

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2015

Call to order – 6:31 pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Absent
 - b. Vice Present, Becky Martinez, Absent
 - c. Secretary, Scott McIntosh, Present
 - d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - e. Member At-Large, Dan Geary, Present
 - f. Member At-Large, Roz Ball, Absent
 - g. Block Link, Vacant
 - h. Communications, Bill Byrd, Present
 - i. Finance, Frank Becker, Present
 - j. Membership – Karen Becker, Present
 - k. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Absent
 - l. Community Garden, Vacant
 - m. Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Absent
 - n. Facilities, Bill Byrd
 - o. Fundraising, Bill Byrd
 - p. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
 - q. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
 - r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent
2. Review and acceptance of September Board Meeting Minutes – Dan Geary moves, Frank Becker seconds, passes
3. Review August Treasurer’s Report and 2015 Budget
4. Standing Committees
 - a. Block Link
 - b. Communications
 - c. Finance
 - d. Membership
5. Special Committees
 - a. Beautification
 - b. Community Garden
 - i. Have ornamental plants for Monarch garden that need to be planted at corner of Jefferson and Arsenal
 - ii. Need a day to plan site and another date for planting
 - c. Dog Park
 - d. Facilities
 - e. Fundraising
 - i. Square
 - I. Square is moving to new hardware for chips; not using the chip adds more cost
 - II. Looking into cost for new readers
 - ii. Oktoberfest
 - I. Sales and tips totaled \$17,380.69
 - II. Total hours worked by 3 NA’s: 576.75
 - III. \$/Volunteer Hours = \$30.13

- IV. BPW Hours = 122.75 hours (21% of hours worked)
- V. BPW's take is **\$3,698.46**
- VI. Start bank was \$4K
- VII. Credit card payments to BPW = \$10,226.39
- VIII. One check to Marine Villa for \$3,939.50 - hold until Bill double checks the numbers

- f. Housing
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - i. Still seeking a chair
 - h. Youth Outreach
 - i. No official chair, but Pam still plans Trunk or Treat and Easter Eggstravaganza
6. Guest Presenter: Kerry Soraci, I Scream Cakes
- a. Seeking a letter of support for a liquor license
 - b. Add alcohol to ice cream
 - i. Beer floats, etc.
 - c. Not interested in being a bar
 - d. Would extend hours on weekend; Fri-Sun until 10 or 11 pm
 - e. Have all necessary signatures
 - f. Bill Byrd moves to offer a letter of support, Karen Becker seconds, passes
7. Discussion Items
- a. Peter and Paul: Garfield Commons and Garfield Place Apartment signage
 - i. Sign Crafters is the maker
 - ii. Sign is too large by City codes, seeking a variance
 - iii. Bill Byrd moves to offer a letter of support for Peter & Paul's signs, Dan Geary seconds, passes
 - b. Reimburse Linda Hennigh \$46.35 for Oktoberfest snacks – Bill Byrd moves, Karen Becker seconds, passes
 - c. Dog Park
 - i. Get the fountain winterized; look at options for the spring
 - ii. Linda will find out if it's considered a park.
 - I. If so, the City would trim the trees.
 - II. If we need to trim the trees, we need to get quotes to trim or remove
 - iii. Mowing
 - I. Chris has a \$150 check for Adrien Martinez
 - II. Chris needs a second check for final payment to Adrien
 - III. Investigate mowing options for 2016 in February meeting
 - a. Buy a mower?
 - b. Pay for someone to mow
 - d. Action Items
8. Review October Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda
- a. Elections – only one nominee per category – suspend the by-laws and motion to accept slate of nominees
 - b. Cherokee Neighborhoods Happy Hour (10/22): Byrd & Barrel – Marina Villa
 - c. Trunk or Treat, Sun, Oct 25
 - d. Add Dog Park Trick or Treat, Sat, Oct 31 from 10am-12 pm
9. Open Forum
10. Adjournment – Dan Geary moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes at 8:10 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. All
 - a. Bring \$1 for 50/50 at Membership Meeting
2. Becky
3. Bill
 - a. Follow up on copier (wrong finisher, doesn't have scanning)
 - b. New neighbor packets
 - c. Follow up with Eddie Pour on Fair St. Louis
 - d. Follow up with Sara on the newsletter
 - e. Send Scott list of Porch sponsors to add to Weekly Porch
4. Chris
 - a. Name the dog park; took a vote in April Meeting. Now Benton Bark Dog Park.
 - b. Need a sign for the dog park
 - c. Reference October Board Meeting Minutes for additional items
5. Dan
6. Frank
 - a. Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
 - b. Send bio (Karen will send)
 - c. Send headshot if you want it added to the website
 - d. Document on Treasurer's Report that Budget for copier lease and copier maintenance will be higher
 - e. Update copier lease and maintenance on budget (check with Bill)
7. Karen
 - a. January – Membership Proposal
8. Linda
 - a. Board and NA meeting agendas
 - i. Ask residents to email membership about new home owners on their block
 - b. Put page numbers on the Board meeting agenda
 - c. NOM – Dan Geary is willing to work on impact statements, so Linda will show him how to do it
9. Scott
 - a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
 - b. Letters of support
 - c. Website
 - i. Add monthly Board and Membership meeting minutes
 - ii. Add Porch newsletter sponsors to Weekly Porch; check printed version for list
 - d. Housing Committee
 - i. Post update BPW real estate listings on Fridays
 - ii. Schedule housing meetings; same day as Housing Corporation. If City wants a meeting or not, we'll meet.