

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 11th, 2019

Submitted by: John Simons

Call to order - 6:44 pm

Attendance - Roll Call

- President - Scott McIntosh - **Present**
- Vice President (Interim) - Alison Hillman - Absent
- Secretary - John Simons - **Present**
- Treasurer - Linda Hennigh - **Present**
- Member At-Large - Ashtyn Baldas - Absent
- Member At-Large - Tim Thomas - Absent
- Beautification - Stephanie McKinney - **Present**
- Block Link - Chris Schmidt - **Present**
- Communications - Scott McIntosh
- Community Garden - Linda Hennigh
- Our Neighborhood Garden - Scott McIntosh
- Dog Park - Jeni Poole - Absent
- Facilities - Bill Byrd - **Present**
- Fundraising - **Vacant**
- Housing Committee - Scott McIntosh
- SLACO Committee - Linda Hennigh
- Membership – **Vacant**
- Quality of Life and Safety - **Vacant**
- Youth Outreach - Darren Young - Absent
- Cherokee Street Liaison - **Vacant**

Agenda

Notes

1. Guest Presenter: Valencia Miller of Arch Nemesis Tattoo Shop
 - a. Address 2909 S. Jefferson Ave, St. Louis, MO 63118
 - b. Character Support
 - i. Partner - Alex of Shaved Duck
 - ii. Team members: Nikki - Operations manager, Kaitlyn, Brittney, Aaron, Jessie

- c. Details about space: Jason Deem landlord, formerly a barbershop, moving partitions in space.
 - d. Supporting non-profits especially those that benefit women who have experienced trauma. Healing action.
 - e. Theme Old St Louis and Modern.
 - f. Walk ins and appointment.
 - g. Inspections
 - i. Passed occupancy
 - ii. Passed State inspection
 - iii. Pending City Approval
 - h. Space for 7 workstations expect only 3-4 to be active at one time.
 - i. Hours of operation: Sunday-Thursday: 12-8; Friday-Saturday: 12-9
 - j. Parking: Street Parking on Jefferson
 - k. Signage to be done by Phil Jarvis planned week of 2/19
 - l. Hearing date 2/14 8:30 AM
 - m. Letter of support motion: Chris, second: Bill, passes
2. President's Report
 - a. Cherokee Street CID Sarah Navarette and Alexa will be attending March board meeting. Scott is trying to outreach to partner with Neighborhood Association.
 - b. Stephanie White building on Utah will be demolished.
 3. Review of January Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to Accept Bill Byrd, Chris Schmidt seconds, motion passes
 4. Review of January Association Meeting Minutes
 - a. Suggestions to include submitted by line to minutes
 - b. Review discussion points for Witnessing whiteness at February meeting.
 - i. Specific point to address is reasoning for exclusivity.
 - ii. <https://www.ywcastl.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/WHY-WHITE-SPAC E.-WITNESSING-WHITENESS.pdf>
 5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Linda and John need to coordinate on the hand off.
 - b. 2 credit card charges need to be recategorized.
 6. Membership
 - a. Reminder that all members need to be in good standing to vote.
 7. Block Link
 - a. Chris will be attending block unit training February 16th
 8. Communications
 - a. Clicks review see report
 - b. Plan to install community bulletin boards around the neighborhood this year.
 - i. Materials and Volunteers welcomed
 - c. Bill Byrd Plans to release newsletter. Request for items: board announcements, witnessing whiteness, Cherokee street CID, Cherokee Street Development League, Creole Mardi Gras,

9. Community Garden

- a. Beginning to spin up for 2019.
- b. Work day planned for April 6th with Volunteers through Showers of Service.
- c. Confirm with Linda if you would like a plot this year.

10. Our Neighborhood Garden

- a. Scott has been down to clear perennials.
- b. Bill proposed that tiny library be moved outside the fence.
- c. Add a sign welcoming use of the garden.

11. Facilities

- a. Confirming that space is scheduled for NA at Five Star
- b. Office rent for Salvation army, Bill moves, Chris seconds, passes

12. SLACO Report

- a. Board Bill 222 was tabled after considerable discussion until further input can be obtained from SLACO and public. Bill was a result of Prop NS vote for stabilization of LRA properties. Bill provided substantial support to financially secure companies, but not to private citizens. Brandon Bosley (supported by Dan Guenther and Cara Spencer) argued to strike the bill. Roddy and Boyd supported that Bill be passed and Board of Alderman not dictate terms of \$40,000,000 bond.

13. Youth & Outreach

- a. Jermar and Zenique not available to assist until Summer
- b. Looking for volunteers for Eggstravaganza
 - i. Chris Schmidt has volunteered

14. Other topics

- a. Tonya Hall is interested in working on housing committee
- b. Witnessing Whiteness need more signups, but have majority
- c. Discussion of budget lines for 2019

15. Meeting Adjourned - 8:48 PM

- a. Stephanie Moves, Linda Seconds

Action Items

- Scott to provide letter of support for Arch Nemesis tatto
- Linda Hennigh and John Simons to coordinate remainder of Treasurer hand off
- All provide newsletter items to Bill

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Next Board meeting Tuesday 3/12.