

## **Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting**

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Attendance: 50

### Board Members

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
- Vice President – Scott McIntosh, Present
- Secretary – Libby Martin, Present
- Communications - Bill Byrd, Present
- Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
- Membership - Karen Becker, Present
- Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
- Member At-Large – Marlow Duggar, Present

1. Call to order – 7:00 pm
2. Linda - Announcements
  - a. Still memberships available in Community Garden
  - b. Salvation Army Yard Sale - May 7 2016
  - c. Volunteers needed for Block Link program
    - i. One volunteer signed up
    - ii. Need 29 volunteers
3. Review and approve March 17, 2016 meeting minutes – Dan Geary moves, Eddie Schmidt seconds, passes
4. Review of March 7 2016 Board meeting minutes
5. Review and approve March 2016 Treasurer's Report – Pam Welsh moves, Libby Martin seconds, passes
6. Review 2016 Budget
7. Visitors and New Members
  - a. Phil - lives in 2700 block of Arsenal
  - b. Stephanie Larsen and Nick Stalker -lives on Wyoming
  - c. Jim and Joe - live at Wyoming and Iowa
  - d. Enid - lives on California
  - e. Al Neal lives on Wyoming
  - f. Vivian Petty - a volunteer teacher from Five Star - not from BPW
  - g. New Members Phil and Gail
8. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
  - a. Reviewed crime statistics for neighborhood
    - i. Total crime for neighborhood down 16% for year
    - ii. Larcenies down
    - iii. Arrest was made for burglary - stealing out of cars
    - iii. Strong lead on graffiti artist "Steadfast"
9. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov
  - a. Two arrests made in last week in neighborhood
    - i. Stealing from porches
    - ii. Stealing from stores on Cherokee

- iii. Have graffiti artist "Steadfast Marvin" and "Ernie" on camera
    - iv. Graffiti artist "Super" was arrested
  - b. Barb will have another hip replacement May 17 2016
    - i. Will be out four weeks
- 10. Steve from Probation and Parole
  - a. Probation and Parole will be out May 7 2016 performing community service
  - b. Send address to Linda of alleys that need cleaning
- 11. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
  - a. Give your name and address to Ken for 50/50 sidewalk list
  - b. Give your name and address to Ken for Street Tree list
    - i. Will be planted in late spring and late fall
  - c. May 17 2016 5:30 - 8:30 pm- Democratic Club fundraiser "Spring Wing Fling"
  - d. LED bulbs for parks in 9th Ward
    - i. Will be started in late summer
    - ii. Will cost approximately \$10,000
  - e. Cameras for intersections connected to police
    - i. In discussion - money not approved by Board of Aldermen
- 12. St. Louis Library: Tonya Joy, Barr Branch Manager
  - a) Absent
- 13. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough, absent, Jason Deem, present
  - a) New restaurant "MexCal" opening at 2818 Cherokee
  - b) Peoples' Joy Parade May 7 2016 begins at 1:11 pm at Nebraska and Cherokee
  - c) Possible Cherokee Mural project - meetings beginning - third Thursday of month
  - d) Cherokee first neighborhood with new LED lighting to replace "old" cobra lighting
- 14. Upcoming Events - Scott McIntosh - Vice President
  - a) April Happy Hour will be at Blue Pearl - Thursday, April 28 4 - 8 pm
  - b) Volunteer for Earth Day Clean Up on Cherokee - this Friday, April 22, 2016
  - c) Neighborhood Booth at Cinco de Mayo - can use Sign Up Genius to volunteer
  - d) April 23 2016 - Work Day at Flower Garden
    - i. Planting 1000 bulbs
  - e) Indi Hop - Saturday, May 21 2016
    - i. Cherokee and Grove neighborhoods fund raisers

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- 15. Adjournment –Shelly Veres moves, Rev. Paula Cooper seconds, passes- meeting adjourns 8:20 pm

## **SOCIAL HOUR**