

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Attendance: 41

Board

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
 - Vice President – Becky Martinez, Present
 - Secretary – Scott McIntosh, Present
 - Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
 - Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
 - Member At-Large – Vacant
1. Call to order – 7:03 pm
 2. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Clowder House renewed
 - b. Carrie Sleep renewed
 - c. Wade, 2700 block of Wyoming
 - d. Margaret Kuehl, Shaw, interested investment properties in BPW
 3. Review and approve March meeting minutes – Mandy Mankin moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes
 4. Review of April Board meeting minutes
 5. Review and approve March Treasurer's Report – Libby moves, Jerry Monti seconds, passes
 6. NOM
 - a. Court Advocacy – write letters and appear in court during sentencing to get stronger sentences and/or neighborhood order of protection against repeat offenders
 - b. Have a resident who is now willing to lead this for BPW
 7. Operation Brightside
 - a. Can pick a date and do whenever we want, not assigned a date
 - b. Go to their website and pick a date to get supplies delivered
 - c. Clean up your alley and sidewalks
 8. Guest Speaker: Better Together STL
 - a. Joe Wilson, Associate Director of Research
 - b. Nonprofit group examining metro areas municipalities, fire, police, and other services
 - c. Examining how a local government works in the STL region
 - i. Public finance
 - ii. Economic development
 - iii. Public health
 - iv. Public safety
 - v. Parks, recreation, and infrastructure
 - vi. Administration
 - d. Performing 6 community based studies; 3 are completed and reports are on their site
 - e. 90 different business licensing agencies in the metro area; all with varying criteria
 - f. Goal to produce a body of information for citizens to make informed decisions about how to best run/leverage/utilize our resources and governments
 9. Guest Speaker: Humane Society
 - a. Suzy Easton, volunteer, 314-259-2589 or 314-705-2589

- b. Super SNIP – partnership with PetSmart for free spay and neutering PLUS rabies and distemper vaccinations
 - c. Vaccinations help prevent certain cancers
 - d. Spay and neuter cuts down on aggression and roaming
 - e. Also cuts the pet population; available for street cats/dogs
 - f. Humane Society is off Mackland near Manchester Ave
 - g. Call to make an appointment, 314-802-5717
 - h. City Kitties is offering free transportation for pets and their owner to Humane Society for these services
10. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
- a. Crime Report
 - i. Hot Spot in TGE and Gravois Park last month, so does help BPW
 - ii. 20-30 arrests during hot spots
 - iii. 50 traffic stops, 70 tickets written
 - iv. Car break-ins up
 - v. 13 larcenies; mostly from vehicles
 - b. Quarterly Central Patrol Community Meeting: June 11, 6:30 pm, Five Star Senior Center
11. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Dena Hibbard
- a. If you see an abandoned car or tire, call Citizens Service Bureau (CSB)
 - b. 3200 blocks of Michigan and Minnesota have problem properties
 - i. Make calls to the police if you see anything
 - ii. Let NSO know if you make a call to the police
12. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
- a. California Do-Nuts is to reopen after a rehab
 - b. St. Louis Community Credit Union
 - i. Building should be demo'd by end of the school year
 - ii. May need some remediation from former gas station
 - c. MODOT – Gravois Street Closures
 - i. Oregon, and Sidney are two streets that can't be closed and is working to ensure they don't get blocked
 - ii. Looking to replace and coordinate the street lights along Gravois
 - iii. Also looking to improve safety as 6-way intersections; thinking about future bike lanes
 - d. Alley Paving – send Ken an email or call if there's an alley that is really bad, needs paving
 - e. DeSales projects on Ohio are underway, demo is done
13. St. Louis Library
- a. Celebrating milestones of libraries
 - b. 109th Birthday in September for Barr Branch; first Carnaghi library in STL
14. Salvation Army Seeding Sale
- a. Order now and pick up on May 5
 - b. Vegetable and flowers
 - c. Call to place orders
15. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough
- a. Cinco de Mayo STL on Sat, May 2 from 11-9 pm, parade at 1:11 pm
 - b. IndiHop – splits profits with neighborhoods
 - c. Elaine's Sandwich shop is opening on the 2300 block of Cherokee
 - d. Angel Boutique is opening in old Globe Variety store
 - e. Bridge Bread is opening under Nebula; baked goods made by and to support homeless

16. Upcoming Events

- a. Cherokee Neighborhoods Happy Hour
 - i. Thurs, April 28 @ 6-8 pm
 - ii. City Bistro, Gravois Ave in Benton Park West
 - iii. Wear your BPW t-shirt
- b. Cinco de Mayo
 - i. Sat, May 2
 - ii. Walk in the parade, starts at 1:11 pm at Cherokee and Michigan
 - iii. Also able to walk with your dog under the BPW Dog Park banner (Benton Park potential name of park); contact Mandy Mankin
- c. Cherokee Neighborhoods' Night at the Ballpark
 - i. Monday, May 4, 7:10 pm
 - ii. \$26 for members, \$30 for non-members
 - iii. Wear your BPW t-shirt
- d. IndiHop
 - i. Sat, May 30
 - ii. If you want to volunteer, please contact Linda Hennigh
- e. Craig Schmidt, former 20th Ward Alderman, thank you for your years of service!

17. Prizes

- a. Attendance Prizes
 - i. Outdoor Lighting: Wade
 - ii. Bottle of Wine w/holder: Anne McCullough
 - iii. Fan on a stand: Bill Byrd
- b. 50/50: \$19.50 won by Carrie Sleep

18. Adjournment – Rev Paula Cooper moves, Mandy Mankin seconds, passes at 8:41 pm