

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – July Board Meeting

July 10, 2017

Alison Hillman called to order – 6:34PM

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) **President** – Scott McIntosh: **Absent**
 - b) **Vice President** – Alison Hillman: **Present**
 - c) **Secretary** – Liz Gerard: **Present**
 - d) **Treasurer** – John Simons: **Present**
 - e) **Member At-Large** – Jason Hillman: **Present**
 - f) **Member At-Large** – Eddie Schmid: **Present**

 - g) **Membership** – Charlene Young: **Absent**
 - h) **Block Link** – **Vacant**
 - i) **Communications** – Scott McIntosh: **Present**
 - j) **Beautification** – Stephanie McKinney: **Absent**
 - k) **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh: **Present**
 - l) **Dog Park** – Jeni Poole: **Present**
 - m) **Facilities** – Bill Byrd: **Present**
 - n) **Fundraising** – **Vacant**
 - o) **Youth Outreach** – Darren Young: **Absent**

 - p) **Guest** – Economy Shop, Nemorio Fores, owner. Translator, Martin
 - q) **Guest** – Timothy Thomas

- 2) **Guest – Economy Shop**
 - a) Attempting to obtain a packaged liqueur license
 - b) Discussed the importance of growing sales tax revenue
 - c) Linda Hennigh moves that the neighborhood provides a letter of support. Liz Gerard seconds. Passes

- 3) **Review and accept June board meeting minutes**: Bill Byrd moves to accept, Linda Hennigh seconds. Passes

- 4) **Review of June Treasurer's Report**
 - a) John Simons appointed to replace Frank Becker as Treasurer. Bill Byrd moves to accept, Jeni Poole seconds. Passes
 - b) Scott McIntosh has two check requests from Fair St. Louis and the Neighborhood Garden totaling \$127. Liz Gerard moves to reimburse Scott. Bill Byrd seconds. Passes
 - c) Bill needs to order Quicken

- 5) **Review of June Membership Report**
 - a) Charlene Young has stepped up to be Membership Chair

- 6) **Review of Vice President's Report**
 - a) Alison Hillman met with Lonnie Craig about potential music festival on Cherokee Street. Music festival would be a fundraiser for the neighborhood
 - b) Alison will coach Lonnie through organizing and planning the event

- 7) **Review of Communications Committee Report**

- a) Second quarter porch reviews have been distributed to block links but need to be dropped off at businesses. Liz Gerard will help deliver them
- b) Liz created an Instagram account @bentonparkwest. Instagram hashtag is #bentonparkwest

8) Review of Dog Park Committee Report

- a) Jeni Poole received three quotes to fix faucet. CJ Plumbing was the most competitive at \$2,000
- b) Bill Byrd moves the board spend up to \$2,500 with CJ Plumbing. Alison Hillman seconds. Passes
- c) Plumber should complete work by August 3rd

9) Review of Facilities Committee Report

- a) Bill Byrd moves to spend up to \$75 for the new Quicken software. Jason Hillman seconds. Passes

10) Fair St. Louis

- a) Fair St. Louis was very successful. Revenue will be calculated by August
- b) Other Cherokee neighborhoods did not participate

11) National Night Out

- a) NNO will be hosted at the Neighborhood Garden on August 1st
- b) Scott McIntosh secured permit

12) Open Forum

- a) Lots of complaints about fireworks on the Fourth of July. Individuals were spotted selling fireworks on Cherokee Street and in Gravois Park
- b) Discussed possibility of hiring extra officers on the Fourth/New Year's Eve
- c) Board members expressed concerns about the maintenance of the new Gravois Park playground
- d) Discussion about Economy Shop's compliance with ID laws

13) **Adjournment:** Jason Hillman moves, Bill Byrd seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:52PM

14) Action Items

- a) Make arrangements for water faucet repair
- b) Purchase Quicken software
- c) Scott McIntosh should meet with John Simons and Charlene Young about board duties
- d) Instagram account and hashtag should be shared on the website and Facebook