

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2015

Call to order – 6:29 pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
 - 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, Vacant
 - g. Block Link, Vacant
 - h. Communications, Bill Byrd, Present
 - i. Finance, Frank Becker, Present
 - j. Membership – Karen Becker, Absent
 - k. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Present
 - l. Community Garden, Vacant
 - m. Dog Park, Mandy Mankin, Absent
 - n. Facilities, Bill Byrd
 - o. Fundraising, Vacant
 - p. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
 - q. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Present
 - r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent
2. BOX
 - a. 3350 Ohio (behind Whiskey Ring)
 - b. Sarah Michelson and Willow Rosen owners
 - c. Sexual health, healthy relationships, etc
 - d. Provide classes, workshops, and individual counseling
 - i. Class sizes cap at 20
 - ii. Support groups less than 10
 - e. Shop doors will be open 12-9 pm
 - f. Appointments only for counseling
 - g. 800 sq ft divided in half between midwifery (consulting) and BOX shop
 - h. Opaque curtains in the windows of BOX with sign about age restrictions (state law)
 - i. Looking at sandwich board on the sidewalk (possibly in front of Whiskey Ring)
 - i. No images or words not suitable for children would be visible
 - j. Going for a healthy, more artistic look than a traditional sex shop
 - k. Would like a letter of support for Alderman Ortmann
3. Dan McCarthy, Reconditioned Appliances
 - a. 3434 Gravois Ave
 - b. Has worked for Sears and Goedecker's doing repairs
 - c. Retired and would like to open his own used appliance company
 - d. Repairs and resales appliances
 - e. Has a Freon certification
 - f. Save the for rent sign and decided on the building
 - g. Not allowed to have appliances on the sidewalk
 - h. Scrap metal or parts will be taken to scrap yards
 - i. Hours: Mon-Fri 9-7 pm, Sat 10-5 pm, closed Sun
 - j. Loading dock in the back

- k. Mostly Whirlpool and Maytag resales
 - l. Will also fix appliances for others; will come to your home as well
 - m. Hope to open May 1, conditional use hearing April 23
 - n. Signage: Looking to put on top of building (4ft x 16 ft)
 - o. Email: Deal3325@hughes.net
4. Court Advocacy
- a. Linda will meet with Cletus Terrell Wednesday at her house
 - b. Cletus is looking to head up NOM for Court Advocacy
 - c. Letter to Circuit Attorney's office about criminals from our neighborhood
5. Review and acceptance of March Board Meeting Minutes – Bill Byrd moves, Frank Becker seconds, passes
6. Review March Treasurer's Report and 2015 Budget
7. Standing Committees
- a. Block Link
 - b. Communications
 - c. Finance
 - d. Membership
8. Special Committees
- a. Beautification
 - b. Community Garden
 - c. Dog Park
 - d. Facilities
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Housing
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - h. Youth Outreach
9. Discussion Items
- a. Action Items
 - b. Cinco de Mayo
 - i. Sat, May 2
 - ii. Walk in the parade; donation of \$25; Bill Byrd moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes
 - iii. Dunking Booth (paid for by Cinco de Mayo)
 - iv. Table will be manned 10-6 pm; 2 hours per neighborhood
 - v. Suggestion for next year: Photo booth
 - vi. Sign-up sheet at NA meeting, then online
 - c. South Side 4-Ever
 - i. Arthur Norman, youth activities
 - ii. Get together with BPW to see how we can coordinate activities
 - d. Gateway Greening \$100 annual insurance: Bill Byrd moves, Stephanie McKinney seconds, passes
 - e. MODOT Street Closing in BPW
 - i. Have maps at NA meeting
 - ii. Will scan maps and email out to listserv
 - iii. Comments in ASAP; planters will be out in May
 - iv. Will collect feedback and then do permanent changes (sidewalks, trees, etc)
 - f. Fiesta Cabrini, Sat, April 25
10. Review April Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda

11. Open Forum
12. Adjournment – Scott McIntosh moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes at 9:13 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. All
 - a. Bring \$1 for 50/50 at Membership Meeting
2. Becky
 - a. Take t-shirt and cards to Melt to be displayed for sale
 - b. Send bio
3. Bill
 - a. Ensure dog park application has new phone number
 - b. Follow up on copier (wrong finisher, doesn't have scanning)
 - c. July talk to Dan Gunther about Oktoberfest
4. Dan
 - a. Send bio
 - b. Send headshot if you want it added to the website
5. 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. Update copier lease and maintenance on budget (check with Bill)
6. Karen
 - a. Welcome Wagon proposal
7. Linda
 - a. Board and NA meeting agendas
 - i. Ensure Cards vs Cubs game is on agenda
 - ii. Ask residents to email membership about new home owners on their block
 - b. Put page numbers on the Board meeting agenda
 - c. Pay to join SLACO; ask director to speak to Membership Meeting
 - d. Questionnaire for NA meeting: Box, MODOT
8. Mandy
 - a. Name the dog park
9. Pam
 - a. NAB work – need more people involved
 - b. Send info to Scott and Bill to promote
10. Scott
 - a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
 - b. Send monthly reminder to Anne about membership meeting; if she can't make it to send report for me to share at meeting
 - c. Include Cherokee Games and Cherokee Neighborhoods Meeting Minutes in Communications Report; ensure Bill has for the report.
 - d. Letters of support
 - e. 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.
 - f. Website
 - i. Add monthly Board and Membership meeting minutes

ii. Update headshots for Frank and Dan