

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – November Board Meeting

November 13, 2017
Scott McIntosh called to order – 6:36 PM

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) **President** – Scott McIntosh: **Present**
 - b) **Vice President** – Alison Hillman: **Present**
 - c) **Secretary** – Liz Gerard: **Present**
 - d) **2018 Secretary** – Ashton Baldas: **Present**
 - e) **Treasurer** – John Simons: **Absent**
 - f) **Member At-Large** – Jason Hillman: **Absent**
 - g) **Member At-Large** – Eddie Schmid: **Absent**

 - h) **Membership** – Charlene Young: **Absent**
 - i) **Block Link** – Chris Schmidt: **Present**
 - j) **Communications** – Scott McIntosh: **Present**
 - k) **Beautification** – Stephanie McKinney: **Present**
 - l) **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh: **Present**
 - m) **Dog Park** – Jeni Poole: **Present**
 - n) **Facilities** – Bill Byrd: **Present**
 - o) **Fundraising** – **Vacant**
 - p) **Youth Outreach** – Darren Young: **Absent**

 - q) **Guest** – Paul Holzman (Developer – Urban Hip)

- 2) **Guest – Paul Holzman**
 - a) Benton Park West resident and developer looking to purchase two LRA properties, including 3331 Iowa (one of the most troubled in the neighborhood)
 - b) Paul studied architecture and has plenty of experience redeveloping “gentrifying” neighborhoods in Chicago
 - c) Describes himself as invested in the community and is passionate about preserving its architectural history
 - d) Believes the Iowa property is best kept a three-family. Has not determined if he will rent or sell
 - e) Bill Byrd moves that Benton Park West provide a letter of support for the two properties. Liz Gerard seconds. Passes

- 3) **Review and accept October board meeting minutes:** Linda Hennigh moves to accept, Alison Hillman seconds. Passes

- 4) **Review of President’s Report**
 - a) Scott McIntosh participated in the Fall Alley Cleanup with several volunteers, including Landmarks Association members and Alderman Dan Guenther
 - b) **Needs to pick up check from STL-Style**

- 5) **Review of Vice President’s Report**
 - a) Alison Hillman and Chris Schmidt were interviewed by Kiya Edwards of Channel 5 about the Lights! Camera! Action! safety initiative. Alison is planning a committee meeting for December 3, 2017
 - b) Contacted 4 Hands Brewery for consideration in their non-profit fundraising program

- 6) **Review of July Treasurer’s Report**
 - a) **Scott McIntosh needs to follow-up with John Simons on several items: Reducing checking account balance, dog park water bill, insurance**

7) Review of Communications Committee Report

- a) Click rates are significantly up due to real estate listings
- a) Review monthly discussion topics in blog posts to show readers that the board is listening and encourage engagement
- b) Publish an "annual report" in January. Discuss neighborhood goals and accomplishments
- c) Form a working group for the porch review

8) Review of Facilities Committee Report

- a) Alison Hillman moves the board reimburse Bill Byrd for website hosting and copier paper. Chris Schmidt seconds. Passes
- b) Stephanie McKinney moves to reimburse Barb Potts (Neighborhood Stabilization Officer) for her phone bill. Liz Gerard seconds. Passes

9) November Potluck

- a) Bill Byrd moves the board spend up to \$150 for food and utensils. Liz Gerard seconds. Passes
- b) Residents will bring drinks and side dishes

10) Onboarding

- a) Scott McIntosh reviews board onboarding process with attendees
- b) Alison Hillman will research Dropbox alternatives, particularly for archiving and sharing
- c) Bill Byrd will give new board members an office tour
- d) Alison Hillman will prepare instructions for new board members
- e) Next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5

11) Miscellaneous

- a) Blog post about camera recommendations
- b) Liz Gerard moves to donate October 50-50 proceeds to Tim Galos for his medical expenses. Bill Byrd seconds. Passes

12) **Motion to adjourn:** 8:45 PM. Liz Gerard moves. Alison Hillman seconds

***Action items in red**