

# Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2016

Linda Called to order – 6:35 pm

## 1. Roll Call

- a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
- b. Vice President, Scott McIntosh, Absent
- c. Secretary, Libby Martin, present
- d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
- e. Member At-Large, Dan Geary, President
- f. Member At-Large, Marlow Dugger, Absent
- g. Block Link, Vacant
- h. Communications, Scott McIntosh, Absent - Sara Johnson, Absent
- i. Finance, Frank Becker, Present
- j. Membership – Karen Becker, Present
- k. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Absent
- l. Community Garden, Vacant
- m. Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Present
- n. Facilities, Bill Byrd, Absent
- o. Fundraising, Bill Byrd, Absent
- p. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
- q. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
- r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent

## 2. Madelyn Barnes, presented a plan for expanded neighborhood "yard sales"

- a. Explained Neighborhood South East City "yard sales"
- b. Brought old poster and map outlining the borders of neighborhoods involved
- c. Brought mock up of new poster and map
- d. Will not be affiliated with any one neighborhood
- e. Asked BPWNA for ideas to paying for cost of printing flyers
- f. Board agreed to print black and white posters at no cost to Madelyn

3. Review of February 25, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Chris Schmidt moves to accept, Dan Geary seconds, minutes accepted.

4. Review of February 2016 Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget

## 5. Standing Committees

- a. Block Link
- b. Communications
- c. Finance
- d. Membership

## 6. Special Committees

- e. Beautification
- f. Community Garden
- g. Dog Park
- h. Facilities
- i. Fundraising
- j. Housing
- k. Quality of Life and Safety
- l. Youth Outreach

## 7. Discussion Items

- a. There are two egg signs for Eggstravaganza on the borders of Gravois Park. Discussed moving one on the egg signs from Gravois Park to another location within BPW Neighborhood. Also discussed adding an additional egg sign for Eggstravaganza to be placed "somewhere in the BPW Neighborhood
- b. Chris Schmidt discussed workday March 19, 2016 at dog park
  - i. Asked for volunteers to spread mulch from 9 am - 12 noon
  - ii. April 9 will be Seasonal Grand Opening from 10-12
  - iii. Asked for ideas on managing grass
  - iv. Consider getting dead branches trimmed
- c. Mayor Slay will attend neighborhood meeting in May to discuss earnings tax
- d. Choices for BPW Neighborhood Fair St. Louis volunteer opportunities
  - i. Saturday, July 2nd
  - ii. Sunday, July 3rd
  - iii. Monday, July 4th
- e. Action items

## 8. Open Forum

9. Adjournment – Dan Geary moves, Chris Schmidt seconds meeting adjourns at 8:13 pm

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Bill
  - a. Follow up with Sara on the newsletter – bundling and folks to deliver
2. Frank
  - a. Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
  - b. Send bio (Karen will send)
  - c. Bring tree trimmer to Dog Park March 9 to help with trimming trees
3. Karen
  - a. Work to increase membership
4. Libby
  - a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
  - b. Letters of support
  - c. Send bio to Scott McIntosh
5. Linda
  - a. Contact Lisa Otke, Commercial Business Manager for City, to discuss denying occupancy permit for Colt Motors
  - b. Speak with Pam Welsh about adding another egg sign for Eggstravaganza March 26, 2016
  - c. Attend March 23rd Board of Adjustments meeting regarding denial of building permit for "Playful Allure Arts and Fashion Gallery, LLC" - 3256 Ohio
6. Dan
  - a. Will work on impact statements
7. Scott
  - a. Communications: Website
    - i. Add monthly Board and Membership meeting minutes
    - ii. Add how to be a Porch Review newsletter & Weekly Porch sponsor to Thursday's posts; check printed version for details

- iii. Update Board members including bios and headshots for 2016
  - b. Housing Committee
    - i. Post update BPW real estate listings on Fridays
- 8. 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
  - c. Forward planter locations to Karen Becker
- 9. Sara
  - a. Quarterly Porch Review