

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Attendance: 48

### 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 by Linda Hennigh – 7:00 pm
2. Dan Geary - NOM - Cory Palmer, arrested for murder on Texas Avenue two years ago, now has a lawyer and a trial date will be set as soon as possible
3. Bill Byrd will be selling 50/50 tickets throughout the meeting
4. Review of September 22, 2016 BPWNA meeting minutes – Allison Hillman moves to accept, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes
5. Reviewed October 10, 2016 Board Meeting minutes
6. Reviewed and approved September 2016 Treasurer’s Report – Libby Martin moves to accept, Eddie Schmid seconds, passes
7. Reviewed 2016 Budget
8. Visitors
  - City of St. Louis Comptroller - Darlene Green
  - Marius Johnson- Malone - Deputy Director Community Based Studies - *Better Together*
  - Patrick Brown - Chief Resilience Officer, City of St. Louis
  - Catherine
  - Sarah Weeks, 3300 Nebraska
  - Michael
9. New Members
  - No new members
10. Tonya Joy - Library Lady - Barr Branch Library Manager
  - absent
11. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, [pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov)
  - absent
12. Guest Speaker - City of St. Louis - Darlene Green
  - New Program - called Green HELP (handout)
  - Low interest home loans for energy efficiency improvements
  - For city of St. Louis residents single family home owners
  - Maximum loan value up to \$15,000 per applicant
  - Repayment term - up to 10 years
  - Interest rate: 2.11%
  - Have to occupy home for life of loan

- For information - 1 877.708.3456 8 - 5 Monday-Friday or Email - info@GreenHELPStLouis.com
13. Guest Speaker - Marius Johnson- Malone - Deputy Director Community Based Studies - *Better Together* - 501-C Non Profit organization (handout)
    - There are 90 independent municipalities making up the St. Louis area
    - There is a Focus on internal competition over regional growth
    - There is a disparity in services and allocation of resources
    - There is an inability to formulate and execute a vision for regional success
    - There Must be a will to change
    - Contact: *BetterTogetherSTL.com* for more information
  14. Guest Speaker - Patrick R. Brown, Chief Resilience Officer, City of St. Louis (handout)
    - 2-year project - Funded by Rockefeller Foundation
    - Rockefeller Foundation picked 100 Resilient Cities throughout the US
    - Goal : to Improve St. Louis' Resilience Strategy ( the ability to maintain essential function if threatened by acute shocks and chronic stresses)
    - Need to determine the city's acute shocks and chronic stresses
    - 1st year - draft a data-informed Resilience Strategy
    - 2nd year - implement the strategy
    - Contact: *PatrickBrown@resilientSTL.com*
  15. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, [pmclancy@slmpd.org](mailto:pmclancy@slmpd.org)
    - Overall Crime statistics in the BPWN are down - Officer Clancy passed out a handout with the latest statistics
    - Extended discussion concerning an incident in early October in 3300 Cherokee
    - Officer Clancy urged anyone seeing a suspicious incident to call the "regular" police
  16. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
    - Kick Off Meeting for *Gravois-Jefferson Historic Neighborhood Plan* - a community driven planning process encompassing the Benton Park West, Gravois Park and NE Dutchtown neighborhoods - November 1, 2 016 at 2720 Cherokee
    - *Guns n Hoses* - Fund Raiser - amateur boxing match between St. Louis police and firemen to raise money for *Back Stoppers* - Wednesday, November 23 2016, \$35 ticket
    - Shepherd School rehab project has their building permits and will begin early 2017
    - Credit Union project at Oregon and Gravois progressing quickly - estimated completion spring 2017
    - The Dog Park on Utah and Nebraska has new LED lights
    - Companies working on multiple projects to improve BPWN - Allman Builders, Rubicon, Inc., DeSales Housing and Jeff Mugg
  17. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough, Jason Deem, absent
    - New Business - 2720 Rkde - arcade games opening at 2720 Cherokee (upstairs)
    - New Business - Little Dipper - restaurant
    - New Business - Bee Side - restaurant with burgers and juke box
    - Cherokee Trick or Treat - October 31 - 5 - 7 pm
    - Cherokee Print events - December 3 2016
    - Cherokee cookie spree (east and west of Jefferson) - December 3-4, 2016
    - Yaquis - hosting a movie *Never More Jazz* - November 5
  18. Randy Stiles - owner of *STL Style* House at 3159 Cherokee
    - Has won a YELP contest for the best new company in 100 Cities

- Will attend a conference in San Francisco
19. Upcoming Events / Announcements - Scott McIntosh - Vice President  
There will be a potluck dinner in place of the Thursday, November 17th neighborhood meeting
- October Neighborhood Happy Hour will be held October 27, 2017 at Blue Pearl on Cherokee, 5-8 pm
  - Benton Park neighborhood Halloween event and parade - October 29 2016, starts 3 pm at 3015 Salena
  - There will not be a Neighborhood Meeting in December
20. Events/Announcements - Pam Welsh
- Trunk or Treat October 30, 2016 on Salvation Army parking lot at Arsenal and Iowa - starts at 4 pm and ends when the candy is gone
  - Need more volunteers
21. Events/Announcements - Chris Schmidt
- Dog Park- there will be a *Howl-a-Ween* event October 29 2016 10 - Noon
22. Events/ announcements - Linda Hennigh
- SLACO Regional Neighborhood Conference October 29, 2016 at Henry Givens Administration Building (information sheet in meeting packet)
  - Tickets are \$30 /See Linda after meeting if interested
23. 2017 Board Members announced
- Scott McIntosh - President
  - Allison Hillman - Vice President
  - Liz Gerard -Secretary
  - Jessica White - Treasurer
  - Eddie Schmid - Member at Large
  - Jason Hillman - Member at Large
24. Adjournment –Scott McIntosh moves to adjourn, Allison Hillman seconds, passes, meeting adjourns at 8:30 pm

Attendance Prizes and 50/50:

## **SOCIAL HOUR**