

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Attendance: 37

Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
 - Vice President – Alison Hillman, Present
 - Secretary – Ashtyn Baldas, Present
 - Treasurer – John Simons, Present
 - Member At-Large – Tim Thomas, Present
 - Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, Present
1. Call to order – 7:07 pm
 2. Review and approve **May** meeting minutes –
 - a. Pam Welsch moves,
 - b. Alison Hillman seconds, passes
 3. Review of **June** Board meeting minutes
 4. Review and approve Junes Treasurer’s Report and proposed 2018 budget –
 - a. Ashtyn Baldas moves,
 - b. Eddie Schmidt seconds, passes
 5. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Guests/New Member:
 - i. Mark and Lynette Levey 3100 block of Texas
 - ii. Phillip Grippley, Division of Public Safety
 - iii. William Cook, from Dutchtown
 - iv. Liza Farr, from the Grove
 - b. Carrick Reddick
 - i. Gravois/Jefferson plan passed
 - ii. July 16, 6-8pm celebration that the plan was adopted and grouping together for implementation
 1. 350 recommendations that need to be implemented
 2. Gravoisjeffersonplanning.org
 6. Guest Speaker:
 - a. **Liza Farr**, Associate Project Manager, Bi-State Development RE: Bike Share Program
 - i. Green and Yellow Bikes for Bike Share
 1. Lime Bike and Ofo
 2. At base dock less bike share programs
 3. Helps provide transportation for individuals who don’t have cars or aren’t able to use buses
 4. Bikes don’t lock to anything, they lock to themselves
 - a. GPS in every single bike
 - b. Bar that is on the back wheel
 - c. IF you try to pick the bike up it will start alarming, but will alert the company
 5. You can use it by downloading the apps for the company or do cash payment (cash payment is only offered through Limebike)

- a. Limebike offers a low income program (\$5 for 100 rides)
 - 6. Park legally:
 - a. Do not have the bike block access for any person or vehicle
 - b. Do not park on grass
 - 7. If there are issues or vandalism, call the company of the bike in question. There's a phone number and email address written on every single bike. The company's are required to get back to individuals within 2 hours during 8 AM to 6 PM.
 - 8. Over 100,000 rides since the start of the program.
 - 9. 2,000 bikes in the city currently. The city has the capability of increasing to 5,000 bikes.
 - ii. City of St. Louis manages this program
- 7. Upcoming Events and Committee reports:
 - a. BPW Committee and Volunteers
 - b. Fair St. Louis fundraiser, Sat. Jul 7
 - i. Host a beverage booth where beer, wine, and soda is sold
 - ii. You can sign up on the website
 - 1. Use Promo code BPWNA
 - iii. All volunteers have to sign up through volunteer local
 - 1. If you are going to sell you have to go through online Smart Training
 - iv. 3 positions
 - 1. Pourers
 - 2. Runners
 - 3. Sellers
 - c. Neighborhoods united for change recap, Sat. Jun 16
 - i. BPW was paired with the Ville neighborhood
 - d. Last day to register to vote in August primary, July 11
 - i. You can go online to register to vote or use paper tickets to send in
 - e. Litter Clean up and Social Hour, Sat June 23
 - i. Cleaning up Community Garden at Jefferson and Arsenal
 - ii. Gather at 9 AM
 - f. Dog Park Yappy Hour, July 5
 - i. 6 – 8 pm
 - ii. Open event – all dogs and humans can come
 - iii. Drinks, snacks, cute dogs
 - g. Fall Festival: Safety and Health, Saturday, September 29
 - i. Bounce houses, face painting, kid finger prints, gun locks, working on
 - ii. Held at Benton Park and Cherokee Rec Center
 - iii. Need volunteers
 - iv. Looking for business sponsors
 - h. Neighborhood Cameras
 - i. If you have a camera facing the street or alley please sign up on the camera list
 - i. Court Watch
 - i. We need volunteers
 - j. DeSales
 - i. Would like BPW residents to volunteer to join their community advisory board
 - ii. September 5, 2018 is the deadline set to join community advisory board
 - k. 3301 Minnesota

- i. Neighborhood association is in opposition of reopening corner stores at this spot
 - ii. If you are opposed to this building be reopened, please do one of the following:
 - 1. Send letters to Mary Hart, Zoning Administrator
 - a. hartm@stlouis-mo.gov
 - 2. Sign the group letter that is being sent around
- 8. 9th Ward Alderman – Dan Guenther
 - a. Revised budget was passed 6/20/2018
 - i. Increased building demo fund to \$3.675 million
 - 1. A lot of this \$ is going to N. St. Louis
 - ii. Increased recreation budget by \$975k
 - iii. \$775,000 was added to the budget for homeless outreach
 - 1. Hire 2 homeless outreach coordinators
 - 2. Throwing \$600k to Biggles House, homeless shelter
 - iv. \$200,000 will be used for restoring a building which helps with community complaints
 - v. \$900k added to police cadet program
 - vi. Full funded the affordable housing trust fund at \$5.5 million
 - vii. \$275k youth jobs funded
 - viii. State Auditor - \$575,000 has been set aside to audit the entire city
 - ix. \$800k allocated to restore funding for NSOs
 - b. Hoods building purchased by Guardian Angels Settlement Association – groundbreaking ceremony Sep. 12 or 13th at 10 AM
 - c. Operation Food Search
 - i. M-S from 4:45 – 5:15 at Cherokee Rec free dinners are available
 - ii. M-F at 11:30 there are free lunches at St. Francis Cabroini
 - iii. Free nutritious meals for kids
 - d. North Side Generation
 - e. Resolution 19
 - i. Illegal tax credit fraud
 - f. 9th and 20th Ward Candidate Forum July 18th from 6:30 – 9:00 at Teft Pump (3449 S. Jefferson)
- 9. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
 - a. Crime Report
 - 1. Assault in BPW on June 4 at 3100 block of Gravois (road rage turned into shooting). Possible suspect identified.
 - 2. Crime is down 25% from last year
 - a. 18 Assaults this year
 - b. 8 robberies (down from last year)
 - c. 23 stolen autos this year versus 17 from last year
 - 3. 3rd district meeting last Thursday, June 14
 - 4. Captain is putting out overtime cars for fireworks. Call 911 and address if people are lighting them off. Email Officer Clancy as well, so that officers know where to visit again the next day.
- 10. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091
 - a. BPW and Gravois has had street justice occurring; 6 shootings, one including a 9 year old girl.
- 11. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough

- i. Indihop
 - 1. \$1000 is going to the park
- ii. Taco Scavenger hunt is July 14
- iii. Inaugural Exhibition June 29
- iv. Bastille Day, July 15

12. Upcoming Events

- a. N/A

13. Prizes

- a. Attendance Prizes
 - i. BPW bag and BPW car sticker: Jason Hillman
 - ii. Rachel Ray Casserole Dish: Tim Turner
 - iii. IPA: Carrie Slate
- b. 50/50: \$30 won by Bill Bird

14. Adjournment – Alison Hillman moves, Tim Turner seconds, passes at 8:22 pm