

**BPWNA Meeting**  
**May 19, 2005 @ 7:07**  
**57 residents in attendance**

Introductions and welcomes were made.

Minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed and approved, as was the treasurer's report, stating a balance of \$9,885.47.

**Holly Ingraham with the UM-St. Louis Public Policy Research** presented certificates to Bill Byrd and Chad Johnson for their completion of the Neighborhood Leadership Academy. During the 4-month program, the class learned community building principles, personal leadership skills and organizational management skills, as well as finding plenty of time to network with other neighborhood and community leaders.

**Aldermen Check-In**

Both Ken Ortmann and Craig Schmid were present at the meeting. Craig announced that the historic district encompassing Benton Park West was official. He also reminded residents to place their property addresses in both the front and back of their property. The aldermen are working on ways to handle nuisance noise (loud bass). Also while assessments did go up, taxes will not, as the city is limited to only a 5% increase. Ken explained that the aldermen have worked up an ordinance to restrict the use of little motorized scooters to only those individuals having a valid Missouri license, wearing a helmet and owning insurance. This ordinance complies with state law and will allow police to start citing people for illegally using the scooters.

**Presentation on Street Closings & One-Ways**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> District Captain presented a Powerpoint presentation showing the temporary road closures and one-way changes that will occur in the neighborhood. The police feel that too much traffic is flowing through the neighborhood and that by changing the traffic patterns, they believe they can reduce the crime in the area and going through the area. A lot of people that don't live in the area are the ones causing problems, so this effort will hopefully disrupt people coming into the area. It will not be a permanent solution but should last throughout the summer. Closures include: Minnesota at Juniata, Texas at Gravois, Nebraska north of Juniata, Ohio south of Arsenal, Pennsylvania south of Wyoming, Winnebago west of Jefferson and Pestalozzi east of California. A number of one-ways are also setup throughout the area.

**State Rep. Jeannette Mott-Oxford** could not attend due to a prior conflict.

**Joe Waeltermann from Southside Garden Stop** gave the feature presentation, which included a number of gardening tips, including:

- There is no such thing as a planting season – if the ground is workable, plant.
- Annuals shouldn't be bought past the end of July
- Perennials will grow for at least 3 years, not forever.
- For Fall planting, hardy pansys and mums are great.
- Dead flowers does not mean the plant is dead.
- Fertilizer Numbers: 1<sup>st</sup> – Tall & Green; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Big Flowers (vegetables); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Roots
- Stop by the Garden Stop for ice cream during the summer!

## **Committee Reports**

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1. **Block Link** – Pamela Atchley and Chris Holmes explained that the group is trying to get info out to Block Links to pass out to neighbors. It will soon become a resource for sharing neighborhood information.
2. **Community Garden** – Eric Winters promoted the Garden BBQ Kickoff on Saturday, May 21. Free food and fun for all!
3. **Communication** – Bill Byrd said that the new website will be previewed at the upcoming office open house. The newsletter was produced in the new offices. A new logo was selected at the last association meeting and will soon begin appearing on new signage.
4. **Beautification** – Contact Derrick Morris if you'd like to adopt a planter or setup an alley cleanup.
5. **Facilities** – Bill Byrd invited everyone to the offices open house on Sunday, May 22 from Noon to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Street Incubator.

### **Support Organizations' Reports**

1. **Weed & Seed** – Bill Byrd explained that the neighborhood part of Weed & Seed was extended for another year. He encouraged anyone wanting to know more about Weed & Seed to attend the monthly meetings held at Five Star Senior Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, beginning at 6pm.

### **Old Business**

1. **Yard Sale** – Plans underway to host a neighborhood yard sale in August. Stay tuned for more info.
2. **Project for Public Spaces** – Jean Durel said that the workshop was a great success and to watch for improvements to the 2600 and 2700 Blocks of Cherokee Street soon.

### **New Business**

1. **June Pot Luck** – Prior to the neighborhood meeting in June, a potluck will be held at 6 p.m.
2. **Mission** – Chad and the board presented the mission of the neighborhood association to the association for its approval. After some discussions, the mission was approved.
3. **Youth Outreach** – Anyone interested in helping to work with our Youth Outreach Team should speak with Deanna Davis or Chad Johnson.

### **Announcements**

- One resident expressed concern that the LRA was bidding up the price of its properties to get new developers into the area.
- Chris Holmes announced that he will be forming a tumbling team for neighborhood kids.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**