

**Benton Park West Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting June 6, 2007**

Present: Linda Hennigh, Chad Johnson, Bill Byrd, Carl Jones, Anne Childers

Meeting began at 7pm

Approval of Minutes & Treasurer's Report

Chad motioned to approve the minutes from last board meeting, Bill seconded. Minutes were approved. Treasurer's Report approved with a checking and savings balance of \$12,011.77 total. Anne motioned to approve, Chad seconded. Report was approved.

Committee Reports

- Beautification – Sister Jean has given the o.k. to ordering 20 more planters. They are on the way and will be delivered this time. He is looking for an evening to clean and plant the one at Gravois and Minnesota. He will announce a date at the NA meeting.
- Block Link – They distributed 165 summer activity booklets with the newsletter this month.
- Community Garden – Watering schedule is going well. All beds are being utilized. Eric to touch base with SSDN about the garden lots.
- Dog Park – No Report
- Facilities – With changes at SSDN, Cherokee Place may put on the market. Linda to follow up with the extra rent check. Bill is looking for alternative spaces and speaking with Mike Howard at Five Star in order to be prepared for an emergency move if that should happen. All board members agree to an emergency meeting if the need arises. We have received the color printer and it is working well. We need to buy 11x17 paper.
- Membership – We have a total of 96 members. The HERO initiative brought three new members and one upped membership. Membership dinner is expecting 200-250 attendees this year.
- PR/Marketing – Bill to follow up with Phil Jarvis about getting an image of the new membership meeting sign designs. We will order our signs from OR Peckman.
- Publications – July issue is Going Green and August is back to school. September may be preparation for fall.
- By-Laws – They are complete. Eric and Chad to meet to change old ones to reflect changes made. New by-laws to be brought to next month's board meeting.
- Quality of Life – Amber will be here next month.

Support Organizations

- Sustainable Neighborhoods – Four businesses came to seek approval from them for a small business gap financing. Two were accepted and two were rejected.
- Weed & Seed – Interview process went well. Ed Hennessay has been chosen as the new Executive Director.

Old Business

- Signage Follow Up – Bill to follow up with Phil Jarvis.
- National Night Out Movie Night – Eric requested in writing \$200 for food. Chad motioned to approve \$200 for food and \$75 for shipping of movie equipment. Bill seconded. This additional \$275 was approved.
- Cinco de Mayo Beer Booth – Check will be ready by the June NA meeting.
- Preferred Family Healthcare – Eric toured their facility in St. Alexis Hospital and was very impressed by their structured schedule and the maintenance of the facility. Eric to draft the letter of support and send to the board when he returns. He can also answer any questions we may have as he spoke with them in depth.

New Business

- Paper Purchase – Bill moved to approve up to \$75 for one case of 11x17 paper for publication. Chad seconded and money was approved to buy the paper.
- Office Space Authorization – Board agrees to attend an emergency meeting if the need to move quickly arises.
- Elections for next year are coming up and the board agrees to begin looking for potential leadership for 2008. Carl expresses his disinterest in taking over the President's position.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.