these businesses to help out where some of the congestion is really bad? Could the park space by the river be a parking lot? We need to find a creative solution. Or talking to PCA or Psycho Suzies. It is very rough for Violet Wine to get deliveries, it's a scary situation.
- Emma from HUM wants people to use bikes, but wants it to be accessible for everyone.



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- Mariam asks if we can have another meeting about this? Hennepin County will further look at the layout for more compromises and then will get the revision out to the group for more feedback? They are trying to work as quickly as possible and will let us know when they have more information.
- Tim is glad that we have parking problems, that we have money coming into the neighborhood, that we have things that draw people to the neighborhood.
- If the updated plan is ready, we will host a December board meeting to discuss.

Murals in Bottineau Park - [Gulsan Osman](#)

- Guslan is exploring public art projects in areas that are lacking art and areas that need it the most, like parks because there are so many people gathered there.
- They are trying to add more value to the parking lots, like Bottineau Lofts on 2nd Street.
- They want to collaborate with the neighborhood to showcase vibrant work that represents people who live there.
- Mariam thought maybe we can look at integration in the Marshall Street Reconstruction plan, more discussions to come.
- Gulsan would love for us to consider a partnership in the future.
- Gulsan is encouraged to send us a proposal to BNA and we can review as a board.

[Approve October Minutes](#) - Elyssa motions to approve, Tim seconds, all vote in favor.

Partnership with Bottineau Park - Follow up from Tim

- Bottineau Park wants one person to prepare the event, and then 2 people to work the event.
- Reanne will ask Brittany to reserve space at 7pm at Bottineau Park, Tuesday Dec 9.
- Reanne will connect Lindsay with Brittany to set up a time to arrange the prep work.
- Tim wants to bring holiday cookies to exchange or white elephant gift.
 - Gingerbread House Party – Tues Dec 9th 5-7pm
 - Holiday Cookie Decorating – Tues Dec 16th – 5-7pm
- The board likes the idea of doing swaps, especially in the spring for spring clean up. Reanne will ask Brittany to do a toy swap, books, athletics, in the spring in the gym. February or March.

Organizational Structure - Mel

Mel would like to have a better understanding of how to be active outside of the meetings. Ideas include having a board manual, internal goal tracking, and strength inventories. Tim and Mariam will get the board manuals from the office to distribute to the board. Mel will work with a committee of board members who have some ideas on how to create a clear structure.

Upcoming Meetings + Events:

Produce Giveaway at EastSide Neighborhood Services, Nov 13, 4pm-6pm

Gingerbread House Party – Tues Dec 9th 5-7pm

BNA December Neighborhood Board Meeting - Tuesday December 9, 7pm - 9pm, in the event we need to discuss the Marshall Street Plan.