

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, June 08, 2015

Call to order – 6:29 pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
 - b. Vice Present, Becky Martinez, Absent
 - c. Secretary, Scott McIntosh, Present
 - d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - e. Member At-Large, Dan Geary, Present
 - f. Member At-Large, Roz Ball, Absent
 - g. Block Link, Vacant
 - h. Communications, Bill Byrd, Present
 - i. Finance, Frank Becker, Present
 - j. Membership – Karen Becker, Present
 - k. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Present
 - l. Community Garden, Vacant
 - m. Dog Park, Mandy Mankin, Absent
 - n. Facilities, Bill Byrd
 - o. Fundraising, Vacant
 - p. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
 - q. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
 - r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent
2. Chapos Auto Repair and Sales
 - a. Amber Kutz, Office Manager and Lorenzo Mendez
 - b. Seeking to open a second location at 3330 Gravois;
 - i. original location in Granite City, IL (keeping)
 - ii. Sold 2 other locations to brother who kept the name
 - c. Tire and auto repair; focus on new tires and rims
 - d. Not seeking auto sales at 3330 Gravois location
 - e. Currently use Facebook and Twitter for advertising; mostly customer referrals for new business
 - f. Renting building
 - g. Hours: 8am-7pm Mon-Sat and 9-5pm Sun
 - h. Spoke with all the residents around the property
 - i. Bill Byrd motions to extend a letter of support, Dan Geary seconds, passes
3. 3130 Gravois
 - a. Dennis Ruckman, AES (Advanced Environmental Solutions)
 - b. Eric Schwarz, Founder + Executive Director, Refab
 - c. AES is closing on June 24 on the building
 - d. Looking at \$10K in roof repairs
 - e. Refab is signing a lease
 - f. Office space: remove carpet and refinish the wood floors
 - g. Looking to place glass windows back into the Gravois facing side
 - h. Seeking occupancy immediately after closing
 - i. Refab
 - i. 501c3 nonprofit
 - ii. Partner with St. Patrick Center and veterans seeking employment

- iii. Do on the job training
 - iv. Hours: Fri-Sun 9-5 pm; may be Tues-Sun in new space
 - v. Add a workshop (Fab Lab), buy hours to work in the space that would be accessible 24 hours via keycard
 - vi. Parking: Existing lot for loading/unloading only, street parking for customers
 - vii. Outside:
 - I. lumber yard storage; seek build permit for covering
 - II. brick, block and stone
 - viii. HOK interns are doing the drawings
 - ix. Bill Byrd motions to draft a letter of support for Rehab, Dan Geary seconds, passes
 - I. Follow all city regulations on dumpsters
 - II. No noise audible after 10 pm from the street/alley
 - III. Storage yard fencing
 - IV. From a safety perspective, keep the storage yard and inside neat, orderly, and free of weeds
 - V. Ensure no one parks on the Clowder House lot w/out permission
4. St. Louis Community Credit Union
- a. Darrell Orr & Paul Woodruff with St. Louis Community Credit Union and Karl Grice, Grice Group Architects
 - b. 2822-2932 Gravois Ave: Ready for demo and remediation for the site
 - c. Wealth accumulation facility; money center, credit union, and educational space
 - d. Work with individuals to get back on track for good credit and avoid check cashing places
 - e. Block grants for financial education programs
 - f. Need a public hearing for zoning
 - g. CRA (community reinvestment act)
 - h. New building with 3 bays
 - i. Class sizes would be 15-20 people capacity
 - j. No outside ATMs or drive-up
 - k. Looking to open after the first of 2016
 - l. Public Hear is Wed, June 10
 - m. Karen Becker moves to extend a letter of support of St. Louis Community Credit Union, Stephanie McKinney seconds, passes
5. Review and acceptance of May Board Meeting Minutes – Bill Byrd moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes
6. Review May Treasurer's Report and 2015 Budget
- a. Check requests from Benton Park, Marine Villa, and Gravois Park for Cinco de May dunking booth (\$89 each); Bill Byrd moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes
7. Standing Committees
- a. Block Link
 - b. Communications
 - i. July 3 deadline for Q3 Porch Review
 - ii. Bill to create a press release contact list
 - c. Finance
 - d. Membership
8. Special Committees
- a. Beautification

- i. Dan Gunther is the project coordinator for Milkweeds for Monarchs
 - I. Promote to BPW residents; Stephanie is seeking to have a garden in her front lawn.
 - ii. Corner pots – move some to Becker’s corner and McKinney’s corner
 - b. Community Garden
 - i. Invoice from Gateway Greening for insurance; Bill Byrd moves to pay the invoice, Stephanie McKinney seconds, passes
 - c. Dog Park
 - i. Mandy has Brian Kinney’s volunteers to mow/maintain this season
 - d. Facilities
 - i. Still waiting on Mardi Gras check
 - e. Fundraising
 - i. Still waiting on check for Mardi Gras
 - ii. Fair St. Louis
 - I. July 2 from 5- 11:30 pm and July 3 all day
 - II. Location is next to the statue of St. Louis on Art Hill
 - III. Will have an AB build-a-bar
 - IV. Will likely have a separate tent for water and soda sales
 - V. Won’t have to buy broken cases since we’re the first day
 - VI. Possible shuttles from WUSTL and Forest Park CC
 - VII. Will have beer tickets
 - VIII. One tablet for payments
 - IX. SMART training online; approx. 20 minutes
 - X. Submit list of volunteers for background checks
 - f. Housing
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - i. Carrie Sleep has asked that BPWNA to join the Central Police Business Association and/or sponsor an Office of the Month; we’ll investigate to vote next month (July)
 - h. Youth Outreach
- 9. Discussion Items
 - a. Action Items
 - b. Membership applications and checks/payments
 - i. For Dog Park, Community Garden, and Membership, use the same processes
 - ii. Application and payment go to the committee chair to process
 - iii. After being process, submit the payments with the check receipts to the Treasurer
 - c. Dog Park
 - i. Do we allow volunteers who don’t live within our neighborhoods join the dog park
 - ii. Frank Becker moves to provide a scholarship to the volunteer who works multiple fundraising events for BPWNA, Dan Geary seconds, passes
 - d. SLACO membership – Bill Byrd moves to pay the \$50 membership, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes
- 10. Review June Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda
- 11. Open Forum
- 12. Adjournment – Bill Byrd moves, Stephanie McKinney seconds, passes at 9:16 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. All
 - a. Bring \$1 for 50/50 at Membership Meeting
2. Becky
 - a. Take t-shirt and cards to Melt to be displayed for sale
 - b. Send bio
3. Bill
 - a. Follow up on copier (wrong finisher, doesn't have scanning)
 - b. New neighbor packets
 - c. July talk to Dan Gunther about Oktoberfest
4. Dan
 - a. Send bio
 - b. Send headshot if you want it added to the website
5. Frank
 - a. Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
 - b. Send bio (Karen will send)
 - c. Send headshot if you want it added to the website
 - d. Update copier lease and maintenance on budget (check with Bill)
6. Karen
 - a. Welcome Wagon proposal
7. Linda
 - a. Board and NA meeting agendas
 - i. Ask residents to email membership about new home owners on their block
 - b. Put page numbers on the Board meeting agenda
 - c. Give new neighbor packets to Becker and Stephanie McKinney
8. Mandy
 - a. Name the dog park; took a vote in April Meeting. Now Benton Bark Dog Park.
 - b. Need a sign for the dog park
9. Scott
 - a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
 - b. Send monthly reminder to Anne about membership meeting; if she can't make it to send report for me to share at meeting
 - c. Include Cherokee Games and Cherokee Neighborhoods Meeting Minutes in Communications Report; ensure Bill has for the report.
 - d. Letters of support
 - e. Housing Committee
 - i. Post update BPW real estate listings on Fridays
 - ii. Schedule housing meetings; same day as Housing Corporation. If City wants a meeting or not, we'll meet.
 - f. Website
 - i. Add monthly Board and Membership meeting minutes
 - ii. Update headshots for Frank and Dan