

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Attendance: 34

### Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
  - Vice President – Alison Hillman, **Absent**
  - Secretary – Ashtyn Baldas, **Absent**
  - Treasurer – John Simons, **Absent**
  - Member At-Large – Tim Thomas, Present
  - Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, **Absent**
1. Call to order – 7:03 pm
  2. Review and approve **July** meeting minutes –
    - a. Chris Schmidt moves,
    - b. Jeni Poole seconds, passes
  3. Review of **August** Board meeting minutes
  4. Review and approve August's Treasurer's Report and proposed 2018 budget – HOLD for September, not available to review and approve.
  5. Visitors and New Members
    - a. Vincent Robinson
    - b. Tim Williams
    - c. Dave Wolfman
  6. Guest Speaker: Tim Williams, Youth Services Program Manager, Gene Slay's Girls and Boys Club of Saint Louis
    - a. Promoting an after school program for youth.
    - b. College and career readiness for Middle School students
    - c. Runs August through December
  7. Upcoming Events and Committee reports:
    - a. BPW Committee and Volunteers
      - i. Please join. You can do as little or as much as you like.
    - b. Recap: Welcome Back Fanning Middle School
      - i. Thank you to everyone who volunteered
      - ii. Doing another 'Welcome Back' for Roosevelt High School on Friday at 7:15-8:30 am
      - iii. Need more volunteers, especially male
    - c. Litter Clean up and Social Hour, Sat August 17 @ 9 am, Gravois/Utah round planter
      - i. Get your neighbors and come out to help clean up and beautify our neighborhood
    - d. 2019 elected Board nominations and elections
      - i. Nominations for the elected Board are due at the September meeting
      - ii. Will vote for new Board in October meeting
      - iii. Must be a paid member to vote
      - iv. If interested in a position, speak with current board or committee members, submit nominations to the Scott McIntosh, current President
    - e. Gateway Greening Land Trust – Our Neighborhood Garden

- i. Opted not to participate in the land trust
    - ii. Will continue to look at purchasing the lot as an investment
  - f. Fall Festival – Health and Safety
    - i. Saturday, September 29
    - ii. Will hold in and around the Cherokee Rec Center
    - iii. Still looking for volunteers
  - g. Neighborhood Cameras
    - i. If you have a camera facing the street or alley please sign up on the camera list
  - h. Court Watch
    - i. On hold, Circuit Attorney’s Office doesn’t have a trainer at this time.
- 8. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman – Dan Guenther
  - a. Board of Alderman are not in session in August
  - b. Seeking to build Community Advisory Board to help with discretionary funds and redistricting
    - i. Working on plans to implement reduction of the Board of Alderman, no plan currently in place
    - ii. No real savings with fewer Aldermen, must hire more secretaries to get all the work done.
  - c. Gateway Cup – Benton Park Classic on Monday of Labor Day
  - d. SLU volunteers on August 25 from 9-3 pm working in Benton Park and could also work in BPW community garden if there are leaders/volunteers
- 9. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
  - a. Crime Report
  - b. Community Outreach meeting will be at 911 Call Center; will send a flyer to Scott
- 10. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091
- 11. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Vacant
- 12. Prizes
  - a. Attendance Prizes
    - i. Becky Martinez
  - b. 50/50: \$27.00 By Becky Martinez
- 13. Adjournment – moves, seconds, passes at 8:00 pm