

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Attendance: 44

Board

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
- Vice President – Scott McIntosh, Present
- Secretary, Libby Martin, Absent
- Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
- Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
- Member At-Large – Eddie Schmid Absent

1. Call to order – 7:03 pm
2. Review and approve June meeting minutes – Dan Geary moves, Eddie Schmid seconds, passes
3. Review of Board meeting minutes
4. Review and approve Treasurer's June Report – Chris Schmidt moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes
5. Review 2016 Budget and approval
6. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Mary Pat Carol, candidate for Circuit Attorney
 - b. Ed
 - c. Patrick, candidate for Circuit Attorney
 - d. Dylan Hassinger, candidate for MO State Senator
 - e. Susan Mince, Peter & Paul Community Services
 - f. Liz Gerard, new member
 - g. Stephanie and Graham Browne, renewal
7. Guest Speaker: Michelle Landers-Ochsner, Flance Early Learning Center
 - a. New preschool serving infants to pre-K
 - b. Open to everyone
 - c. Located in north St. Louis, 1908 O'Fallon Street, St. Louis, MO 63106
 - d. Open house on Sat, Aug 6 @ 9-11 am, please register
8. St. Louis Library: Tonya Joy, Barr Branch – Absent
9. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
 - a. Burglaries – Down from this 4 week period from 2015; 15 compared to 25 in 2015
 - b. Auto Thefts – Down 19 for the year; 2 this past month down from 4 in 2015
 - c. Homicides – Up due to 2 last month; neither victim were BPW residents
 - d. Linda Hennigh asked if the Police confiscate fireworks during the 4th of July
 - i. Police stopped doing that
 - ii. Want to discuss options for next year
10. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091, potts@stlouis-mo.gov
 - a. Please refer residents who don't have AC or aren't using their AC due to \$ to her or Alderman Ortmann to ensure they don't die from the heat
 - b. Tree Debris
 - i. If it's a City tree (between street and sidewalk), turn it in and it will be taken care of by the end of July
 - ii. If it's a private tree, you are responsible, but don't dump it in the alley
 - iii. If there is excess, call Barb to have it put on a bulk pick up list

11. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
 - a. Turn in overgrown lots / homes so they can get them turned into Forestry for mowing
 - b. Development
 - i. Tax sales – properties had multiple bidders driving up prices
 - ii. LRA/CDA properties have had multiple bidders now too
 - iii. Lots of rehabs in 2016 and many new ones underway
 - iv. St. Louis Community Credit Union has demo'd and starting construction at Oregon and Gravois
 - c. No updates on real time cameras along Jefferson
12. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Jason Deem, Present
 - a. Love Bank Park
 - i. Nebraska at Cherokee
 - ii. Working with Killeen Architects for public space, especially for youth
 - iii. Looking at drinking fountains, basketball, stage for small performances, chess/checker boards
 - iv. Selling vacant lots to help pay for the park
 - v. Four Hands Beer - \$1 from every case of City Brewery
 - vi. Received \$10K from Four Hands today!
 - b. Cherokee Street Farmers market tomorrow at Texas
 - c. New natural beauty shop (skin and haircare) at 3408 Ohio, behind Bespoked
 - d. Truck giving out food to kids
 - e. Working with Juvenile Courts to ensure the few kids that cause trouble don't ruin it for everyone
 - f. St. Louis Jewelers, just East of California on Cherokee, a father and son making and repairing jewelry
13. Upcoming Events and Committee Reports
 - a. National Night Out
 - i. Registration has been extended to the end of July
 - ii. DATE: Tuesday, August 2
 - iii. BPW hosting an event from 6-8 pm at Our Neighborhood Garden (flower) at 2802 Wyoming at California
 - iv. Will have activities for kids
 - v. Will have some snacks and hot dogs
 - vi. BYOB and any other food you'd like
 - vii. Opportunity to get to know your neighbors
 - viii. Open to non-residents to sell our neighborhood to potential new residents
 - ix. Also opportunity to introduce the flower garden to people
 - x. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Scott McIntosh
 - b. Colt Motor Hearing
 - i. Happened Wed, July 6
 - ii. Instead of revoking the business permit
 - iii. 17 rules they can't break; turn in if you see any being broken
 - c. Cherokee Neighborhoods Happy Hour
 - i. Thurs, July 28 at Saint Louis Hop Shop Truck from 4-7:30 pm
 - d. Dog Park Update
 - i. Puppy pool party on Weds at 5 pm, but may shift to later time
 - e. BPW Community Garden (Fencing)
 - i. Need help moving old fence to Jefferson/Arsenal vegetable garden

- f. Possible fundraising events
 - i. Fair St. Louis – best volunteer sign up ever, but rain drove down attendance and volunteers were cut
 - ii. Only \$150 in tips from Fair St. Louis
 - iii. Opportunity to have a beer booth at a private event for 10,000 people, still negotiation, Sept 23-25 is the possible weekend
 - g. Praise in the Park
 - i. Saturday, August 13 from 4-8 pm, Benton Park
 - ii. Seeking volunteers
 - iii. Have raised \$1500 for the event; will pay singer and feed people
 - iv. Estimating 300 people; same as last year
 - v. Games and activities for families
14. Prizes
- a. Attendance Prizes
 - i. Bottle of Wine: Jason Deem
 - ii. Personal/room fan: Karen Becker
 - iii. Portable Cooler: Shannon Headley
 - b. 50/50 - \$22 to Marlow Duggar
15. Adjournment – Chris Schmidt moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes at 8:14 pm