

BPWNA Board Meeting
April 5, 2005 @ SSDN

Members Present: Chad, Johnson, President; Bill Byrd, Vice President; Linda Hennigh, Treasurer; Eric Winters, Secretary; Jean Durel, Marlene Levine, Bruce Levine, Derrick Morris and Bryan Herring, Beverly Jackson, Monte Hurd, & Clinton Jackson.

Meeting Began at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the correction of the treasurer's report amount on the March 1 minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Linda presented the board with the current financial status, including an account balance of \$10,324.54. A number of businesses have started joining the neighborhood and advertising in the newsletter.

Guest Presentation – Ultimate Car Care

Monte Hurd and Clinton Jackson, who wish to open the Ultimate Car Care at Compton and Gravois, presented their business plan to the board for support. The board discussed the requirements put forth by Alderman Craig Schmid. The board agreed that the hours of Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. were acceptable. Monte agreed to the remainder of the terms in the letter. Clinton and Monte proposed their intention of creating a small informal police substation at the location. The board voiced its full support for such a move. Both men said they would hope to giveback to the neighborhood by working with the association for fundraising and donations. The board approved a motion to support the list of conditions set forth by the alderman with the additional hours included and support for the police substation. A letter of support would be sent to the appropriate city agency.

Committee Reports

- A. Beautification Team** – Derrick discussed his ideas for the beautification team, which include educating residents about the trash issues, promoting tree plantings, acquiring trash cans and creating an adopt-a-planter program. He thinks the Block Link program will be necessary to the success of any beautification effort.
- B. Block Links** – Jean spoke about the Lead Safe Block Party for the 3300 Block of Nebraska that will be held on April 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pocket Park at Nebraska and Utah. Kids would be tested and financial help would be available to cleanup houses with lead problems. Bill volunteered to man a neighborhood association table at the event.
- C. Community Garden** – The first workday was successful with 10 residents helping out. More plots will soon be built. Eric presented a budget for use of the funds from the garden grant and donation. The budget was accepted by the board.
- D. Communications Team** – Bill submitted his written communications report, which included information about seeking an editor for the Porch Review and the successful creation of advertisements in the newsletter.
- E. PR/Marketing** – Bryan explained his vision for the PR/Marketing team which

will help to get the good news about the neighborhood out to the surrounding community.

- F. Facilities** – Contractor will soon be doing the electrical work. A work day will soon be planned, with a final open house in May.

Support Organizations

- A. Sustainable Neighborhoods** – Chad decided to not sign a letter from the Southside Cluster that accused the main Sustainable Neighborhoods Development Office of stealing the cluster's ideas with its façade and microloan programs. After conferring with Marlene and Galen Gandolfi, Chad decided that Benton Park West did not agree with the accusations in the letter, and instead the neighborhood would work to build on the successes of these programs.
- B. Weed n Seed** – Bill presented his written report, which included information that the April speaker will be from the DEFY program.

Old Business:

- A. SLACO Workshop** – Chad suggested some residents who attended the meeting might speak at the next neighborhood meeting.
- B. Operation Brightside** – April 9 is the Blitz Day for BPW.
- C. 2nd Quarter Speakers** – April is DEFY speaker. Looking for May and June speakers.
- D. Pot Luck** – The neighborhood association will provide plates, drinks and silverware for the upcoming potluck.
- E. Yard Sale** – It will be a combo of neighborhood fundraiser and resident yard sales. Location to be determined. Amanda Rainey is heading this up and will speak with the aldermen about necessary permits.

New Business:

- A. Editor of Porch Review** – Shirley Carpenter has expressed interest and will be assisting Bill for the next few months.
- B. Chairpersons of Beautification Team** – Derrick Morris and Deana Davis were approved as chairpersons.
- C. Chairperson of PR/Marketing** – Bryan Herring was approved as chairperson.

Agenda for next meeting discussed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.