

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, August 20, 2015

Attendance: 41

Board

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
- Vice President – Becky Martinez, Absent
- Secretary – Scott McIntosh, Absent
- Treasurer – Frank Becker, Absent
- Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
- Member At-Large – Roz Ball,

1. Call to order – 7:03 pm
2. Due to the minutes not being available, the minutes will be delayed until the August meeting
3. Due to the minutes not being available, the July Treasurer's Report will be delayed until the August meeting
4. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Slomo and Chelsea Hollway with tattoo parlor
 - b. Capt Dale Simmons of The Salvation Army
 - c. Cherie, an intern at Garfield Place Apartments
5. Guest Speaker: Slomo and Chelsea Holloway – Alchemy Tattoo Parlor
 - a. Tattoo Parlor at 2839 Cherokee Street
 - b. Quality and art/creative process
 - c. See Chelsea's work online; noted as one of the best artists in the region
www.chelseahollaway.com
 - d. Intentionally built to be a community based intentionally based.
 - e. Both speakers have already been involved on Cherokee street
 - f. Focus is on creating an upstanding business in this type of business
 - g. Main artist is very well known and the hope is to bring
 - h. Questions:
 - i. Name: Earth Alchemy
 - ii. Location is at Nebraska/Cherokee/Oregon; across from Fire print place
 - i. City meeting is Sept 3, before next board meeting
 - i. Hours: not later than 9-10p
 - ii. Four chairs – Rental and flat rate options to artists
 - iii. Normal questions/statements stated to Chelsea and she agreed:
 1. Commercial dumpster
 2. Cleaning ½ from Cherokee to ½ alley
 3. Lighting concerns
 4. If there are issues, contact police immediately
 5. Encourage to be an active part of CSBA and BPW.

Next month might include the Director of Silver Spur, Senior Assisted living

6. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Dena Hibbard, 314-657-1359, hibbardd@stlouis-mo.gov
 - a. Nuisance Property

- i. Nothing in particular
 - ii. You must call 911 to get a property on the nuisance property list
 - iii. Each call to 911 counts to get it on the list
 - iv. Always give the street address of the problem property, NOT your own
 - b. 2800 Iowa – Still a lot of hanging out by vacant lot near Gravois
 - i. Good clean up with raids on houses and such.
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- 7. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
 - a. NNO – Good long night
 - i. Good showing for BPW with multiple blocks; Mayor was on 2600 Wyoming
 - b. Community Garden clean-up at Flower Garden – Wyoming and California
 - i. Thanks to all
 - ii. Forestry had issues with the amount of debris
 - iii. Yard Waste Dumpster is scheduled to be placed in the alley behind the garden
 - iv. Garden looks great
 - c. 2800 Block of Iowa
 - i. Felony Marijuana arrest on block; possible neighborhood impact statement will instituted. This is an ongoing situation.
 - 1. If charges are levied, then impact statement will help for more prison time.
 - ii. Good neighbors on the block which are greatly helping.
 - d. 50/50 Sidewalk
 - i. This year is done with 9th ward. Approximately \$ 100K work done.
 - ii. Now is the time to turn in sidewalks damaged by trees; Also, 50/50 program for next year. Ken has already set aside \$100K for next year.
 - e. Questions - Quality of Life issue – Ken highly recommended to contact NSO and call Ken 314-776-0161
 - i. Trees need to be trimmed on Arsenal; Juanita is also an issue.
 - ii. Juanita and Iowa – shrubs are over hanging, not allowing walking on sidewalk
 - iii. Concern of overhanging limbs and such cause place for bad elements to lurk
 - iv. Trees overhanging stop signs
 - v. Any items contact Dena - NSO
 - f. Street Trees – Call Ken to get on the list.
 - i. Money is allocated with two plantings – Spring and Fall
 - ii. “Sidewalk friendly” trees are used
 - g. BP Bike Race – Labor Day Weekend
 - h. Five Star South-Side Happy Hour - Friday night August 21st.
 - i. Fundraiser for Five Star Senior Center
 - ii. \$25 donation – 5-9p
 - 1. 4-5 different pizza places are donating - Pizza 5-8p
 - iii. Includes all drinks, prizes, etc.
 - i. Five Star Cool Down Event - Good event
- 8. St. Louis Library: Tonya Joy, Barr Branch

- a. Heads up – Staff reduction is occurring and she might not be able attend for several months
 - b. Sept 17th 4-7p 109th Anniversary – Barr is oldest branch in system.
 - c. Go WILD event – 50th anniversary of “Where the Wild Things Are”.
 - d. Central Library – Central Conversation Series – Sept 9th – 6:30-8p - Racial Justice/Post Ferguson World.
9. Upcoming Events
- a. National Night Out – Great Turn out
 - b. Five Star Senior Center – South Side Happy Hour
 - c. Cherokee Neighborhoods Happy Hour
 - i. Thurs, August 21 @ 6-8 pm
 - ii. Johnnie Walker’s, 32111 Cherkee
 - iii. Wear your BPW t-shirt
 - d. Sept 10th – Central Patrol Community Outreach meeting – Sept 10th
 - i. Quarterly
 - ii. Important to attend to meet police and hear a great program
 - iii. 6:30-7p – Neighborhoods gather
 - iv. 7p starts main meeting
 - e. Dog Park Announcements
 - i. New Chair – Chris Schmidt
 - f. Community Gardens – Help is always welcome
 - i. Flower Garden located at Wyoming/California, Gal named Carrie is taking over
 - ii. Arsenal/Jefferson veggie gardens
 - g. Board Nominations
 - i. Nominations – September BPWNA meeting; Think now about having interest in running for a board position.
 - ii. Voting – October BPWNA meeting
 - h. Prizes and 50/50
10. Adjournment – Diane Hurwitz moved, Connie Petty seconds, passed at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill Byrd