

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Attendance: 41

Board Members

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
- Vice President - Scott McIntosh, Present
- Secretary – Libby Martin, Present
- Communications - Bill Byrd, Present
- Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
- Membership - Karen Becker, Present
- Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
- Member At-Large –Eddie Schmid, Present

1. Call to order – 7:02 pm
2. Introduction of 2016 BPWN Board Members
3. Review of August 18, 2016 BPWNA meeting minutes – Dan Geary moves to accept, Allison seconds , passes
4. Review of September 12, 2016 BPWN Board meeting minutes
5. Reviewed and approved August 2016 Treasurer’s Report – Chris Schmidt moves to accept, Eddie Schmid seconds, passes
6. Reviewed 2016 Budget
7. Linda spoke about the LRA *Vacant Building Campaign*
 - LRA has begun a petition initiative to get the *Vacant Building Bond issue* on the ballot
 - Linda asked for volunteers to gather signatures
 - Website address www.Neighbors4StableSTL.org for more information on campaign
8. Dan Geary sent around 2 NOM forms for upcoming trials
9. Visitors and New Members
 - no visitors or new members
10. Tonya Joy - Library Lady - Barr Branch Library Manager
 - All branches can register voters or make changes in registration deadline is October 12, 2016
 - There will be a free theater production at Barr Branch on Saturdays 2 - 3 p.m.
 - October 13 - *Small Press* exhibit debuts at all branches
 - October 15 - *Zine* exhibit- debuts
11. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
 - Overall Crime statistics in the BPWN are down 20%
 - Between August 1 -4 there were 9 burglaries in the BPWN
 - August 11-31 there were 4 burglaries, 3 assaults, 4 stolen cars and 9 incidents of thefts/stealing
12. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov
 - Barb reminded everyone that it is VERY IMPORTANT to call police when they see anything suspicious or hear gunshots
 - James Finney was arrested on burglary charges / Barb will ask judge for an order of protection against James Finney
 - The graffiti artist *Super* aka David Cox, has a court date in November / Barb will get the exact date to BPWNA NOM
13. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
 - Phase I (Jefferson and Broadway) of installation of intersection cameras is complete
 - Phase II (Gravois) will begin as soon as the update for the traffic lights is completed
 - Officer Kraft of Probation and Parole's "clean alley" project has picked up 800 bags of trash throughout the 9th Ward

- A rehab project at Shepherd School (apartments and business) has been approved / will begin late 2016 or early 2017
14. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough, Jason Deem, absent
 - New Afro-American natural beauty shop opened at Cherokee and Ohio
 - Democratic Party neighborhood headquarters opened at 2626 Cherokee
 - *Dorothy's furniture* opened at 2700 Cherokee
 - *Bee Side* - burger and beer restaurant owned by owners of Yaqui's will be opening soon at Jefferson and Cherokee
 - Reminder - Celebration for Mexican Independence Day is this Sunday, September 18, 2016 on Cherokee
 15. Upcoming Events / Announcements - Scott McIntosh - Vice President
 - 9th Ward's first Assembly meeting hosted by Sarah Johnson to be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 6 -8 pm at Mt. Pleasant Park - Dakota Street & Michigan Avenue
 - There will not be a Neighborhood Happy Hour in September
 - Salvation Army is hosting an event on Sunday, September 18, 2016 12:30 - 2 pm
 16. Events/Announcements - Pam Welsh
 - Trunk or Treat to be held October 30, 2016 on Salvation Army parking lot at Arsenal and Iowa - event starts at 4 pm and ends when the candy is gone
 - Pam passed around a flyer and signup sheet for volunteers
 17. Events/ Announcements - Rev. Paul - Curby Memorial Church
 - Tuesday, September 27, 2016 6 pm a government panel will be at Curby discussing / explaining local government issues
 18. Events/Announcements - Chris Schmidt
 - Dog Park socials have been changed to Wednesdays at 6 pm effective immediately
 19. Events/Announcements- Linda Hennigh
 - There will be a special "do over" election tomorrow, Friday, September 16, 2016 for the 78th Ward seat
 20. Nominations for 2017 Board Members opened
 - Allison Hillman nominated Scott McIntosh for President
 - Scott McIntosh nominated Allison for Vice President
 - Chris Schmidt nominated Liz for Gerard Secretary
 - Chris Schmidt nominated Jessica White for Treasurer
 - Dan Geary nominated Eddie for Member at Large
 - Pam Welsh nominated Dan Geary for Member at Large
 - Allison Hillman nominated her husband Jason for Member at Large
 - Jenny Poole and Tonya Hall volunteered to take over the Dog Park
 21. Adjournment –Stephanie McKinney moves to adjourn, Rev. Paula Cooper seconds, passes, meeting adjourns at 8:17 pm

Attendance Prizes and 50/50:

SOCIAL HOUR