

BPWNA Meeting
March 17, 2005 @ 7:01
33 residents in attendance, 19 of which were members

Introductions and welcomes were made.

Minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Penny Moskus with Cor Productions in the Central West End explained that Edna Gravenhorst will be featured on the Hallmark Channel on April 4 at 6 a.m. A brief clip was shown at the meeting.

Alderman Ken Ortman encouraged everyone to vote on Election Day. He explained that there will probably be property tax re-assessments soon. Craig Schmidt promoted the Big BIG City Tour on April 3 and Operation Brightside on April 9.

Presentation – Barb Potts, Neighborhood Stabilization Officer

Barb explained her role as a problem solver with links to many local government agencies and leaders. She often works to empower the resident to take action. A lot of her work deals with nuisance properties. She elaborated on the process involved in dealing with nuisance properties.

Committee Reports:

1. **Block Link** – Tom Stehl explained that a planning meeting for the program will be held at SSDN on March 31 at 7 p.m. He explained that there was a lot of enthusiasm for the program.
2. **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh spoke on behalf of Eric Winters to promote the March 23 planning meeting. A workday will be held April 2.
3. **Communication** – Bill Byrd explained the role of the communications committee and encouraged everyone interested to help get involved spreading the news of the neighborhood.
4. **Beautification** – Derrick Morris encouraged everyone to help out with Operation Brightside on April 9.
5. **Facilities** – Bill Byrd said that a lease has been signed along with liability insurance to move the neighborhood association offices to the Cherokee Street Incubator. Office desks, chairs and folding tables are needed. Electrical work will be donated.

Support Organizations' Reports

1. **Sustainable Neighborhoods** – Scholarships are still available for early childhood classes and college courses. Artworks program still open to area youth.
2. **Weed & Seed** – Bill Byrd is the new president of the Weed & Seed Advisory Board

Old Business

1. **Membership** – Thanks to those who have signed up as members of the association. Anyone interested in joining should see Eric or Linda.
2. **Porch Review** – Editor still needed.

New Business

1. **Pot Luck / Socials**– A potluck will be held before the next meeting at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish, plasticware, etc.
2. **Yard Sale** – Plans underway to host a neighborhood yard sale. Stay tuned for more info.

Announcements

- Need someone to file for Junior College District Board. One write-in candidate Patrick Burke had information at the meeting.
- Five Star Senior Center is having Easter Breakfast.
- Softball/Baseball team in need of coach
- Community Arts & Media Project in Gravois Park does bike workshops on Saturday afternoons.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.