

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2015

Call to order – 6:34 pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
 - b. Vice Present, Becky Martinez, Absent
 - c. Secretary, Scott McIntosh, Present
 - d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - e. Member At-Large, Dan Geary, Present
 - f. Member At-Large, Roz Ball, Absent
 - g. Block Link, Vacant
 - h. Communications, Bill Byrd, Present
 - i. Finance, Frank Becker, Present
 - j. Membership – Karen Becker, Absent
 - k. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Present
 - l. Community Garden, Vacant
 - m. Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Absent
 - n. Facilities, Bill Byrd
 - o. Fundraising, Bill Byrd
 - p. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
 - q. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
 - r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent
2. Review and acceptance of October Board Meeting Minutes – Bill Byrd moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes
3. Review October Treasurer’s Report and 2015 Budget
 - a. Motion to create a subcommittee to audit the budget – Bill Byrd moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes
4. Standing Committees
 - a. Block Link
 - b. Communications
 - c. Finance
 - d. Membership
5. Special Committees
 - a. Beautification
 - i. Waiting to hear from Ken on the tree planting
 - b. Community Garden
 - i. Have ornamental plants for Monarch garden that need to be planted at corner of Jefferson and Arsenal
 - ii. Need a day to plan site and another date for planting
 - c. Dog Park
 - i. Howl-O-ween
 - I. Well attended
 - II. Have photos to upload to Facebook/website
 - III. Several new memberships
 - ii. May barter with an arborist to trim the trees
 - d. Facilities
 - e. Fundraising

- i. Received our Fair St. Louis check.
 - I. With tips and after paying CHARIS, our net for the event was approx. \$4,200
 - II. Gave a \$849 check to CHARIS (St. Louis Woman's Chorus)
 - ii. For 2016 budget – purchase Square chip readers (maybe four of them?)
 - f. Housing
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - i. Still seeking a chair
 - h. Youth Outreach
 - i. No official chair, but Pam still plans Trunk or Treat and Easter Eggstravaganza
6. Discussion Items
 - a. Reimburse Linda Hennigh \$11.25 for Secretary of State Change and \$25 for SLACO membership – Bill Byrd moves, Frank Becker seconds, passes
 - b. Trunk or Treat
 - i. Motion to reimburse Pam \$431 – Frank Becker moved, Bill Byrd seconds, passes
 - c. St. Alexius Halfway House
 - i. Ald. Cara Spenser has asked for a letter of support or opposition
 - ii. Stephanie and Bill will attend Gravois Park NA meeting and vote how they decide
 - d. 2016 Mardi Gras – application due before Jan 1, 2016
 - i. Voted not to participate in 2016
 - ii. Linda will decline
 - e. Tower Grove East/BPW COPS Training
 - i. Tues, Nov 10 from 6-8 pm at International Institute, 3401 Arsenal
 - ii. Organized by Alex Beechman, TGE
 - iii. Still need a BPW Coordinator to make happen
 - f. 2016 Planning sessions
 - i. Four Cherokee Neighborhoods meeting next week
 - I. Take 2015 events and give 2016 dates as draft for meeting
 - ii. Schedule December & January meetings for Board
 - I. Start at December Board Meeting
 - II. Second meeting on Sat, January 9 at 9-11 am
 - g. BPW History
 - h. Action Items
7. Review November Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda
 - a. Hodak's Chicken – Linda will get
 - b. Silent Auction
 - i. 8 existing baskets
 - ii. Need more baskets
 - I. Email list of new donations by Frida
 - II. Linda will buy more items after we see what was donated
 - iii. Ballot need a starting price and bid increments
 - c. Meeting Agenda Items
 - i. Vote items – meeting minutes, treasurer's report
 - ii. Police, NSO, and Alderman to talk
 - iii. Call to join committees for 2016
8. Open Forum
9. Adjournment – Frank Becker moves, Bill Byrd seconds, passes at 8:13 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. All
 - a. Bring \$1 for 50/50 at Membership Meeting
2. Becky
3. Bill
 - a. Follow up on copier (wrong finisher, doesn't have scanning)
 - b. New neighbor packets
 - c. Follow up with Sara on the newsletter – bundling and folks to deliver
4. Chris
 - a. Name the dog park; took a vote in April Meeting. Now Benton Bark Dog Park.
 - b. Need a sign for the dog park
 - c. Reference October Board Meeting Minutes for additional items
5. Dan
6. Frank
 - a. Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
 - b. Send bio (Karen will send)
 - c. Send headshot if you want it added to the website
 - d. Document on Treasurer's Report that Budget for copier lease and copier maintenance will be higher
 - e. Update copier lease and maintenance on budget (check with Bill)
 - f. Work with Linda to ensure donations to community partners are categorized correctly in the budget
7. Karen
 - a. January – Membership Proposal
8. Linda
 - a. Board and NA meeting agendas
 - i. Ask residents to email membership about new home owners on their block
 - b. Put page numbers on the Board meeting agenda
 - c. NOM – Dan Geary is willing to work on impact statements, so Linda will show him how to do it
 - d. List of corner pots to Stephanie McKinney
 - e. Register Jefferson/Arsenal Monarch Butterfly Garden; get a sign
 - f. Email board for silent auction times by weekend (11/14)
9. Scott
 - a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
 - b. Letters of support
 - c. Website
 - i. Add monthly Board and Membership meeting minutes
 - ii. Add Porch newsletter sponsors to Weekly Porch; check printed version for list
 - d. Housing Committee
 - i. Post update BPW real estate listings on Fridays
 - ii. Schedule housing meetings; same day as Housing Corporation. If City wants a meeting or not, we'll meet.
10. 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

