

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2018

Call to order – 6:35pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Scott McIntosh, **Present**
 - b. Vice Present, Alison Hillman, Absent
 - c. Secretary, Ashtyn Baldas, Absent
 - d. Treasurer, John Simons, **Present**
 - e. Member At-Large, Jason Hillman, Absent
 - f. Member At-Large, Tim Thomas, Absent
 - g. Block Link, Chris Schmidt, **Present**
 - h. Communications, Scott McIntosh
 - i. Membership – Charlene Young, Absent
 - j. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Absent
 - k. Community Garden, Linda Hennigh, **Present**
 - l. Dog Park, Jeni Poole, **Present**
 - m. Facilities, Bill Byrd, **Present**
 - n. Fundraising, Vacant
 - o. Housing Committee, Scott McIntosh
 - p. Quality of Life and Safety, Vacant
 - q. Youth Outreach, Darren Young, **Present**
 - r. Cherokee Street Liaison
2. Meeting Opened – Scott opened at 6:45pm
3. Review of Presidents Report as presented.
4. Review of October Board Meeting Minutes – Bill moved, Chris seconded, motion passed
5. Review of November Board Meeting Minutes – Chris moved, John seconded, motion passed
6. Review November Treasurer’s Report – Several items were noted as needing change
 - a. Dog Park Member(s)
 - b. Ball Tickets moved – check with Alison
7. Standing Committees
 - a. Block Link - None
 - b. Membership report - None
 - c. Communications – Reviewed report
 - i. Suggestion to have some sort of bar graph for 2018 at the next NA meeting for the website metrics for blog entries, including “Throwback Thursday”.

8. Special Committees

- a. Beautification - None
- b. Community Garden – Reviewed Report. Soil from neighbor not able to be moved due to freezing. This is a great savings when not having to buy soil.
- c. Dog Park
 - i. Aeration completed by John – payment request submitted.
 - ii. Noted the need for fertilizer every 3 months to retain the correct PH balance.
 - iii. Discussion around T-shirts through STyLeHouse. T-Shirt mockup was shown on phone. A proposal for 12 shirts, to start, will be presented in January
- d. Facilities – Submitted request for payment of last half of 2018 for rent to TSA.
- e. Fundraising - None
- f. Housing - None
- g. Quality of Life and Safety - None
- h. Youth Outreach – Darren’s schedule is changing due to school, work and the upcoming birth of the baby. While he hopes to remain involved, he is actively seeking another chair.

9. Discussion Items –

- a. SLACO – Linda’s report was reviewed. Discussion around the conference in February. Fees for the SLACO conference were presented. Bill moved to pay the \$ 150 fee, John seconded, the motion passed. This an organizational fee and entrance tickets.
- b. Storage for organizational documents – Options, as presented by Scott, were discussed. Currently we are with Drop Box, paying for four full accounts. After review of the variety of options, a consensus was to reduce the number of accounts which would equate to reducing the cost by half. Chris moved to reduce the number of accounts to two, retaining the President and Secretary accounts. Jeni seconded; the motion passed.
- c. Board Transition –
 - i. Scott noted the open board positions and suggested all to think about helping to find people to fill the empty positions.
 - ii. Bank records – John will coordinate the change with Linda
 - iii. Current board needs to review their area of the budget and bring their suggestions for income and expenses to the January board meeting.
- d. Planning meeting –
 - i. Scott asked the board to review the calendar of events and be prepared to help build the calendar for 2019.
 - ii. The January Board meeting proper will be abbreviated, allowing for an initial budget meeting the same evening.
 - iii. As needed, another budget meeting will be scheduled.

10. Review (Current Month) Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda – No changes

11. Open Forum - None

12. Adjournment - Bill moved to adjourn, Chris seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm