

## **BPWNA Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2007**

**Call To Order** – Welcome from President Eric Winters. 23 people present.

**Review of Minutes** – Phil Jarvis moved to approve minutes, Jean Sokora seconded.

**Alderman and NSO Check-In's** – Dena from the NSO's office was in attention. The neighborhood stabilization office has postcards that can be sent to property owners for various offenses. They can also check on seniors in the neighborhood if they have an address. Call or email Barb ([pottsb@stlouiscity.com](mailto:pottsb@stlouiscity.com)). Dena answered questions about graffiti issues. She then left. Alderman Ken Ortmann gave further information regarding graffiti. He recommends having the owner of establishment sign a consent sign to last the whole year so that graffiti can be taken down. Please come by the Artworks dedication. October 6<sup>th</sup> 2p-6p is the dedication for the Minnewood park new playground. They are planning refreshments, hot dogs, and a slide presentation. He mentioned the Swinging from the Parks event. Ken updated us on the Benton Park project. Two of the ponds are done, fountain is working, there is a lot of work to be done and he encourages involvement. Please contact Todd through the Benton Park website if you are interested. Ken has spoken with the company that is interested in buying the Lemp Brewery. They plan to close in April. The Garrison Company plans for residential; seven years rental and then turn to condominiums. Alderman Craig Schmid mentioned job fair at St. Louis Community College for Lumiere Place Casino on August 17<sup>th</sup> 10a-2p and they will have another one. United Way phone number is 1-800-427-4626. Provisions are occurring in the loitering and curfew ordinances. There is a meeting about the Lemp Brewery in Marine Villa on August 27<sup>th</sup> @6:30p at 3500 Lemp, Festival of Nations August 25-26 in Tower Grove Park, Operation FUN at Concordia September 29<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm, Blues & Buns Fest September 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm-7:30pm, Please call about open fire hydrants, and remind kids that the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school is August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Yard Sale** – Thanks to all the volunteers and donations. We made about \$550.

**National Night Out** – About 45 people attended. The movie was great and we are definitely looking into offering it again.

**By-Laws** – Revisions have been made to the neighborhood by-laws. They will be presented for review at the September NA meeting.

**Elections** – Nominations are in September for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations are either at the NA meeting or up to ten days after. Elections will be at the October NA meeting. We also have two new elected positions called Members-at-Large.

### **Main Presentation – Jason Deem – President of Cherokee Station Business Association**

Jason Deem updated the neighborhood about what is going on along Cherokee St. Cherokee Station is a special taxing district from Nebraska to Indiana. The Association manages money and funds. They are looking to create an image that combines the east and west sides of Cherokee. He spoke of plans that they are working on such as extending the historical plates like they have in the Antique District, causing continuity across Jefferson, and combining ad forces with them. The mayor is paying attention to Cherokee St. and Russ Carnahan recently offered \$150,000 for street improvements. Jason spoke of current and upcoming businesses and the importance of shopping in your own community. He also gave long term ideas such as WiFi availability, connecting Cherokee all the way to Grand, and changing the signage standards. He encouraged neighbors to visit their website at [www.cherokeestation.com](http://www.cherokeestation.com) to find out about businesses, provide feedback, and to let him know about anything that you would like to see on

Cherokee St. He reminded us to keep communication open between associations so that we can help bring the community up together. Tin Ceiling at 3159 Cherokee is having an event this Saturday at 8pm. PHD Gallery is also having an opening this Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements –**

-Please see Bruce after the meeting if you are interested in getting involved in the Book Club.

-Chad announced that everyone is welcome to join a group that goes to Park West Grille after the meeting.

**Adjournment – ice cream (including popsicles from Cherokee St.), popcorn, and refreshments were available at the meeting.**

**Next BPWNA meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup>**