

**BPWNA Board Meeting
March. 1, 2005 @ SSDN**

Members Present: Chad, Johnson, President; Bill Byrd, Vice President; Linda Hennigh, Treasurer; Eric Winters, Secretary; Alderman Craig Schmidt, Jean Durel, Marlene Levine, Bruce Levine, Tom Stehl, Derrick Morris and Bryan Herring.

Meeting Began at 7:05 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Linda presented the board with the current financial status, including an account balance of \$10,212,81.

Committee Reports

- A. Block Links** – Tom Stehl discussed the meeting for Block Links set for March 15, which will allow participants to discuss the program, recruit leadership and get out there on the blocks.
- B. Community Garden** – First workday set for April 2, with a planning meeting on March 23. Kickoff event planned for mid-May to get the neighborhood out into the garden.
- C. Communications Team** – Bill is currently serving as editor of the newsletter but is looking for someone else to take it on. As a part of his leadership academy, Bill will be working to help market the neighborhood and develop a branding for the neighborhood, including a logo contest.
- D. Beautification Team/Litter** – Time to start getting the cleanups rolling. Discussed the possibility of getting some “bulk trash” signs to put out to remind people when it takes place.
- E. Facilities** – Move to Cherokee Street in the works.

Support Organizations

- A. Sustainable Neighborhoods** – Scholarships still available. Some difficulty in giving the money away.
- B. Weed n Seed** – April speaker will be from the DEFY program.

Old Business:

- A. SLACO Workshop** – Neighborhood is officially an endorser. BPWNA has registered nine individuals, including some from Gravois Park, for the conference.
- B. SLACO Membership** – Considering membership in the organization. More next meeting.
- C. Operation Brightside** – April 9 is the Blitz Day for BPW.
- D. 2nd Quarter Speakers** – April is DEFY speaker. Looking for May and June speakers.

New Business:

- A. Car Wash Proposal** – Craig discussed a proposed car wash at Compton and Wyoming. Craig submitted a number of requests that the owner would have to comply with to earn his support. Owner was supposed to be at board meeting.

Should hear more in April.

- B. Office Space** – The location at the Cherokee Street Incubator has been agreed to. Bill presented the lease for one year's rent in exchange for some necessary improvements including replacing fixtures. An electrician has donated his time to do the work. Insurance will be \$500 and will cover any incident up to \$300,000. The board approved both the insurance and lease terms. Discussion arose as to getting residents involved in decorating the space.
- C. Communication Chair Resignation** – Board accepted Donna Dorsey's resignation as communication chair.
- D. Barb Pott's Cell Phone** – Gravois Park, Benton Park and BPW agreed to pay for the NSO's cell phone, as that is crucial to her job. The board approved the expenditure.
- E. Neighborhood Socials** – Eric discussed the association doing more socials to get residents to know each other. The first social will be a potluck at 6pm before the April 21 meeting. Future socials may include happy hours or barbecues.
- F. Fundraising** – Idea of a neighborhood yard sale was discussed. More on this at a later meeting.

Jean Durel presented the events of Incarnate Word – A baseball league is forming for Weed & Seed neighborhoods. Also in mid-April, there will be a conference on Peer Spirit, focusing on collaboration, sponsored by Incarnate Word. The Project for Public Spaces will take place May 13 and 14. Cherokee Street and the Pocket Park in BPW are being considered as locations for projects.

Agenda for next meeting discussed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.