

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2015

Call to order – 6:33 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, Present
 - 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. Project Raise the Roof
 - a. Natalie Vowell, Founder and Executive Director
 - b. 3016 Iowa – property donated to Project Raise the Roof
 - c. Now on Sheriff's Land Tax Sale
 - d. Will give away, but there are \$7,400 on back taxes
 - e. City would want \$2,400 in back taxes immediately and then a payment plan
 - f. Will need at least \$10k on rehab
 - i. Was renovated a few years ago, but has been stripped by vandals
 - ii. Needs foundation work as well; basement floor was removed
 - iii. Ferrell cats have gotten in as well
 - g. Interested buyers can contact Natalie, 314-467-0127 or projectraisetherooft1@gmail.com
3. Review and acceptance of April Board Meeting Minutes – Bill Byrd moves, Frank Becker seconds, passes
4. Review April Treasurer's Report and 2015 Budget
5. Standing Committees
 - a. Block Link
 - b. Communications
 - i. July 3 deadline for Q3 Porch Review
 - c. Finance
 - d. Membership
6. Special Committees
 - a. Beautification
 - b. Community Garden
 - c. Dog Park

- d. Facilities
 - e. Fundraising
 - i. Still waiting on check for Mardi Gras
 - ii. Fair St. Louis
 - I. July 2 from 5- 11:30 pm
 - II. Location is next to the statue of St. Louis on Art Hill
 - III. Will have an AB build-a-bar
 - IV. Will likely have a separate tent for water and soda sales
 - V. Won't have to buy broken cases since we're the first day
 - VI. Possible shuttles from WUSTL and Forest Park CC
 - VII. Will have beer tickets
 - VIII. One tablet for payments
 - IX. SMART training online; approx. 20 minutes
 - X. Submit list of volunteers for background checks
 - f. Housing
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - h. Youth Outreach
7. Discussion Items
- a. Action Items
 - b. Sheriff's Land Tax Sale
 - i. Tues, May 19 at 9 am
 - ii. Linda is going if anyone wants to go too
 - c. NOM – Court Advocacy Charges
 - i. Gained a few signatures from Cherokee Station Business Association
 - d. IndiHop
 - i. Sat, May 30 from 1-7 pm
 - ii. Need 3-6 more volunteers
 - iii. 2 hour shifts
 - iv. Need to have tip jars
 - v. Possibly sell BPW t-shirts and/or pretzel necklaces
8. Review April Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda
9. Open Forum
10. Adjournment – Bill Byrd moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes at 8:15 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. Follow up on copier (wrong finisher, doesn't have scanning)
 - b. 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. Ask residents to email membership about new home owners on their block
 - b. Put page numbers on the Board meeting agenda
 - c. Discuss paying to join SLACO after May meeting with director speaks
8. Mandy
- a. Name the dog park; took a vote in April Meeting. Now Benton Bark Dog Park.
 - b. Need a sign for the dog park
9. 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