

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2016

Linda Called to order – 6:30 pm

1. Jody Pate, Silver Spurs Director and Charles Jahnke, Architect from Gates Design Firm
 - a. Jodi Pate and Mr. Jahnke explained the plans and drawings
 - b. Project should take 120-180 days
 - c. Linda will email Letter of Support to Ms. Pate
2. Anne McCullough - Cherokee Street Liaison
 - a. Discussion about Community Message Board to be shared by the 4 neighborhoods
 - i. Will be at corner of Cherokee and Nebraska ("Love Bank Park)
 - ii. Each neighborhood would pay \$185
 - iii. To be built by Citizen Carpentry
 - iv. Libby moves to donate \$185 toward the Community Message Board, Chris Schmidt seconds, passes
 - b. Sales and Marketing Office of Four Hands Brewery opened on Cherokee
 - i. Starting sales program of new pale ale "City Wide"
 - ii. 50 cents from the sale of a four pack will be donated to a selected non-profit
 - c. Indi Hop will be May 21 2016, 1 pm - 7 pm
 - i. Joint venture between Cherokee and The Grove
 - ii. Another volunteer opportunity for BPWNA
 - d. Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated May 7 2016
 - i. Anne planning first meeting
3. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
 - b. Vice President, Scott McIntosh, Present
 - c. Secretary, Libby Martin, present
 - d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - e. Member At-Large, Dan Geary, Present
 - f. Member At-Large, Marlow Dugger, Absent
 - g. Block Link, Vacant
 - h. Communications, Scott McIntosh, Present - Sara Johnson, Absent
 - i. Finance, Frank Becker, Present
 - j. Membership – Karen Becker, Present
 - k. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Present
 - l. Community Garden, Vacant
 - m. Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Present
 - n. Facilities, Bill Byrd, Present
 - o. Fundraising, Bill Byrd, Present
 - p. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
 - q. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
 - r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Present
3. Review of January 21, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Bill Byrd moves to accept, Dan Geary seconds, minutes accepted.
4. Review of January 2016 Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget
5. Bill Byrd requested \$119.88 reimbursement for Sign Up Genius
6. Standing Committees

- a. Block Link
- b. Communications
- c. Finance
- d. Membership
- 7. Special Committees
 - a. Beautification
 - b. Community Garden
 - c. Dog Park
 - d. Facilities
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Housing
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - h. Youth Outreach
- 8. Discussion Items
 - a. Dog Park sign materials and cost
 - b. When will BPWNA register for National Night Out - Bill Byrd said it has always been in April
 - c. Chris Schmidt asked where to purchase mulch for Dog Park - through Ken Ortmann
 - d. Stephanie said that trees requested through Beautification Committee were planted
 - e. What is the deadline to sign up for Fair St. Louis
 - f. Will BPWNA sponsor table for Police Association Luncheon, April 1, 2016 - after discussion agreed not to sponsor table, keep monies for future holiday events
 - g. Frank Becker had membership applications and money for two new members, Jody and Edna .Frank will get that information to Karen
 - h. Meghan did not get grant for sculpture in BPW. It will be downtown by the Arch
 - i. Marine Villa is organizing all Cherokee Neighborhoods' Happy Hours
 - i. The February Happy Hour is Thursday, February 25, 2016, 6 - 8 pm
 - ii. At STL Taco Truck
 - j. Mayor Slay wants to come to a neighborhood meeting February or March
 - k. Darlene Green, Comptroller, also wants to come to a neighborhood meeting no month specified
 - l. Action Items
- 9. Open Forum
- 10. Adjournment – Chris Schmidt moves, Bill Byrd seconds, meeting adjourns at 8:33 pm

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Bill
 - a. Follow up with Sara on the newsletter – bundling and folks to deliver
- 2. Frank
 - a. Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
 - b. Send bio (Karen will send)
 - c. Upload copy of Tax exemption letter to Dropbox
- 3. Karen
 - a. Work to increase membership
- 4. Libby
 - a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
 - b. Letters of support

- c. Send bio and headshot to Scott McIntosh
- 5. Linda
 - a. Update check request receipt form
 - b. Send check request for \$185 - made out to Citizen Carpentry to Treasurer Frank Becker
 - c. Email Jody Pate Letter of Approval
 - d. Contact Lisa Otke, Commercial Business Manager for City, to discuss denying occupancy permit for Colt Motors
 - e. Put page numbers on the Board meeting agenda
- 6. Dan
 - a. Will work on impact statements
- 7. Scott
 - a. Contact Pam Welsh about city permit for Easter Eggstravaganza, March 26 @Gravois Park, 10 am - 12 pm
 - b. Communications: Website
 - i. Add monthly Board and Membership meeting minutes
 - ii. Add how to be a Porch Review newsletter & Weekly Porch sponsor to Thursday's posts; check printed version for details
 - iii. Update Board members including bios and headshots for 2016
 - c. Housing Committee
 - i. Post update BPW real estate listings on Fridays
- 8. Stephanie
 - a. Thank you note to Corner Pot planters and ask if they'll continue to 2016
 - b. Get new volunteers for orphaned corner pots; can move where wanted
 - c. Forward planter locations to Karen Becker
- 9. Sara
 - a. Quarterly Porch Review