

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Attendance: 29

### Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
  - Vice President – Alison Hillman, Absent
  - Secretary – Ashtyn Baldas, Present
  - Treasurer – John Simons, Present
  - Member At-Large – Tim Thomas, Present
  - Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, Present
1. Call to order – 7:08 pm
  2. Review and approve **November** meeting minutes – Jason Hilman moves, Tim Thomas seconds, passes
  3. Review of **December** and **January** Board meeting minutes
  4. Review and approve **November** and **December's** Treasurer's Report – Stephanie McKinney moves, Carrie Sleep seconds, passes
  5. Review 2017 Budget and draft 2018 budget
  6. Visitors and New Members
    - a. New Members: No new members
    - b. First time Visitors: Alan Eineker 3200 block of Minnesota
  7. Upcoming events and committee reports
    - a. 2017 year in review
      - i. Covered past events done in 2017, not just in BPW but also on Cherokee St
        1. Easter Eggstravaganza
        2. KaBOOM!
        3. National Night Out
        4. Trunk or Treat
        5. Cherokee Street Community Events
          - a. Cinco de Mayo
          - b. Indi Hop
          - c. Cherokee Street Jazz Crawl
          - d. Print League
        6. Dog Park
          - a. Yappy hours
          - b. Spring Fling
          - c. Howl o Ween
          - d. Christmas party
        7. Community Garden (Jefferson and Arsenal)
          - a. 11 garden beds
        8. Neighborhood Garden
        9. Beautification
          - a. Street trees planted
          - b. Litter clean up and social hour, runs March through October
          - c. Alley cleanups in the fall and spring

- d. Adopt and plant in corner pots
    - 10. Fundraising
      - a. Over 60 volunteers over the various events
      - b. Raised \$8,600.00
      - c. Raise awareness for others in the neighborhood to sponsor meetings for 2018, such as business owners.
    - 11. Rehabs
      - a. Single family construction permits – over 1 mil in construction permits for rehabs, and almost 1.3 for multi family
      - b. 25 new occupancy permits issued in 2017
    - 12. New Businesses
      - a. Approximately 12 new businesses opened in 2017
    - 13. Elected Board Members
    - 14. Committee Chairs 2017 + 2018
  - b. Proposed programs for 2018
    - i. Calendar is listed on page 30 of pamphlet
    - ii. Encouraging everyone to let us know if they would like to volunteer or provide additional ideas for programs
    - iii. Not listed is the Lights, Camera, Action! Safety festival being coordinated by Alison Hilman
  - c. BPW Committee and Volunteers
  - d. Neighborhood Cameras
    - i. If you have a neighborhood camera on the exterior of the street, let Chris Schmidt know so that she can put it on a list and share with the police department.
  - e. Court Watch: Not here tonight.
8. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman, **Dan Guenther** question/answer
  - a. Board Bills
    - i. Passed Board Bill 203, allows for LA calm street project.
      - 1. Help with water retention
      - 2. Provide bike paths
      - 3. Help reduce traffic
    - ii. Bike sharing program bill proposed to allow for independent businesses for them to obtain a permit to have a bike sharing
    - iii. Two bills proposed week of 1/11/2018
      - 1. Bill 233, Civilian oversight subpoena power
      - 2. Bill 234, Independent investigation unit for police use of force
    - iv. Office of Community Mediation has passed
      - 1. Volunteer led office of community mediation which assists police officers, neighborhoods, anyone who requires mediation.
        - a. Looking for volunteers. Individuals go through training.
    - v. Development
      - 1. LRA approved selling two properties in BPW
        - a. One is off Iowa,
        - b. The other off Ohio
      - 2. New Business opened at 2619.5 Cherokee St in BPW called “Parm”
      - 3. Ward Capital Money
        - a. \$240k to do it all with

- b. New ADA accessible ramps located along Jefferson in various locations. This will help merge BPW with BP.
  - 4. GreenHELP
    - a. Offers low interest loans for energy efficiency programs
    - b. Program coming up January 30, 2018
    - c. Can get up to 15k loan for 10 years at a low rate
  - 5. St. Louis Youth Jobs
    - a. Ages 16 – 24
    - b. Goodwill pays for kids to get PT jobs and raining.
    - c. Looking for employers to match with the kids for the summer program.
    - d. Kids can only work 160 hours.
  - 6. Crime
    - a. Cherokee St
      - i. Neighbors have helped to catch individuals
      - ii. Cameras have helped too
  - 7. Two Hearings
    - a. Home occupancy waver for home improvement project
    - b. Economics Shop – wanting to have a packaged liquor license
  - 8. Questions:
    - a. Traffic calming: Curb bump outs – planters and installing speed humps and enhanced cross walks and dedicated bike lanes
- 9. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
  - a. Crime Report
    - i. 3 different arrests from Cherokee St
      - 1. Robbery carjacking – Cherokee and Compton
      - 2. Mallow fashion break in
    - ii. Vehicles taken / Carjacking
      - 1. 3900 block of Pennsylvania
        - a. Special ops made 3 arrests
          - i. Likely made because of neighbor calling
    - iii. Last 4 week period (Dec 14 – Jan 10)
      - 1. 1 robbery
        - a. 3400 Cherokee St
      - 2. 3 burglaries
        - a. Made arrest on 2700 block of Utah
        - b. 3000 Gravois auto sales had stolen rims
        - c. Man stole a TV from GF
      - 3. 2 Stolen Vehicles from blocks of
        - a. 3300 California
        - b. 2900 California
      - 4. 10 thefts
    - iv. March 8, 2018 is the next community outreach meeting at Five Star Senior Center
- 10. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091
  - a. Lights, Camera, Action!
    - i. Lights
      - 1. Finished street alley light project week before Christmas

- a. All but 2 have been replaced or fixed
    - b. If you have an alley light out, do not wait to call Barb. Turn it into Ameren UE. When you call Ameren, give them the number off the pole. It starts with an STL tag.
  - ii. Cameras
    - 1. The police are using the camera footage a lot to help crack cases.
    - 2. Alison is putting up a survey on what camera you have and why.
  - iii. Action
    - 1. 25 occupancy permits for 2017 is startling and concerning.
      - a. It is CRUCIAL that if you see people moving in and out of a building, let Dan or Barb know so that they can verify that there was an occupancy permit.
      - b. Occupancy permits work on a year basis. However, if an individual moves into an apartment in the middle of the year but moves out before the year ends, and someone else moves in immediately after but before the 1 year mark the original individual moved in, the occupancy permit is still good.
      - c. Change of ownership requires an occupancy permit
      - d. If it has changed tenant, it requires a change in occupancy permit.
    - 2. Rooming houses
      - a. If people are renting a room, it requires a hotel permit.
        - i. If you know of someone renting a single room, let Dan or Barb know.
      - b. These are typically illegal.
    - 3. If you want to report suspicious activities, you can contact the Citizens Service Bureau
      - a. Building inspection interior
        - i. Misc. building inspection interior
          - 1. Type in details such as, "new move ins, potentially no occupancy permits."
    - 4. Neighborhood watch
      - a. It's important to get to know the individuals in your neighborhood so that if someone is out of place you monitor them and can report it.
      - b. If you see things on your block that aren't right, it's important to call and report it to the police.
    - 5. Shot spotter
      - a. Erin collects them, records bullet IDs and checks them in the system to make sure the guns weren't used in previous crimes.
      - b. Call the NSO and Alderman every time you call about a nuisance property
- 11. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, reported by Stephanie McKinney
  - a. New Businesses
    - i. Green Dining Alliance
    - ii. Kabob House, 3108 Cherokee
    - iii. Parm, 2619.5 Cherokee
    - iv. Brandon Von Collection, 2604 Cherokee
    - v. Save a Lot getting liquor license

12. Upcoming Events

13. Prizes

a. Attendance Prizes

i. Bottle of Wine – Alison Hilman

ii. St. Patricks Day Wreath – Charlene Youn

iii. Homemade Bacon by Darren Young – Dan Guenther

b. 50/50: \$ won by Linda

14. Adjournment – Alison Hilman moves, Tim Thomas seconds, passes at 8:16 pm