

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association

# Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21st, 2019

Submitted by: John Simons

Call to order - 7:04 pm

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## Attendance - **28 adults & 2 youth** - Roll Call

- President - Scott McIntosh - **Present**
- Vice President (Interim) - Alison Hillman - Absent
- Secretary - John Simons - **Present**
- Treasurer - Linda Hennigh - **Present**
- Member At-Large - Ashtyn Baldas - Absent
- Member At-Large - Tim Thomas - **Present**
- Beautification - Stephanie McKinney - **Present**
- Block Link - Chris Schmidt - **Present**
- Communications - Scott McIntosh
- Community Garden - Linda Hennigh
- Our Neighborhood Garden - Scott McIntosh
- Dog Park - Jeni Poole - Absent
- Facilities - Bill Byrd - **Present**
- Fundraising - **Vacant**
- Housing Committee - Scott McIntosh
- SLACO Committee - Linda Hennigh
- Membership – Bill Byrd
- Quality of Life and Safety - **Vacant**
- Youth Outreach - Darren Young - Absent
- Cherokee Street Liaison - **Vacant**

## Agenda

## Notes

1. Introductions of board members
2. Review October Meeting Minutes
  - a. Pam Welsh moves, Tim Thomas seconds, passes
3. Review September Treasurer's Report
  - a. Not available
4. New Member and Visitor Introductions

- a. Renewals
  - i. Shannon Headley
- b. Visitors
  - i. Shannon Jaz - Minnesota
  - ii. Diana - Oregon and Arsenal
  - iii. Elizabeth and Andrew - California and Utah
- 5. Guest Speaker: David Easbach
  - a. Spirit One Auto is providing \$75 gift certificates for 6 families Thanksgiving meals
    - i. Will not use for promotion
    - ii. Stop by to provide name of a deserving family
- 6. Guest Speaker: Rosie Jackson
  - a. Organizing a giving tree
    - i. Contact in order to adopt a child
- 7. Announcements
  - a. Trunk or Treat
    - i. Great Weather
    - ii. Smaller turnout because other events were postponed due to weather
  - b. Neighborhood cameras
    - i. Contact Chris Schmidt
- 8. Dan Guenther - 9th Ward Alderperson
  - a. New free health clinic 2911 McNair Epiphany UCC
  - b. Saturday 11-1 Walk in Doctors Visits
  - c. Guardian Angel Boutique opened on 3300 S Jefferson
    - i. Looking to fill floor space
    - ii. requesting donations: furniture, clothing, toys
    - iii. Volunteers are needed
      - 1. Kitchen
      - 2. Sorting
  - d. 3200 Utah has had calls about some issues
  - e. Illegal dumping off Gravois
    - i. Cameras available Notify Dan or Barb with locations
  - f. City Street light issues
    - i. Call 647-3111 and press 3
  - g. Bill being put forward to Ban conversion Therapy
  - h. Anheuser Busch to invest \$100 M in campus
    - i. Competition with other regions
    - ii. Method to extract proteins from spent grains
    - iii. 40 new jobs
      - 1. Lab positions
      - 2. Production positions as well
    - iv. 5 year @ 50% reduction for tax abatement
  - i. Board of Freeholders (trying to update to Electors)

- i. 19 person group to coordinate city/county collaboration
- ii. Homeless services resource combination is one of the highlighted subjects
- iii. City reprs on hold
  - 1. North City did not feel appropriately repped
  - 2. Changes eliminated women, hispanic, and LGBT
  - 3. Gridlock between alderpersons and President Lewis Reed

9. Jack Khoudian - Neighborhood Outreach Officer

- a. October 2019 34 crimes vs 2018 22
- b. YTD 235 vs 242
- c. Lock doors and set alarms
- d. Look around call police if uncomfortable
- e. Coordinate with neighbors to open doors, look out windows, etc
- f. 7/11 on Gravois and Jefferson not a great neighbor
  - i. condoning illegal activity
- g. Increased gunshots
  - i. What can be done?
  - ii. Officers are monitoring on shotspotter
  - iii. Barb Potts can be contacted about nuisance locations
- h. New Cherokee Street Patrol Officers

10. Attendance Prizes

- a. "The Royale" Hoody & UV Vodka - Graham Browne
- b. Full Life Lager 6 Pack - Andrew
- c. BPW Tote Bag -
- d. Lulu B's Chocolate Martini Mix - Shannon Headley

11. 50/50 - Bill Byrd

- a. \$34 total
- b. \$17 for the winner
- c. Sara Won

12. Announcements

- a. Save A Lot has Amazon lockers
- b. Print Print Bazar Antique Row Cookie Spree Saturday 12/7
- c. Tuesday Thanksgiving at 2720 Cherokee

13. Meeting Adjourned - 8:20 PM

- a. Stephanie McKinney moves, Tim Thomas seconds, passes