

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

May 8, 2017
Scott McIntosh called to order – 6:30PM

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) **President** - Scott McIntosh: **Present**
 - b) **Vice President** - Alison Hillman: **Absent**
 - c) **Secretary** - Liz Gerard: **Present**
 - d) **Treasurer** - Frank Becker: **Present**
 - e) **Member At-Large** - Jason Hillman: **Absent**
 - f) **Member At-Large** - Eddie Schmid: **Present**
 - g) **Membership** - Karen Becker: **Present**
 - h) **Block Link** - **Vacant**
 - i) **Communications** - Scott McIntosh: **Present**
 - j) **Beautification** - Stephanie McKinney: **Absent**
 - k) **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh: **Present**
 - l) **Dog Park** - Jeni Poole: **Present**
 - m) **Facilities** - Bill Byrd: **Present**
 - n) **Fundraising** - **Vacant**
- 2) **Review and accept April board meeting minutes and review April neighborhood meeting minutes:** Bill Byrd moves to accept, Frank Becker seconds. Passes
- 3) **Review of President's Report**
 - a) Lutheran Development Group is in the process of securing tax credits for an \$11MM housing project in Benton Park West. The BPWNA Board will provide feedback on the design and placement of infill
 - b) Kaboom! playground build day is June 1. The Board comprised a list of local businesses to contact for food and beverages
 - c) Linda Hennigh will cover Treasurer until a replacement is found
- 4) **Review of April Treasurer's Report**
 - a) CD matured on March 11th. The CD balance was moved to the savings account
- 5) **Review of Membership Report**
 - a) 15 memberships and 3 dog park memberships were renewed in April
- 6) **Review of Communications Committee Report**
 - a) Scott made various updates to the website: addition and removal of businesses, contact information of newly elected officials and new events
 - b) Scott will continue to post the Weekly Porch on Thursdays
 - c) Click rates on real estate listings have been high (200 – 500)

7) Review of Dog Park Committee Report

- a) It doesn't appear that the Benton Park dog park is going to happen
- b) Water faucet still needs to be repaired
- c) Jeni may have another lead for food drop box donations

8) Review of Community Garden Committee Report

- a) Procter & Gamble helped with garden maintenance and cleanup
- b) The Board still plans to host a garden party, but on a later date. Liz contacted a musician who is interested in performing at the event

9) Ken Ortmann Appreciation

- a) The Board will present Ken Ortmann with the framed neighborhood poster and cake at the May neighborhood meeting

10) Cardinals Game

- a) Deadline to purchase tickets is the May neighborhood meeting (May 18)

11) Porch Light Project

- a) Annual porch light project will take place across the St. Louis region on May 20. To request a porch light call **(314) 282-7281**

12) Group Raise

- a) Community members can raise money for BPWNA by dining at selected restaurants. The Board will give their suggestions to Scott by May 17

13) Open forum

- a) Concerns about problem property (3221 Oregon) after homicide and shootings over the weekend of April 28 – April 30

14) **Adjournment:** Bill Byrd moves, Liz Gerard seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:22PM.

15) Miscellaneous Action Items

- a) **All:** Continue to seek candidates for open board and committee positions.
- b) **All:** Send Scott feedback on Lutheran Development Group infill designs and Group Raise
- c) **All:** Bring index cards to neighborhood meetings