

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Attendance: 38

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 –Eddie Schmid, Present

1. Call to order – 7:04 pm
2. Review and approve April 21, 2016 meeting minutes – Pam Welsch moves, Dan Geary seconds seconds, passes
3. Review of May 9 7 2016 Board meeting minutes
4. Reviewed and approved May 2016 Treasurer’s Report – Libby Martin moves, Shelle Severs seconds, passes
5. Reviewed 2016 Budget
6. Linda introduced 2016 BPW Board Members
7. Guest Speaker: District 3 Commander - Captain Shawn Dace
 - Has been a police officer for 25 years
 - He has been Captain of Third District for three months
 - Reviewed crime statistics for BPWN for last three months
 - Overall crime down 12%
 - Only increase - in burglaries which were up 18 % over last year
 - Gave web site address for St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department
 - Spoke about the police department's minority recruitment program - Sgt. Bill Clinton and Sgt. Christy Allen run the education program
 - Spoke about "Basketball League" 18-35 year old African American men /former offenders
 - Required to go to life skill classes
 - Parenting classes
 - STD awareness classes
 - Civic responsibility classes (voting, etc.)
8. Guest Speaker: Mayor Francis Slay
 - Earnings tax passed with 72% approval - it will bring \$170 million for the City Budget
 - Spoke about the preliminary approval to keep NGA in St. Louis
 - the final decision will be announced June 3, 2016
 - It will be a 1.5 billion dollar project with 1000 new construction jobs
 - Will keep 3100 jobs in St. Louis
 - Total crime in St. Louis has decreased by 53% in the last ten years
 - Two areas where crime is up are homicides and aggravated assaults

9. Visitors and New Members
 - Terry and Jerry Vanderwehr on 3300 block of California
 - Liz Gerard bought house at 3338 Oregon
 - Justine - the Director of Energy Care program at Wyoming and California
 - Shannon and Bryan renewed their membership
10. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
 - a. Absent
11. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov
 - a. Absent - recovering from hip surgery - will be out six weeks
12. Tonya Joy - Library Lady - Barr Branch Library Manager
 - There will be a Saturday Reading Club starting Saturday, May 21, 2016
 - There will be Summer Camps at Barr Branch
 - Classes are limited to 20
 - June 6 - 10 10:30 am - 12 noon -Kitchen class for grades 3 - 5
 - July 11 - 15 Theater Class for grades 3-5
13. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
 - Allman Builders, LLC rehabbed 3000-04 Texas
 - Rubicon, Inc. - will receive Builder of the Year award for 2739 Arsenal
 - Tim Kane rehabbed 2924 McNair (listed at \$399,000)
 - Award for Most Enhanced property from Landmark
 - Roosevelt High School Annual Football Breakfast Fundraiser - May 29 2016
 - Five Star *Summer Cool Down* will be in June - details next meeting
 - \$40,000 has been allocated for ward street trees
 - \$50,000 has been allocated for the 50/50 sidewalk program
 - \$20,000 has been allocated for the LED lights for ward parks
 - \$50,000 has been allocated for new Refuse Dumpsters
 - \$50,000 has be allocated for Cherokee Antique Row LED lights
 - \$100,000 has been allocated for St. Louis Works (paving alleys)
 - Nebraska to Jefferson alleys will be paved later this year
14. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough, absent, Jason Deem, present
 - Gave a check to Linda for BPWN volunteers at Cinco de Mayo
 - New jewelry store opening at California and Cherokee
 - New restaurant - *Propaganda* to open May 25 at 2732 Cherokee
15. Upcoming Events / Announcements - Scott McIntosh - Vice President
 - Roosevelt Football Breakfast Fundraiser - May 29 2016 - Noon - 7 pm
 - *Pics in the Park* event at BPWN Dog Park - Sunday, June 26, 2016
 - Still need volunteers for BPWN booth at Fair St. Louis - Saturday, July 2, 2016
 - Also need volunteers for t the Fair St. Louis parking lots
 - The Community Flower Garden at California and Wyoming has a work day the first Saturday of each month - need volunteers
 - The 50/50 money collected at meetings is used for the neighborhood gardens, expenses for the newsletter
 - BPW will not be volunteering at the 2016 Oktoberfest
16. New business at 3000 Wyoming - Twists, Locs and Coils Hair Salon, LLC
 - There will be a Board of Adjustment meeting June 1 2016 at 1:30 pm
 - Discussion about sending letter of approval fo r business

- Neutral vote by show of hands
- Anne McCullough in favor - there are no African American salons in the area
- Linda and Scott will meet with owner and attend Board of Adjustment meeting

Attendance Prizes / 50/50:

17. Adjournment –Eddie Schmid moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes- meeting adjourns
8:50 pm

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