

BPWNA Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2008

Call to Order – Welcome from President Bill Byrd. 25 people present

Review of Minutes – Pam Welch moved to approve minutes, Melba Arnold seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Melba Arnold moved to approve minutes, Phil Jarvis seconded.

Introduction of Local Officials

Barb Potts – Focusing on problem properties. Please keep calling.

Committees and Activities

Beautification – Brad Rowel – Adopt a Planter Program presented. Call him if you are interested in a planter. Information flyer handed out. Building a large planter at the corner of Arsenal and Jefferson and April 26th with help of NA members we will fill other planters around the neighborhood.

Cinco de Mayo – May 3rd - Last year was a huge success and we need volunteers to make it successful this year. Three hour shifts available from 12p-8p. Please sign up on the tables or contact Carrie Sleep, vice president. Tip training happening soon.

Main Presentations

Joe Thele, Manager of St. Louis Neighborhood Stabilization Team

Joe gave his background as a Neighborhood Stabilization Officer and how the office works with other departments for quality control. He gave extensive information about the nuisance property program and the citizens' service bureau. He gave informational flyers about CSB, getting the Club for your car, and Ignition Switches. He also gave a customer satisfaction survey for residents to fill out about their experience with the neighborhood stabilization team. He answered questions.

Neighborhood Projects

PennySaver – The owner of the Penny Saver was not able to be at meeting. Bill gave out a list of items sold to attendees. The owner would like to know what items we would buy at the PennySaver. Neighbors urged to buy local and support the Pennysaver to make it a safe corner store.

Blues Festival, May 17th in Benton Park, 4p-6:30pm – Contact Bill or Melissa for more information. Flyers will be distributed soon!

Recycling Project – Blue tubs are issued for curb side pick up. The cost is discounted for the first 6 months for BPWNA. Seniors get 50% discount if they submit through BPWNA.

Dog Park – Opening planned for June/July. Work should begin next month.

Volunteer Incentive – Gardening, Cinco de Mayo, Yard Sale, Fundraisers, Five Star events, Easter Event. Get an apron at the end of the year if served 40+ hours. Keep track of all hours served. Board members are not eligible. Call or email Bill with ideas or questions.

Announcements

-Barb Potts and Police Officers in attendance answered questions about loitering laws, vandalizing, loud music, and the 3300 block of Ohio.

Adjournment – bagels, muffins, coffee, and other breakfast snacks were available at the meeting.