

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

January 9, 2017  
Scott McIntosh called to order – 6:32PM

- 1) Roll Call
  - a) **President** - Scott McIntosh: Present
  - b) **Vice President** - Alison Hillman: Present
  - c) **Secretary** - Liz Gerard: Present
  - d) **Treasurer** - Frank Becker: Present
  - e) **Member At-Large** - Jason Hillman: Present
  - 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: Present
  - k) **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh
  - l) **Dog Park** - Jeni Poole: Present
  - m) **Facilities** - Bill Byrd: Present
  - n) **Fundraising** - **Vacant**
  - o) **Cherokee Street Liaison** - Anne McCullough/Jason Deem: Absent
- 2) **Review of December 12, 2016 board meeting minutes:** Bill Byrd moves to accept, Linda Hennigh seconds. Passes.
- 3) **Review of President's Report**
  - a) 5 trees planted around flower garden
  - b) Attended Gravois-Jefferson Historic Neighborhoods meeting on December 9, 2016
  - c) Scott will assume Fundraising Committee role until filled
  - d) Scott needs to determine quantity of Benton Park West shirts and follow up with STL-Style
- 4) **Review of Monthly and Annual Treasurer's Report**
  - a) Discussed \$20 membership made through PayPal in December
  - b) Frank must enter two checks received for dog park memberships. These will be reflected in January
  - c) Pam has two checks to submit for Trunk or Treat
  - d) December 2016 Budget report is missing. Frank will try to generate the report.
- 5) **Review of Membership Report**
  - a) Board and committee members must be in good standing in order to vote
- 6) **Discussed neighborhood beautification efforts**
  - a) Trees were requested for every neighborhood LRA property. Appears they were planted in December

**7) Review of Communications Committee Report**

- a) Scott will continue to post Weekly Porch on Thursdays
- b) Bill will work on the first quarter edition of the Porch Review, but the committee must seek a replacement
- c) Scott made changes to the website for 2017. List of board and committee members was updated. New businesses were added. Schedule of events, board and neighborhood meetings was added.
- d) Liz proposed adding “letters to the alderman” or “resident stories” to the blog. These stories will make the blog more personal and hopefully increase readership.
- e) Discussed showcasing various committee roles in the blog. This will increase transparency and encourage participation

**8) Review of Community Garden Committee Report**

- a) Need to determine how many plots are available to residents, responsibilities and workdays
- b) Alison proposed a “garden festival” or cleanup day. The board will continue brainstorming potential events and resume discussion in February
- c) Discussed writing a blog post about the little library
- d) Linda and Alison discussed storage solutions for book donations

**9) Review of Dog Park Committee Report**

- a) Christmas party was successful
- b) Jeni has two \$35 membership checks to deposit
- c) Jeni introduced dog supply drop box concept. Drop boxes can be placed outside the dog park and promoted by animal rescues

**10) Review of Facilities Committee Report**

- a) No changes were made to 2016 meeting and office space
- b) BPWNA email addresses were updated as of December 31, 2016

**11) Fundraising Committee Report – VACANT**

- a) Currently looking to fill position. Recommendation are welcome
- b) Expecting to be invited to host a booth at Murmuration Festival and Fair St. Louis
- c) Participating in Cinco de Mayo and IndieHop
- d) Bill will provide a contact list of Fundraiser contacts to Scott

**12) Changes made to January 19, 2017 meeting agenda**

- a) Lyda Krewson will discuss mayoral campaign at 7:10
- b) Discuss bond issue that will stabilize vacant properties
- c) Alison will now lead new member and visitor introductions

13) **Adjournment:** Bill Byrd moves, Alison Hillman seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:13PM.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) Scott
  - Do inventory of shirts and follow up with STL-Style
  - Review and print community survey results
  - Highlight fundraising events on 2017 schedule
  
- 2) Alison
  - Discuss parking lot lighting with friend
  - Continue brainstorming ideas for garden festival
  
- 3) Jeni
  - Make progress on dog park drop box concept
  
- 4) Karen
  - Work to increase membership
  
- 5) Frank
  - Try to generate December budget report
  - Record checks from Trunk or Treat, dog park memberships and PayPal
  
- 6) All
  - Look for fundraising committee chair
  - Make sure website bios and photos are updated