

**Benton Park West Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting December 5, 2006**

Present: Eric Winters, Linda Hennigh, Chad Johnson, Bill Byrd, Carl Jones, Gina McGrew, Anne Childers

Meeting began at 7pm

Eric introduced visitors Steve and Pat Smith of the Royale and Bob Kraiberg City Liquor Commissioner. Visitors invited to discuss Liquor License Regulations as it pertains to Steve Smith's interest in opening a business in Benton Park West.

Bob Kraiberg explained the process in which a business would obtain a liquor license and the neighborhood's role in that process. He answered questions regarding policies, notification processes, and moritoreums.

Visitors were dismissed.

Minutes from previous meeting approved. Treasurer's Report approved with a balance on 12/3/06 of \$5,487.66 but does not include all charges from Neighborhood Dinner Silent Auction. Total Savings at \$8,097.35

**Committee Reports**

- Beautification – No Report
- Block Link – No Report
- Community Garden – No Report
- Dog Park – The bill was introduced to the Alderman. Support encouraged from neighborhood. If bill goes through it will make all of pocket park usable for dog park and they are also working on lot purchase. Gina will email link to show support for said bill. They are going to have more dog treat baskets for sale at the holiday party.
- Facilities – 2cases of paper approved for purchase
- Finance – Reminder to continue using Receipt and Purchase Order forms. Current Committee Chairs need to review their 2007 budgets and submit their list of projected expenses as well as list of possible sources of income.
- Membership – The Membership Dinner was a success. Financial Report submitted. Total Profit \$653.03 with estimated more when all charges from silent auction are tallied. Postcards for membership will be mailed in January.
- By-Laws –New membership dues were approved by the neighborhood association at November meeting.
- PR/Marketing – The software ordered is taking long because of multiple address confusion with resolution soon.
- Publications – Focus is on Membership. The chosen path for the newsletters going to the Block Links is to produce 8.5x11, double sided, stapled piece. Several new advertisers have been received and multiple businesses continue to have interest. Advertising letters for 2007 will be sent out by mid-December.

## **Support Organizations**

- Sustainable Neighborhoods – There were nominations and elections will be in Jan
- Weed & Seed – Graduation Celebration postponed due to weather. Rescheduled for Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. December 14<sup>th</sup> is next Weed/Seed meeting
- SLACO – Changes occurring within their focus.
- Cherokee Business Association – WashU proposed new business plan for association. We may partner with them in the future. Bill offered to be contact person.

## **Old Business**

- Elections – Anne Childers as Secretary accepted by board. Chad Johnson moved, Gina McGrew seconded the motion.
- Holiday Potluck- sending postcards to members. BPWNA providing main dish with members bringing side dishes. Decision to buy 100pcs of fried chicken from Hodak's for \$102.00. Linda Hennigh moved, Eric Winters seconded the motion. Using 6-8 marker signs from yard sale to advertise.

## **New Business**

- Committee Chairs Accepted for 2007. Chad Johnson moved, Carl Jones seconded  
Carl Jones – Beautification  
Eric Winters –Community Garden  
Gina McGrew –Dog Park  
Chad Johnson –Membership & By-Laws  
Bill Byrd –PR/Marketing & Publications
- Budget for 2007 –New budget format presented for 2007. Discussion about budget having categories with each committee having a budget as well. Format and final budget to be presented next month and committee budgets due as well.
- Liquor License –Discussion about what percentage of food would be desired from licensees in BPW. Considered inviting Cherokee Business Association into the discussion as well is proposing to BPW neighborhood association at neighborhood meeting.
- Software Proposals – board approves software purchase: Membership Director V2 for \$95.00 and Auction123 version 2.0 for \$150.00. Gina McGrew moved, Bill Byrd seconded
- 20<sup>th</sup> ward Aldermanic Election –Neighborhood Association Board remains unbiased in election. Proposed hosting a debate for Aldermen running. Further discussion in January pending Aldermen's interest.
- Board Meeting Times & Planning Day –decision to keep first Tuesdays of the month at 7pm. Planning Day meeting planned for January. Eric will email possible dates.
- Board Contact Information –All board members filled out contact information as they would like for it to appear in the newsletter. Board members signed Christmas Cards to be mailed to all neighborhood association members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.