

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2013

Linda Hennigh Called to order – 6:33 pm

GUESTS

Diane Hurwitz, Colt Motors Hearing, Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Linda Hennigh and Diane Hurwitz met with Alderman Ken Ortmann, Rebecca Wright, Assistant City Counselor, Frank Oswald, Head of Zoning and Mary Hart Burton, Zoning Administrator at City Hall regarding the Board of Adjustment Appeal #8271 re: 3210 South Compton (Colt Motors). Colt Motors is currently not in compliance with certain conditions that were made part of the variance. There will be a revocation of variance hearing at City Hall, Room 208, on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 1:30 pm. Neighborhood members encouraged to attend to demonstrate support of revocation procedure.

Rev. Paula Cooper, Discuss plans for the Gospel Concert, on Saturday, August 13, 2016 - 4 - 8 pm.

Rev. Paula has raised \$1,000 toward cost of food and supplies. She is writing another grant to request and additional \$500. The Benton Neighborhood Association will contribute \$150 toward expenses for the Praise in the Park Concert. Rev. Paula would like additional financial support from BPWNA. She will follow up at the next BPWNA meeting with a definite dollar amount. She has requested volunteer support from the Peace Tabernacle. She will contact The Salvation Army and ask for volunteers and will ask the Better Family Life Organization for "resource" volunteers. Chris Schmidt will act as the volunteer coordinator for the event.

Mike Killeen, Chunky Boy Restaurant Issues - Absent

Discussion among Board members on how to handle the nuisance complaints made against Chunky Boy Restaurant. Mr. Killeen provided a written statement that suggested using the same method for the issue at Chunky Boy's that was used to control the unwanted activity at Trueman's Place. It was suggested that we get a group of concerned neighbors together to discuss complaints

1. Roll Call

- a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
- b. Vice President, Scott McIntosh, Present
- c. Secretary, Libby Martin, Present
- d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
- e. Member At-Large, Dan Geary, Present
- f. Member At-Large, Eddie Schmid, Present
- g. Block Link, Vacant
- h. Communications, Scott McIntosh, Present - Sara Johnson, Absent
- i. Finance, Frank Becker, Present
- j. Membership – Karen Becker, Present
- k. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Absent
- l. Community Garden, Scott McIntosh, Present
- m. Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Present
- n. Facilities, Bill Byrd, Present
- o. Fundraising, Bill Byrd, Present
- p. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
- q. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
- r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent

2. Review of May 9, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Bill Byrd moves to accept, Frank Becker seconds, passes, May 9, 2016 Board meeting minutes accepted
3. Review of May 2016 Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget
4. Standing Committees
 - a) Block Link
 - b) Communications
 - c) Finance
 - d) Membership
5. Special Committees
 - e) Beautification
 - f) Community Garden
 - g) Dog Park
 - h) Facilities
 - i) Fundraising
 - j) Housing
 - k) Quality of Life and Safety
 - l) Youth Outreach
6. Discussion Items
 - a) There are 30 block links for 40+ blocks - still need a chair and more block links
 - b) Change \$500 deposit for Booth from Category 32 - Expense - Fundraisers - Fair St. Louis to Category 38 - Expense - Other - Miscellaneous
 - c) Need to replace color drum on printer
 - d) Dog Park - Sunday, June 26, 2016 10 am - 2 pm - VIP RSQ organization fundraiser
 - Chris Schmidt will be out of town the day of the event
 - BPWNA donated one Dog Park membership
 - Still need volunteers, sponsors and silent auction donations - contact Allison Hillman (her contact information is on Facebook page)
 - a) Scott will put another notice on BPWN blog
 - Fred Bird coming at 10:30 am
 - e) Need volunteers for maintenance in Flower Garden
 - f) Community Garden (vegetable garden) has lost 4 members
 - Urban Sprout is expanding - will donate iron fencing - Joe Zorillo has volunteered to help move the fence
 - BPWN will partner with the Neighborhood Garden workdays and Seeds of Change to build up volunteer hours for expansion or moving next fall
 - Erin Szopiak of the new restaurant on Cherokee - *Vista Ramen* - wants to collaborate with Community Garden on a compost pile from their restaurant
 - g) Still need more volunteers for Fair St. Louis - July 2, 2016
 - Go to Sign Up Genius on BPWN website
 - h) There will be a Block Party, Thursday, June 30, 2016
 - California will be closed between Gravois and Arsenal - 1 pm - 7 pm
 - i) International Institute Community Potlucks to be held July 28th and Sept 26th
 - Potlucks on Thursdays at 12 noon every other month
 - Need 4-5 organizations for each potluck
 - Paper products and drinks are provided
 - Connie Petty or Scott McIntosh will mention in next BPWNA meeting
 - j) SLACO (St. Louis Association for Community Organizations)

- Steven Jehle (Marine Villa neighborhood) is chair, Linda Hennigh (BPWN) and James McGee (Benton Park) are on Executive Committee
 - Yearly conference to be held October 29 2016 at Harris Stowe University
 - Anyone can attend the conference
 - Workshops offered to help neighborhoods and block communities
 - Linda requests \$100 for BPWN SLACO 2017 membership
 - Bill Byrd moves to allocate \$100 for SLACO membership, Libby Martin seconds, passes - \$100 to be taken from Budget - Community Outreach - Category 13
- k) Review for NA meeting agenda
- Energy Care will be speaker
 - Pics in the Park (Chris)
 - Fair St. Louis needs volunteers (Bill)
 - Flower Garden and moving fence (Scott)
 - Chunky Boy issue (Linda)
 - Colt Motors (Linda)
 - Vegetable Garden (Scott)
 - Mulch (Scott)
 - Pot Luck (Connie Petty or Scott McIntosh)
7. Open Forum
8. Adjournment –Bill Byrd moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, meeting adjourns at 8:20 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. Bill
 - Replace drum in color printer
 - Call Carl Milborn (Benton Park) to discuss Chunky Boy issue
2. Frank
 - Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
3. Karen
 - Work to increase membership
4. Libby
 - Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
 - Letters of support
5. Linda
 - Put *Community Pot Luck* event on agenda for June 16, 2016 BPWNA Meeting
 - Vote on funds to build new beds at the Community Garden - approx \$30/bed and possible soil
6. Dan
 - Continue to work on impact statements
 - Bring petition for BPWNA members to sign in support of NOM process
 - Determine date for "Texas Avenue" sentencing, bail hearing and / or trial
7. Scott
 - Determine Flower Garden lock key holder and soaker hose needs. Set up watering schedule in meantime. Seek mulch options. Ken Ortmann checking with Forestry about possible delivery

- Outreach to Loop Neighborhood Association for "how to" on Christmas decorating; include Anne McCullough
- Send follow-up with Cherokee Neighborhood leaders on programming meeting.
- Flower Garden - Carrie Sleep moving out of neighborhood. Scott will assume maintenance of "Our Community Garden"

8. Stephanie

- Thank you note to Corner Pot planters and ask if they'll continue to 2016
- Get new volunteers for orphaned corner pots; can move where wanted

9. Sara

- Quarterly Porch Review in September