

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association

Executive Board Meeting – Five Star Senior Center

Tuesday, October 07, 2014

1. Call to order 6:35 pm
2. Roll Call
  - a. President – Linda Hennigh, **Present**
  - b. Vice President – Carrie Sleep, **Present**
  - c. Secretary – Scott McIntosh, **Present**
  - d. Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh, **Present**
  - e. Member At-Large – Becky Martinez, Absent
  - f. Member At-Large – Vacant
  - g. Membership Committee – Beck Martinez
  - h. Block Link – Vacant
  - i. Communications – Bill Byrd, **Present**
  - j. Facilities – Bill Byrd
  - k. Dog Park Committee – Mandy Mankin, Absent
  - l. Youth Outreach – Pam Welsh, **Present**
  - m. Quality of Life and Safety – Carrie Sleep
  - n. Beautification – Vacant
  - o. Community Garden – Jake Roeckle and Leland Drexler-Russell , Absent
  - p. Finance and Fundraising – Suzy Hennigh
  - q. Cherokee Street Liaison – Anne McCullough, Absent
3. Guests
  - a. Shelley and Nick Henderson
  - b. Eli Wynn and Gwendolyn Staples-Beys, Hampton Academy and Kiddie Korner
  - c. Gambino Martinez
4. Gambino Martinez, Proposed business on Gravois at Wyoming
  - a. Currently renting space near Christy Park from Eric Wolfman, but too small for growing auto shop
  - b. Use to have a restaurant on Cherokee Street (where Bronco is now)
  - c. Looking to move into former car detailing shop on Gravois at Wyoming
  - d. Auto shop – mechanics and tire repair; not a body/paint shop, or tire sales, or any safety inspections
  - e. Currently have 3-4 employees depending on volume of work
  - f. New space will allow for them to keep up to 8cars inside, instead of outside storage
  - g. Hours can be adjusted to fit the neighborhood; 6-6 pm or 7-7 pm
  - h. Training by working on their own cars, learned from the internet, and some by a friend
  - i. Current business has been in operation for a little over a year
  - j. Have a place to dispose of old oil
  - k. Signage – would need to work something out with the City; not sure what it might be
  - l. Lot of customers only speak Spanish
  - m. Sometimes sell the cars their customers don't want to fix and leave with them, but wouldn't sell on their lot or have any signs about for-sale
  - n. Bill Byrd motions to email Eric Wolfman and Gambino Martinez the BPWNA board will support the business with conditions, Linda Hennigh seconds, passes
5. Hampton Kiddie Korner

- a. Gwendolyn Staples-Bey, owner
  - b. 3201-3204? Wyoming at Pennsylvania
  - c. May have 50 children
  - d. Downstairs and upstairs would be used for business
    - i. Currently the upstairs is apartments, so zoning variance is needed
  - e. Hours: 6am-12am Mon-Fri
  - f. Will provide some transportation to kids; primarily will be parents dropping/picking up
  - g. Staff: currently have 16 employees; only 3 have cars
  - h. Moving from Broadway @ Riverview; not a second location
  - i. Current location is 4,000 sq ft, new space will be smaller
  - j. Signage already approved by the City
  - k. Two commercial 15 pax van that park overnight
  - l. Garage runs the length of the property along the alley; not sure where a commercial dumpster would go
  - m. Pam Welsh motions to provide a letter of support with the usual conditions, Shelly Henderson seconds, passes
6. Review and accept September Board Meeting Minutes – Pam Welsh moves, Shelley Henderson seconds, passes
7. Review September Treasurer’s Report and revised 2014 Budget
8. Committee Reports
- a. Communications
    - i. Looking for a replacement to produce the newsletter
    - ii. change frequency of newsletters; move to quarterly – Might be easier to find a replacement
    - iii. Copier lease is up in November; account manager will submit a proposal
    - iv. Purchased paper; submitted receipt to Suzy
9. Old Business
- a. Movie in the Park – motion to cancel October event and just lose the money; too many October events to keep this, Pam Welsh moves, Bill Byrd seconds, passes
  - b.
10. New Business
- a. October Elections
    - i. Review sample ballot
    - ii. Ensure only paid members get ballots
  - b. Membership Application Updates
    - i. Incentives for various levels
    - ii. Bill motions to accept in form, Pam Welsh seconds, passes
  - c. November Meeting
    - i. Potluck – get Hodak’s chicken
    - ii. Add silent auction
    - iii. Call for donations out now
11. October membership meeting
- a. Add November potluck and silent auction
  - b. Fox Park’s Purple Martin & park itself will hold an art show; free to show your work
12. Open forum
13. Adjournment – Pam Welsh moves, Suzy Hennigh seconds, passes at 8:47 pm

**I. Programming 2014**

- a. January
  - i. Finalize programming and budget for 2014
- b. February
  - i. TBD Membership Event, Saturday, Feb 8
- c. March
  - i. Souldard Mardi Gras (3/01) - Application in for beer booth fundraiser
  - ii. Community Garden Opening (TBD)
    - 1. Date is dependent upon Gateway Greening and their deliver of materials
    - 2. Possibly late March; may have a work day before hand
- d. April
  - i. Easter Eggstravaganza (4/19) - Saturday before Easter in Gravois Park
  - ii. Dog Park Opening (4/12)
- e. May
  - i. Cinco de Mayo (5/03)
    - 1. Increase number of residents walking in the People's Joy Parade
    - 2. Consider hosting a booth at the festival
  - ii. Movie in the Park (5/17)
    - 1. Already paid for Oz the Great and Powerful, so will show
    - 2. Hold in Benton Park to help promote start of their concerts in the park series
- f. June
  - i. Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale (6/07)
    - 1. Only hold if someone steps up to chair
    - 2. Maps to yard sales would be available online
- g. July
  - i. Fair St. Louis (7/03-7/06) - Will apply to host a beer booth fundraiser
- h. August
  - i. National Night Out (8/05)
    - 1. BPWNA Board Meeting moved to Tue, Aug. 12
  - ii. Call for nominations to BPWNA Board (8/21)
- i. September
  - ~~i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cherokee Station House & Business Tour (9/18)~~
  - ii. Call for and Acceptation of nominations to BPWNA Board (9/25)
- j. October
  - ~~i. Movie in the Park (10/18) - Hold in Gravois Park~~
    - ~~1. Halloween themed kids movie~~
  - ii. Oktoberfest Fundraiser (10/10, 11, 12)
  - iii. BPWNA Board Elections (10/16)
  - iv. Trunk or Treat (10/26)
- k. November
  - i. Potluck at Membership Meeting (11/20)
- l. December
  - i. 2015 Planning Meeting (12/02)

**ACTION ITEMS**

- I. All
  - a. Bring \$1 for 50/50 at Membership Meeting
- II. Becky

- a. Coordinate meeting with Scott and Suzy for membership process and incentives.
  - b. Asked Melt or other Cherokee Street vendor to display BPW t-shirt with sign on how/where to purchase them. Needs display on how to purchase t-shirts and sample tees. Will make a card with purchase instructions
- III. Bill
- a. New Neighbor packets
  - b. Working on additional PayPal button; dog park, membership, etc
  - c. Check with Salvation Army/John about Adopt a Family and bell ringing sign ups
- IV. Linda
- a. Board and NA meeting agendas
  - b. Letters of support
  - c. Google phone – option to replace office phone
  - d. Pam and Linda to purchase items at the Looking Glass
  - e. Forward Dan Gunther’s email on Oktoberfest to Bill Byrd
- V. Mandy
- VI. Pam
- a. NAB work – need more people involved
    - i. Send info to Scott and Bill to promote
- VII. Scott
- a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
  - b. Housing Committee
    - i. Schedule housing meetings; same day as Housing Corporation. If City wants a meeting or not, we’ll meet.
    - ii. Friday Listings
  - c. Wix capabilities
    - i. place to house documents
    - ii. calendar for annual occurrences
    - iii. email address after WebHost4Life ends
- VIII. Suzy
- a. Monthly Treasurer’s and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget