

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Attendance: 30

Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
 - Vice President – Alison Hillman, Present
 - Secretary – Ashtyn Baldas, Present
 - Treasurer – John Simons, **Absent**
 - Member At-Large – Tim Thomas, Present
 - Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, Present
1. Call to order – 7:03 pm
 2. Review and approve **Septembers** meeting minutes –
 - a. Alison Hillman moves,
 - b. Tim Thomas seconds, passes
 3. Review of **October** Board meeting minutes
 4. Review and approve Septembers Treasurer’s Report and proposed 2018 budget –
 - a. Jenni Poole states that under donations Barb Vindiola is actually a membership for multiple dogs
 - b. Bill Byrd moves with changes
 - c. Alison Hillman seconds, passes
 5. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Guests/New Member:
 - i. Sam Heist, 3000 Block of Texas; new neighbor
 - ii. Tim Cooper, 3100 Block of Ohio
 6. Guest Speaker:
 - a. **Ann from NexCore Fitness**
 - i. Certified yoga instructor
 - ii. Located off of Ohio and Gravois
 - iii. Specialized in rehabilitative yoga
 - iv. NexCore Fitness founded in Fox Park;
 1. Offers yoga
 2. Bootcamps
 3. Personal training
 4. 24/7 access to the gym
 7. Upcoming Events and Committee reports:
 - a. Recap: St. Louis Regional Night Out
 - i. Approximately 60 people
 - ii. Shock city music school brought a bunch of instruments for the kids
 - iii. Suggestion for next year is to make sure lights are available for after dark
 - b. Litter Clean up and Social Hour, Sat Oct 20 @ 9 AM
 - i. Last litter clean up of the year
 - c. 2019 Board nominations and elections
 - i. Under member at large, Ashtyn Baldas will run for member at large instead of Alison Hillman

- ii. Alison Hillman has agreed to be an interim vice president until a vice president is found.
 - d. Howl-O-Ween, Sat Oct 27 @ 1 – 3 PM, Dog park
 - i. Open event
 - ii. Costume contest for the dogs
 - e. Trunk or Treat + Carnival, Sun Oct 28 @ 4-6 PM, Salvation Army, Arsenal
 - i. Sign up with Darren Young
 - f. Neighborhood Cameras
 - i. If you have a camera facing the street or alley please sign up on the camera list
 - g. Court Watch
 - i. On hold; Circuit attorney’s office has delayed training
 - h. November Pot-Luck
 - i. Supply chicken from Hodaks
 - ii. Please feel free to bring a dish
 - i. Five Star is doing a chicken dinner Nov 11
- 8. 9th Ward Alderman – Dan Guenther
 - a. Legislative wise
 - i. Resolution of 104 – tax abatement of incentive reform. Goal is to remove incentives from areas that don’t need it. Benton Park is no longer eligible.
 - ii. Co sponsored a bill where the federal government is providing \$982,000 for creation of opioid and opioid death task force to collect data and assist with helping.
 - 1. 256 deaths directly related to opioids in 2017 in city of St. Louis
 - 2. 63118, 63116, 63111 have the most opioid deaths in the city
 - b. Funding available for Prop S – city sets aside \$1 mil to give to nonprofit organizations that focus on youth violence prevention. The RFP is due by end of October.
 - i. Stlouis-mo.gov in search put in Prop S RPF
 - c. Development
 - i. LRA having hearing Monday regarding two properties in BPW
 - 1. 3104 Wyoming
 - 2. 2647 Arsenal (between Texas and Ohio)
 - a. “New Construction”
 - ii. Imo’s pizza
 - 1. Propose having a pick-up drive thru window
 - 2. Enter through Gravois, exit off Arsenal
 - 3. Will require a letter of support from the neighborhood association
 - d. Free winterization through Urban League
 - i. Income based
 - e. Go St. Louis Halloween Marathon
 - i. Impacts a lot of streets 7 AM – 11 AM 10/21/2018
 - f. Street
 - i. Traffic calming
 - 1. Looking at Wyoming, Utah, Michigan
 - a. Traffic commissioner removed Wyoming and Utah because there are too many stop signs in close proximity to one another
 - b. Dan is proposing that through the NA that looks at intersections of stop signs to decide areas of where to remove them and put in speed humps instead.

