

## **Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting**

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, October 16, 2015

Attendance: 41

### Board

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
  - Vice President – Becky Martinez, Absent
  - Secretary – Scott McIntosh, Present
  - Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
  - Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
  - Member At-Large – Roz Ball, Present
1. Call to order – 7:01 pm
  2. Review and approve September meeting minutes – Dan Geary moves, Chris Schmidt seconds, passes
  3. Review of October Board meeting minutes
  4. Review and approve September Treasurer's Report – Stephanie McKinney moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes
  5. Review 2015 Budget
  6. Guest Speaker: Dr. Edmond Heatley, Head of HR, St. Louis Public Schools
    - a. Last 8 years, have made gains
    - b. Magnet school applications are out for 2016-2017 academic year
    - c. Want all SLPS high school students to be competitive for post-grad opportunities; college, military, employment
    - d. We don't want it to matter which school you attend, you will get a quality education
    - e. By 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, want our students to read and lead
    - f. SLPS wants to partner with communities and parents to know the students and community expectations
    - g. Need more magnet school applications, call 314-345-4650
    - h. Goal is to have neighborhood schools just as good as magnet schools
    - i. Need community volunteers
      - i. Bus greeters before and after school
      - ii. Playground attendants
      - iii. Classroom mentors
    - j. SLPS is funded by State and Federal funds
      - i. More programs are added, but more funds aren't necessarily provided
  7. Guest Speaker: Melanie Tobin, Volunteer and Events Coordinator, Guardian Angel Settlement Association
    - a. Founded in 1859 – originally an orphanage
    - b. Social Services are at 2700 Cherokee
    - c. Opened the Angel Boutique on Cherokee, open 10am-6:30 pm
    - d. Provided food pantry, utility and rental assistance, and prescription aid services
    - e. Have case managers
    - f. Hoping to add a computer center to help individuals apply to jobs
    - g. Seeking volunteers for all aspects; especially the food pantry and Angel Boutique
    - h. Call Melanie to setup a time to meet to be a volunteer

8. Visitors and New Members
  - a. Hannah and Stephen Manyasa, 2800 block of Wyoming
  - b. Ben and Laura Mack + 3 children
  - c. New Members:
    - i. Jeffery Trzeciak, 3100 block of S. Jefferson
    - ii. Michael Steveking, 3100 block of S. Jefferson
    - iii. Lisa Flegel, 3200 block of Cherokee
    - iv. Pam Welsh (renewal)
9. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
  - a. Crime Report
    - i. New Captain Sean Day
    - ii. Burglaries: still an issue along with larcenies
    - iii. Tire thefts are a real problem; saw a car on Hwy 55 with all 4 tires missing
    - iv. If you see something, please call – Don't just post on NextDoor!
    - v. If you have pictures, please don't post those, but provide to the police
    - vi. Gun Shots – call if you hear
    - vii. If you see someone get off a bus to deal drugs, get the bus company name, bus number and location
10. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Dena Hibbard, 314-657-1359, hibbardd@stlouis-mo.gov
  - a. Daphne Allen is the officer who handles problem properties
    - i. Call to Police are how properties are documented and added to the nuisance list
    - ii. Call emergency and non-emergency numbers
    - iii. Call every time a problem occurs
  - b. Call the NSO and Alderman every time you call about a nuisance property
11. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
  - a. Bike Racks available for business and churches
    - i. can be put in front by calling Ken
    - ii. These are free
  - b. Guns and Hoses
    - i. Will happen in 2015!
    - ii. Wed, November 25 @ 6:30 pm at Scottrade Center
    - iii. Supports regional police and fire departments
    - iv. Ken has tickets
  - c. St. Wenceslaus Fall Fest
    - i. November 7 12-9 pm
    - ii. Hodak's chicken
    - iii. Biggest fundraiser for the church
  - d. Ken's Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
    - i. Fri, December 4 @ 5:30-8:30 pm
    - ii. St. Frances Cabrini, 3022 Oregon
    - iii. Call Pat or Trish for tickets at 314-776-0161
  - e. NSOs
    - i. Barb is back on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Ward with Dena
    - ii. Barb is on medical leave though
  - f. NOFA
    - i. Applications are due Fri, Oct 16
    - ii. Gap or subsidy funding to rehab a property in the City
    - iii. Point system to win funding

- iv. \$2million in this round of available funding; not that significant
  - g. Bulk Pick Up
    - i. This is the week for BPW bulk pick up
    - ii. If there are issues in your alley, please let Ken know tonight so he can get it on the refuse list
  - h. Nuisance Ordinance
    - i. Police and Attorneys have access to nuisance calls
    - ii. NSOs and Alderman don't, but are sent a list at the end of the month
    - iii. Every situation is different, so call Alderman if necessary
- 12. St. Louis Library: Tonya Joy, Barr Branch – Absent
- 13. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough
  - a. New Businesses
    - i. St. Louis Agency on Training (SLAT) 2715 Cherokee – will support job training 18-30 year olds
  - b. Cherokee Street Trick or Treat
    - i. Base at Luminary
    - ii. Safe trick or treating on Halloween from 5-7:30 pm
  - c. Request for Offers by CSBA for the sale of 3 vacant properties
    - i. Starting bid is \$10K
- 14. Upcoming Events
  - a. Cherokee Neighborhoods Happy Hour
    - i. Thurs, October 22 @ 6-8 pm
    - ii. Byrd & Barrel, 3422 S Jefferson
    - iii. Wear your BPW t-shirt
  - b. Fundraising – Oktoberfest results
    - i. Soulard Oktoberfest was a joint booth with Benton Park, Benton Park West and Marine Villa
    - ii. BPW – had a 127 volunteer hours over 3 days
    - iii. Dan Geary, Libby Martin, Linda Hennigh (33 hrs), Bill Byrd (25 hrs), Frank & Karen Becker were the biggest workers
    - iv. BPWNA made \$3,848.
  - c. Trunk or Treat
    - i. Sunday, October 25 @ 4 pm
    - ii. Safe trick or treating for kids
    - iii. Salvation Army parking lot at Arsenal
    - iv. Can have a car and distribute candy
    - v. Will have \$400 worth of candy, but more is better!
  - d. Benton Bark Dog Park
    - i. Work Day
      - 1. Sat, October 24 @ 10 am
      - 2. Dog Park, 3301 Nebraska @ Utah
      - 3. Pull weeds and pick up litter
    - ii. Howl-O-Ween
      - 1. Sat, October 31 @ 10-12 pm
      - 2. Dog costumes and photos
      - 3. Free for anyone to attend
  - e. Beautification
    - i. 10 more street trees!

- ii. If you want a tree, please see Stephanie
  - f. Elections – Candidates
    - i. President – Linda Hennigh
    - ii. Vice President – Scott McIntosh
    - iii. Treasurer – Frank Becker
    - iv. Member At-Large – Dan Geary
    - v. Member At-Large – Marlow Duggar
  - g. Quality of Life and Safety
    - i. Impact letters written for Trevion Holmes and delivered to Circuit Attorney’s Office
  - h. 10 Minute Litter Challenge
    - i. Take 10 minutes a day to pick up litter on your block
    - ii. If your neighbors are doing your block, pick an adjacent block
    - iii. Will keep neighborhood looking nice and brings up property value
- 15. Prizes
  - a. Attendance Prizes
    - i. Car Club – Jeffery Trzeciak
    - ii. Bowls – Ben Mack
    - iii. Bottle of Wine -
  - b. 50/50: \$20 won by Jerry Monti
- 16. Adjournment – Dan Geary moves, Marlow Duggar seconds, passes at 8:29 pm