

HISTORIC BREWERS HILL ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026
Time: 6:00pm (Social ½ hour) to 8:00pm
Place: Sanger House Gardens | 1823 N Palmer St

I. Food & Mingling

- a. Enjoy wine, pizza, and neighborly conversation while exploring the gardens

II. Call to Order

- a. Welcomes neighbors, HBHA Board
- b. Introduce meeting host - Steve and Angela, Sanger House Gardens
 - i. Steve: Thankful everyone's here. Introduces attendees to Charlie (BeeVangelists). Been here 41 years since 1986. Steve shares lots of history about the property, including it being the home of a former mayor. Shares that there are private parties and events available. July 15th, another jazz garden dinner is coming up, featuring Croatian fare. Two Sunday brunches are also upcoming - check them out. The Pasta Tree has also been featured.

III. Treasurer's Report & Membership Update

- a. Review of association's financial accounts and current membership
 - i. 🏠 Join or Renew: historicbrewershill.com/membership
 - 1. Current Balance:
 - a. Main Account: \$11,097.38
 - b. Community Outreach: \$500.01
 - 2. Current Membership:
 - a. Total Voting Members:
 - i. Household: 120 (60)
 - ii. Individual: 26
 - b. Total Non-Voting Members:
 - i. Supporter: 1
 - c. Total Business Members:
 - i. Gold: 11
 - 3. Kristen shared that there are supporter membership options that are non-voting.
 - ii. Highlight Grants, Donations, and our newest Business Members
 - 1. Shout out to gold business members: Sanger House Gardens, McKenna Real Estate, Alvi, Dream Lounge Social, Straight Edge Painting & Renovations, Summer of '85, Lakefront Brewery, Uncle Wolfie's Breakfast Tavern / Orange & Blue Co., ThriveOn King, North Shore Bank, and Beerline Cafe.
 - 2. Safe & Sound Good Neighbor Grant of \$1,000 (last Fall). Also \$5,000 from Evan (Board member) whose employer gave to the charity of his choice earlier this year. Just awarded \$2,000 for the Block Party from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Reasons for Hope Micro-Grant Program.
 - 3. A survey will be coming where you can help shape our future priorities and how those funds are used!

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Meeting minutes available at: historicbrewershill.com/about/meeting-minutes
 - i. Make sure to check our website for summaries of the Board of Director meeting minutes but also Neighborhood meetings!

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V. Vice President's Calendar of Events

- a. Events Calendar: Subscribe to our calendar to stay connected...
 - i. Events List: historicbrewershill.com/news-events/events
 - ii. Calendar View: historicbrewershill.com/calendar
- b. Events Recap:
 - i. O'Brewers Hill Social, Easter Egg Hunt, Beautify Brewers Hill Cleanup (+ Cleanup Club Events), and Tap Yard Trivia with Your Neighbors
- c. Upcoming HBHA Events:
 - i. 🍹 Lakefront Brewery Happy Hour Social: in July @ Riverside Patio
 - ii. 🩸 Community Blood Drive: Sat, Aug 15, 9am-12pm @ Versiti on King
 - iii. 🎉 Block Party: Sat, Aug 22, 3-8pm @ 1st St between Brown & Lloyd
 - iv. 🍷 Patio Round Robin: Sat, Sep 19, 6-10pm @ Shhh it's a secret
 - v. More Cleanup Club + Block Watch Group events coming soon
 - 1. Upcoming! Lakefront Brewery Social in July, Community Blood Drive Saturday Aug 15th, 9-noon at Versiti on King, Block Party Sat Aug 22nd 3-8pm, 1st St between Brown and Lloyd, Patio Round Robin Sat Sep 19th, Are you interested in being a host? Let us know! We have a few spots open. Cleanup Club events happen throughout the year! Free litter pickers for everyone that joins. Block Watch Group events also happen often - cross promotional events with Cleanup Club is a possibility!
- d. Happenings Around the Community:
 - i. 🎵 Brewers Hill Wknd. Wind Down: Sun, Jul 12, 4-6pm @ Hubbard/Brown
 - 1. Weekend Wind Down: Cobblers Lofts is putting on another show, fun for the whole family, July 12, 4-6pm. Corner of Hubbard and Brown.

VI. Guest Speakers

- a. Sculpture Milwaukee - *John Riepenhoff, Executive Director*
 - i. Resident Since 2012, brought catalogs from Sculpture Milwaukee books for attendees to review and explore. All from different years. Has a big dog and little dog, walks around the neighborhood, Exec Director of Sculpture MKE 3 years ago. UWM alumni. Still runs The Green Gallery. Is an artist, shows internationally but also in MKE, one foot here often, but also in Tokyo, etc. Was initially brought in as a guest curator, but now in the 9th exhibition, mostly on Wisconsin Ave to Baird Center. In the last 2 years they started activating different neighborhoods, first installation in Bronzeville "Find a Way" text banners on Gallery 507 as well. Since starting, through the Downtown Business Improvement District. Annual exhibitions on WI Ave for public, free shows. Incentivises hotels & F&B, including Steve Marcus, needed reasons to bring people downtown. Visual arts responding to Summerfest! Unique nationally, most other places require payment, however Sculpture MKE is free! Nearly 40 up now. Sculptures are also rotating, 6-18 months. 20% do find permanent homes for, including museums or individuals in other countries. Long term goals, accessibility, welcoming more into the pleasures of contemporary art! Art advocacy is important for a city, and it's very affordable here but not a lot of financial support for artists. "Arts programing" < RoW. Not as much public facing contemporary art here. Hopefully we can build a

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community and EDU around it. Also interested in changing how Milwaukee is perceived on a global platform, a cultural attraction for MKE while traveling. Power of the Margins is the current theme, Baltic arts council, to create peer groups not from huge art capitals, but from artists located in a similarly scaled city - cultural exchange! Put MKE on the map as a forward thinking place on the art map! [Midwesterners] Humble to the point of self deprecating, but want to change how we see ourselves, but we do have a strong reputation, so lets build strong self awareness. Maps being passed around show sculpture locations, but most accurate is on the website: <https://www.sculpturemilwaukee.com/>. Enjoy the walking path (1 mile), down WI Ave. Interested in collaboration! Nature Doesn't Know About Us, being passed around, theme was nature, pushed to surrounding neighborhoods, desire for public sculpture everywhere! Bronzeville is just the start to activate Fiserv, etc. Maybe even Brewers Hill!

- ii. Q: Hard to determine how effective because of no ticket sales. Use Hop data. Property values went up highest in the city. Metrics like - international press mentions, etc. Art sales also help determine success. Wide range of loose metrics only. Hard to measure cultural capital! Mandel, Marcus, Kohler >> All big donors who have invested into the culture - thriving philanthropic community in the 80s, nothing in the 90s, so there is a crisis. Collaboration over competition is how we survive today! The MAM director feels there's a need for younger leadership! Hopefully the exhibition connects you to other arts here in MKE but around the world!
- b. Holton Street Bridge mural project - *Nate Loy, Organizer; Rachel Goochey, MilWALKee Walks; Aisha Valentin, Artist*
 - i. Construction is nearing its completion - along with some exciting updates! Nate reached out to someone at the city who specializes in transportation art. Lacked funding in the past. Community funding targeted. Grant funding, mural artist, etc. Anticipate starting in about 2 weeks! Hoping neighbors are willing to donate. Link to GoFundMe provided, 1/3 of the way goal met, includes maintenance from long term damage or graffiti. The mural will be located on the concrete barriers, between driving lane and bike lane side, color on driving side, design inside bike lane. Aisha Valentin, from Harambee Riverwest and family from here. Just finished a mural with Brewers. Done work with Bucks in 2021, Feeding America, Before she gets public art started, she tries to do outreach with each neighborhood. Did engagement and the RW farmers market, survey and flyers. Stick around for a sneak peek for rough concepts. History of respective neighborhoods and neighbor feedback. Lots of references to wildlife and plant life, how the bridge is traversed, and how long people have lived here. 3'h x 12'w means the canvas is small, so has to be abstract because detail isn't available. Presence. Growth, community, and history. Overgrowth: Ivy's, moss, etc. over our history. High contrast color as long as honoring the river below us. Excited to get things started! Thanks to MilWALKee Walks, Riverworks, DPW, etc.! Rachel is the program manager for MilWALKee Walks, county wide pedestrian safety program! Safe, accessible and enjoyable as possible! Helps with the city's

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Paint the Pavement program, as well. Excited to take on this project and the impact it will have. Brochure about the state of pedestrian safety in MKE available. Booklet about new street infrastructure going in around the county. 49th in the state for arts funding. Coloring commutes and homes is important!

- ii. Q: All going to be worked on while the bridge is closed? Yes! Coordinating with the city while the bridge is out. We're sick of lane closures! Bikers and walkers will see most murals. Cars will see gradient color blocking. Focused on pedestrians to help activate pedestrian space.
- iii. Q: What about a sculpture in Blue Dress Park? John says yes! Paul Druecke is into non permanence, its performance art! More temporary activation is great. He's an open fund grant recipient. This is a deep cut! Ephemera and performances encouraged!
- iv. Q: Timeline? July 17th!

VII. General Business

- a. Crime & Safety Update: historicbrewershill.com/info/crime-safety
- b. MPD District 5 Community Partnership Unit, D5 Crime & Safety Meetings (first Weds, 5pm @ ThriveOn King), + Neighborhood Block Watch Group
 - i. Officer Lindsey: Been with MPD for 5 years, this unit 2 months, but excited to be here. Officer B.R., here for 2 weeks, MPD for 7 years. A shooting was just called in so they needed to leave right away. High volume calls continue to be entry into cars - keep cars locked! A concerned citizen requested more patrols, so you'll see them more!
 - ii. Neighborhood Block Watch Group has Happy Hours every couple months! Please feel free to join, everyone is welcome!
- c. Committees: Community Outreach (+ Cleanup Club), Historic Preservation, Tech & Marketing, and Block Party
 - i. Community Outreach: 4th Teacher Appreciation Lunch was about a month ago at Carver Academy. Lakefront Brewery, McKenna Real Estate, Pilcrow Coffee, Cafe Corazon, Beerline Cafe, Brewers Hill Bakehouse, Amorphic Beer and more all pitched in to give staff gift baskets.
 - ii. Blood drive is coming Aug 15th. Free Block Party wristbands!
 - iii. Black Friday Beer Release at Lakefront Brewery is also our coat drive! Bring your new/used coat for the kids at Carver for a special edition beer!
 - iv. Historic Preservation: Highlight a couple projects! Please let us know if you have ideas or questions! Keep an eye on our website for more.
 - v. Tech & Marketing: Check out the website! Merch! Working towards a member portal. Consolidating past years of membership records. Want a more centralized, accessible location for subscription status and benefits.
- d. Open Topics: Announcements to share?
 - i. Charlie Koenen (BeeVangelists): Has local honey here! House of RAD-resident artists and do-ers. There, he's building bee houses. Understand the importance of pollinators, way more than honey. We advocate for native pollinators. 500 species of bees in MKE, and only 1 makes honey! The rest makes MKE. BeeVangelists puts on events to explain how pollination happens and sells local honey based on the season, flower, and weather. 60 hives throughout the greater urban area, harvest honey

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and have tasting events, etc. Including events at Sanger House Gardens!
A resource for planting flowers as well!

- ii. Steve (Sanger House Gardens) is a resource for gardening to support your bee population! Brewers hill, 86' moved in, a lot has changed! If you want ideas, ask! This is what an urban community is about! Recognized by Fine Gardening magazine. It is a hobby, but also a learning place for the community.
- iii. Nancy (Neighbor): I'm a vegan! Looking for anybody who is vegan in the community who wants to meet at Deadbird Brewing or Beerline Cafe! Super casual meet up with neighbors. Enjoy!
- iv. Glenda Oatis McMiller (Alderwoman Coggs Legislative Assistant): Bronzeville run is coming up! Festival and Bronzeville week! Call to action and city service numbers, including Coggs and Glenda's numbers as well!
- v. Hayley (Neighbor): Taught at Carver for 11 years, thank you HBHA for support, Teacher Appreciation Week. MPS employees don't always get recognition.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Next Quarterly Meeting Date: Wed, Sep 23, 6-8pm @ Location TBD