

## **Benton Park West Neighborhood Association**

Board Meeting – Five Star Senior Center

February 5, 2013 @ 6:30- PM

- I. Call to Order – 6:32 pm
- II. Roll Call
  - a. President – Linda Hennigh, **Present**
  - b. Vice President – Michael Sullivan, **Present**
  - c. Secretary – Scott McIntosh, Absent
  - d. Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh, **Present**
  - e. Member At-Large – Becky Martinez, **Present**
  - f. Member At-Large – Christina Sullivan, **Present**
  - g. Membership Committee – Vacant
  - h. Block Link – Vacant
  - i. Communications – Bill Byrd, **Present**
  - j. Facilities – Bill Byrd,
  - k. Dog Park Committee – Mandy Mankin, Absent 2
  - l. Youth Outreach – Pam Welsh, **Present**
  - m. Quality of Life and Safety – Bill Byrd
  - n. Beautification – Shirley Johnson, Absent 2
  - o. Community Garden – Vacant
  - p. Finance and Fundraising - Vacant
- III. **Black Bear Bakery – Bryan Dennert**
  - a. Re-incorporating in MO
  - b. Employee owned as a Co-op.
  - c. Must go through as a new business
    - i. Must be rezoned again for wholesale/resale
    - ii. New item is manufacturing
  - d. Looking for a letter of support for the rezoning.
- IV. **Omar Nisir and Michael Griffin – 3325 Cherokee**
  - a. Wishing to open market; American with East African flair
  - b. Will keep both locations; currently on Holly Hills in Carondelet.
  - c. Mr. Nisir indicates he would work/manage the Cherokee location. With the Holy Hills location to be managed by one of his children.
  - d. No alcohol.
  - e. Days/hours – 7 days with 8a-6p, warm weather possible 8a-8p.
  - f. Proactive in curbing illegal behavior; no problem with calling police
  - g. Future growth to have restaurant in the connecting space
  - h. Security concerns were addressed – suggestion of cameras, suggestions of encouraging police officers via free coffee, etc., existing lighting will be turned on, possible to have inside roll-down security gates if needed.
- V. **2746 Utah - Siharaj Pone and Scott Brink**
  - a. Requesting support for building demo
    - i. Told by two different companies the building was not salvageable.

- ii. One of the companies indicated that a \$ 200+K cost to rebuild and stabilize.
    - iii. Foundation must be stabilized at large cost to be able to rehab.
  - b. Explained time-line; multiple fires, multiple break-ins with vandalism
  - c. Attempted to market; no realtors seem interested.
  - d. Wish to demo and alleviate liability issues.
  - e. Plan for lot after demo would be possibility to have the Lau's Temple group from Cherokee to use for gardening.
- VI. Review and Accept January Board Meeting Minutes – Pam moves, Christina seconds, approved with correction that Suzy Hennigh has been on the board since 2012.
- VII. Review of January Membership meeting minutes.
- VIII. Review January Treasurer's Report and 2012 Budget and Committee Report
  - a. Bill moved to pay neighborhood liability insurance for the year 2013, Christina second, approved.
- IX. Committee Reports
  - a. President's Report
    - i. Speakers for February -
      - 1. Slay will be at the meeting and speak briefly at the beginning.
      - 2. Tentatively Lewis Reed will also be at the February meeting.
      - 3. Linda will invite surrounding neighborhoods.
    - ii. SSDN – Annie Nacheca looking to purchase some of the SSDN properties, including one of the lots where one of the current BPW gardens has half of the vegetable garden.
  - b. Communications
    - i. New neighbor packets are needed
  - c. Facilities
    - i. Request to pay first six months of rent
    - ii. Request to approval to purchase paper for 2013 up to \$ 600.
    - iii. Pam moved to approval monies for both requests, Michael second, approved.
  - d. Housing
  - e. Quality of Life and Safety
    - i. Weed & Seed Meetings – Quarterly. Next meeting March 14.
    - ii. COP
  - f. Membership – None
  - g. Programming/Schedule
    - i. Will be on the back of meeting agendas
    - ii. Published in the newsletter
    - iii. Reviewed schedule
- X. Old Business
  - a. Mardi Gras – Feb 9- all is going well.

- b. Kevin's Nails – 3127 Cherokee - Becky moved to submit letter of support, Christina second, approved with conditions.
  - c. Wabi Shabele Market – 3325 Cherokee - Christina moved to submit letter of support, Becky second, approved with conditions.
  - d. Black Bear Bakery - Pam moved to submit letter of support, Bill second, approved with conditions.
  - e. 2746 Utah demolition – Discussion confirmed the previous letter sent in opposition stands.
- XI. New Business
- a. 3000 Wyoming – Sam and Leona – Dog grooming/training salon.
    - i. Noted as a positive for the neighborhood.
    - ii. Will be invited to board meeting for further discussion.
- XII. Adjournment - Pam moves, Christina seconds, and approved.

#### ACTION ITEMS

- I. All
  - a. Bring \$1 for 50/50 at Membership Meeting
- II. Becky
- III. Bill
  - a. Work with Michael S. to get the V-P email address forwarded to his personal email.
  - b. New Neighbor packets
  - c. PO's to Suzy for payment of rent.
  - d. Assist Shirley with neighborhood banners; found a source for banners - \$25-30 for 2ft x 5ft pole banners
  - e. Banner for Dog Park; assist Mandy with this project
  - f. Add PayPal button to website; button is not taking to PayPal site
  - g. Google phone – option to replace office phone
- IV. Christina
  - a. Mardi Gras volunteer.
- V. Linda
  - a. Board and NA meeting agendas
  - b. Letter of support
- VI. Mandy
  - a. Dog Park banner; working with Bill
  - b. Planning a work day; trying to get mulch delivered
  - c. Needs lock combination from Barb Potts
- VII. Michael
  - a. Mardi Gras Volunteer
  - b. Work with Scott on Housing Committee
- VIII. Pam
  - a. Mardi Gras volunteer
  - b. NAB work

- c. Starting on Easter Eggstravaganza
- IX. Scott
  - a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
  - b. T-shirt Sales
    - i. Will post on Facebook, Listserv, Twitter, etc to purchase once PayPal button is on BPWNA website
    - ii. Press release
    - iii. \$20 for non-members, and \$15 for members
    - iv. Suzy will get notification from PayPal and should send to Board
    - v. Bill, Mandy, and Scott will discuss logistics for distributing shirts
- X. Shirley
  - a. BPW canvas neighborhood banners; spoke with Alderman Ortmann
- XI. Suzy
  - a. Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
  - b. Pay first six months office rent; Bill will send PO
  - c. Add Michael and Christina Sullivan to Dropbox