

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12th, 2019

Submitted by: John Simons

Call to order - 6:48 pm

Attendance - 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 - Absent
- Fundraising - **Vacant**
- Housing Committee - Scott McIntosh
- SLACO Committee - Linda Hennigh
- Membership – **Vacant**
- Quality of Life and Safety - **Vacant**
- Youth Outreach - Darren Young - Absent
- Cherokee Street Liaison - **Vacant**

Agenda

Notes

1. Guest Presenter
 - a. Shaheera Bhutto New Cherokee Street CID Administrator
 - i. Absent hope to have representation at April Board meeting
 - b. Stephanie Betts from Guardian Angels at a future event
 - i. New renovation will have an upcoming hard hat tour.
2. President's Report
 - a. LRA/CDA updates

- i. Bricoleur is interested in 3415-3417 Louisiana from LRA. Plan to delay for several months until business plan has been solidified
 - ii. Darren Spain is interested in building on a LRA vacant lot for a modern style home.
 3. Review of February Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to Accept Tim Thomas, Chris Schmidt seconds, motion passes
 4. Review of February Association Meeting Minutes
 - a. Update to item 9 Alexa was Alex
 5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Need information for Laynee Knipmeyer and Emily Bihl.
 - b. Linda and John need to coordinate on the hand off.
 - c.
 6. Membership
 - a. Reminder that all members need to be in good standing to vote.
 7. Communications
 - a. Clicks review see report
 - b. Newsletter is planned to be published in April
 - i. Provide contributions by April 4th. Submit to Bill Byrd
 8. Community Garden
 - a. Continue to renew plots for 2019.
 - b. Any interested parties should contact Linda Hennigh
 - c. Work day planned for April 6th with Volunteers through Showers of Service.
 9. Facilities
 - a. See report
 10. SLACO Report
 - a. Sisterhoods "Building Bridges Across Delmar"
 - i. Benton Park West will be partnered with the Ville and Thomasina Clarke.
 11. Youth & Outreach
 - a. Confirming Gravois Park for Eggstravaganza
 - i. SignUpGenius account needs to be reset
 - ii. Supplies are needed
 1. Have supplies from previous years been cataloged? Where are these stored?
 - iii. Dual language flyers (English and Spanish)
 - iv. Waiting for Direction and Requests from Darren
 - b. Darren is looking for some persons to step up for support of the Youth and Outreach committee.
12. March Meeting Agenda Review
 - a. Remove witnessing whiteness announcement because NA has a full group.
 - b. Encourage Block Links to knock on the neighborhood
 - c. Chris Schmidt attended a block link summit hosted by the Urban League.

- i. Would like to organize block links to collect neighborhood phone trees and information
- d. Linda attended a meeting with reference to NOM. She requested more information about a follow up meeting.
- e. New Outreach Officer PO Gagik (Jack) Khoudian

13. Dog Park

- a. Opening Date?

14. 2019 Budget

- a. Current budget is ~\$1,200 over. Income increase and Expense reduction needed.
- b. Offset Eggstravaganza costs through sponsorships.
 - i. Thrivent AAL will sponsor \$200 for posting a banner. T Shirts would be sponsored as well. Chris will inquire
- c. Garden maintenance can be reduced from \$250 to \$100
- d. Planned signage expense will be eliminated for 2019 from \$500 to \$0
- e. T-shirt expense was \$284 to \$0
- f. TBD fundraiser for \$180 income.
- g. Stephanie will reach out regarding Cherokee Caravan

15. Meeting Adjourned - 8:21 PM

- a. John Moves, Linda Seconds, motion passes

Action Items

- All provide newsletter items to Bill

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Next Board meeting Tuesday 4/9.