

BPWNA Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2007

Call To Order – Welcome from President Eric Winters. 28 people present.

Review of Minutes – Bill Byrd moved to approve minutes, Jay Swoboda seconded.

Alderman and NSO Check-In's – Alderman Ken Ortmann and Alderman Craig Schmid not in attendance. Dena from the NSO's office was in attendance. She answered questions about signing up for National Night Out which is on the website. Dena is going to check calls on nuisance problem on Oregon. The neighborhood stabilization office has postcards that can be sent to property owners for various offenses. Call or email Barb (pottsb@stlouiscity.com). Dena also gave a reminder about nuisance procedures. Bill Byrd mentioned the weed/seed monthly meeting on 2nd Thursday. The time has changed to 6:30pm. Police Officers are at this meeting.

Main Presentation – Jay Swoboda – Developer with EcoUrban homes

He lives at 2727 Wyoming. Jay gave his background. He started "What's up Magazine" five years ago. His goal is to bring affordable green building to St. Louis. His first house is at 3140 Pennsylvania and he has others coming on Magnolia. He pursued the highest ecofriendly status and is LEED certified. He was the first in Missouri and the sixth in the country. He described green buildings: energy efficiency, 2x6 construction, foam insulation, windows, etc. They use thermal imaging of houses to see where heat is being lost and to compare their houses with non-green houses. Then he talked about ways we can make our houses more "green" such as fixture attachments, healthier air filters, etc. There are energy efficient mortgage refinancing opportunities. It also increases your resale value. They look at your occupancy costs. Jay then answered questions from the neighbors about future homes, other changes we can do, and described modular home building. If anyone wants to see the house on Pennsylvania it is open every Sunday from 1pm-3pm or you can email or phone Jay.

Committees and Activities –

August 4th Yard Sale – Flyers were on the table. Please spread the word. Donations can be dropped off Friday, August 3rd at Cabrini. Come on by and buy!

National Night Out – August 7th at the Cabrini parking lot. Everyone is encouraged to have there own block parties and to come out to the movie after. Bring lawn chairs/blanket and friends around 8:30-8:45pm. If it rains it will be in the gym. Please let Eric know if you can volunteer.

Announcements –

-October 20th is the Membership Appreciation Dinner. Mark your calendars!

-Mark with Black Bear Bakery 2639 Cherokee open Wed-Sat (Wed-Fri 8am-5pm and Sat 8am-3pm). They have purchased a lot in the rear of their building that they are hoping to make into a parking lot with fruit trees and a small garden. He will be coming to the next board meeting with his proposal.

-Free mulch is still available at Chippewa & California or at Carondalet Park

-Bill Byrd mentioned highlights within this month's newsletter. Check it out!

-Elections are coming up, nominations in September and elections in October

-The changes to bi-laws provide more structure and include two new board members. Anyone can come to the board meetings 2715 Cherokee 1st Tuesday of each month

Adjournment – refreshments were available at the meeting.

Next BPWNA meeting will be August 16th

