

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Call to order – 6:32 pm

1. Roll Call

- a. President, Scott McIntosh, **Present**
- b. Vice Present, Alison Hillman, **Present**
- c. Secretary, Ashtyn Baldas, **Present**
- d. Treasurer, John Simons, Absent
- e. Member At-Large, Jason Hillman, Absent
- f. Member At-Large, Tim Thomas, **Present**
- g. Block Link, Chris Schmidt, Absent
- h. Communications, Scott McIntosh
- i. Membership – Charlene Young, **Present**
- j. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, **Present**
- k. Community Garden, Linda Hennigh, **Present**
- l. Dog Park, Jeni Poole, **Present**
- m. Facilities, Bill Byrd, **Present**
- n. Fundraising, Vacant
- o. Housing Committee, Scott McIntosh
- p. Quality of Life and Safety, Dan Geary
- q. Youth Outreach, Darren Young, **Present**
- r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent

2. Guest

- a. Dr. David Hart, Jr.; RE: 2842 Iowa Ave variance for office space
 - i. Licensed professional counselor in MO
 - I. Leads *The Lumina Group* Counseling Center, LLC
 - II. Been in practice 18 years as psychotherapist
 - III. Here with Megan Schultz
 - ii. Here to ask for us to consider and approve opening the new office space for consulting at 2842 Iowa Ave
 - iii. Formerly at Compton and Mt. Pleasant
 - I. Lumina group flourished
 - II. July 2016 the building was demolished due to a tree falling on it
 - iv. The counseling agency:
 - I. Child, adolescent, and older adult
 - II. Treat:
 - a. Schema, conflict disorder, behavior disorders, mental illnesses, HIV/AIDS, life stressors and how to cope with them
 - III. Help others help themselves
 - IV. Work closely in schools: Dewey, Peabody, Craundolet Academy, etc.
 - v. Office space will be home base, receive authorizations, intake forms, but they won't see many clients in that office space.
 - vi. Office hours (tentatively): 9 – 6 M through F, 8 – 12 Saturday
 - vii. Wanting to give back to the community and help them too.
 - I. Parent support meetings
 - II. Small group areas from community for them to meet and serve as a community resource.

- viii. Unsure about zoning but are excited about the prospect about joining BPW.
 - I. We need to know about the zoning / occupancy so that we can write a letter of support.
- ix. Letter of support decision:
 - I. Bill Byrd moves we offer a letter of support
 - II. Alison Hillman seconds
 - III. Passes
- b. Joshua Goor, RE: 3348 Ohio, retail store (“Moon and Sun”)
 - i. Artist – painter, creator, builder
 - ii. Art director for St. Louis World’s Fair
 - iii. Tattoo artist for 10 years
 - I. Worked at ArtMonster for 2 yrs
 - iv. Acquired 3348 Ohio
 - I. Space that is a:
 - a. Store front: Wants to display artists work and give them an outlet and avenue to sell their work. (Leather, wallets, clothing, sculpture, photography, gifts)
 - i. consignment situation
 - b. Private art studio
 - i. Would like to be able to paint
 - c. Private tattoo studio
 - i. No walk-ins
 - ii. Cultivate and create a space where it’s more personal
 - v. Letter of support decision:
 - I. Ashtyn Baldas moves we offer a letter of support
 - II. Tim Thomas seconds
 - III. Passes
- c. Jennifer Whitehead, RE: 3301 Minnesota, corner market
 - i. Trying to reopen Penny Saver – called “St. Louis Brothers”
 - ii. Have experience with convenience store
 - iii. Selling groceries, sodas, snacks
 - I. Will have to get a permit from health department for deli
 - II. Would like to open a catering business
 - III. Sell lottery tickets
 - IV. No alcohol sold
 - V. No single cigarettes
 - iv. Rent to Own
 - v. Want to keep bars on the doors
 - vi. Advocates for police involvement to keep crime down
 - I. Also wanting to put in camera system
 - vii. 7 AM – 7PM M-Sat and 7 – 6 on Sunday
 - viii. We will not support this venture and therefore cannot write a letter of support.
 - I. Bill Byrd votes we offer a letter of opposition for 3301 Minnesota property
 - II. Alison Hillman seconds
 - III. Passes
 - ix. If there was a different business plan, we would have been more willing to accept it. But because the history of failure of these business plans and the lack

of community support, BPW can't support opening another business similar to previous stores.

3. Review and acceptance of March Board Meeting Minutes as sent in the email –
 - a. Bill Byrd moves,
 - b. Charlene Young seconds,
 - c. passes
4. Review April Treasurer's Report and 2018 Budget
 - a. Skip because John isn't here
5. Standing Committees
 - a. Block Link
 - i. Packets of neighborhood newsletters were distributed to block links to both the neighborhood meeting and to the doors of those who did not attend the meeting in February.
 - ii. Waiting on advice regarding Porch Light Project.
 - b. Communications
 - i. Website: Added February neighborhood and board meeting minutes
 - I. Still need a bio for John Simons
 - ii. BPW Talk
 - I. Added residents and contacts pages
 - II. Plugged on Facebook
 - III. Was 247 members, now 273
 - c. Membership
6. Special Committees
 - a. Beautification
 - b. Community Garden
 - c. Dog Park
 - i. Dog party canceled
 - ii. Current membership 21 members, 26 dogs
 - iii. Dog park clean up super successful
 - iv. Still needing a few buckets of dirt to fill around concrete pad and fountain
 - d. Facilities
 - i. Main computer is having problems, will source a replacement and move the current drive to replacement.
 - ii. Alison Hilman needs business cards
 - e. Fundraising
 - i. Panera Fundraiser March 22, 4-8 pm
 - I. Show a flyer help BPW
 - f. Housing
 - i. Bill Byrd attended town hall for AirBnB
 - I. Opposition:
 - a. "Investors" who just rent the property versus people who live on property
 - b. Zoning perspective
 - ii. SLACO has identified 111 possible neighborhood organizations of which presently only 33 are SLACO members.
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - h. Youth Outreach
 - i. Easter Eggstravanganza went really well.

- I. Next year have an assistant individual in charge.
 - II. Budget was exceeded by \$19.73
 - a. Alison Hilman votes to reimburse Darren Young \$219.73
 - b. Stephanie McKinney seconds
 - c. Passes
 - ii. Youth & Outreach Committee:
 - I. Summer/Fall goals 2018
 - a. Build a BPW Youth committee for the neighborhood
 - i. Met with Lindsey Forsyth. Darren and she are going to work together to build this.
 - b. Increase the number of adults that serve on the BPWNA Youth & Outreach committee
 - c. Asset mapping assignment for youth programs in neighborhood
 - i. Would like to have this achieved by Fall 2018.
 - d. Serve on Neighborhood Accountability Board
7. Discussion Items
- a. Alley Clean Up + SLU Garden Volunteers
 - i. Saturday April 21
 - ii. Barb Pots heading
 - b. Tax Returns, Form 990-N
 - c. SLACO membership
 - i. Bill Byrd moves that we pay SLACOs membership \$100
 - ii. Alison Hillman seconds
 - iii. Passes
8. Review (Current Month) Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda
- i. Looks good
9. Open Forum
10. Adjournment - Alison Hilman moves, Ashtyn Baldas seconds, passes at 8:20 pm