

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Attendance: 37

Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
 - Vice President – Alison Hillman, Present
 - Secretary – Ashtyn Baldas, Absent
 - Treasurer – John Simons, Present
 - Member At-Large – Tim Thomas, Present
 - Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, Present
1. Call to order – 7:03 pm
 2. Review and approve **March** meeting minutes –
 - a. Alison Hillman moves,
 - b. Tim Thomas seconds, passes
 3. Review of **April** Board meeting minutes
 4. Review and approve April Treasurer’s Report will be at May meeting as February Treasurer’s report was included in packet.
 5. Visitors and New Members
 - a. New Members: Liam Clements and Hannah Harkey, 2717 Arsenal
 - b. Dan Guenther renewed his membership
 6. Guest Speaker: **Maya Bentley**, Certified Application Counselor Planned Parenthood: Health Insurance and the Community Services Provided
 - a. Her facility is on Grand by Schnucks.
 - b. Insurance Services offered for Affordable Care. They will help with questions and act as advocate. They are a Title 10 Provider and Advocate for Well Woman Services. Open Monday – Friday and every other Saturday. Will work with walk-ins but there might be a wait.
 - c. TASH, Teen Advocate for Sexual Health program meets once a month and is for teens.
 - d. Presently they need volunteers to collect signatures to put Clean Missouri Campaign on the ballot for redistricting.
 - e.
 7. Upcoming Events and Committee reports:
 - a. BPW Committee and Volunteers needed in all areas. Please ask what is available.
 - b. Events Recap:
 - i. Panera Fundraiser – will find out what was made in about 4 weeks.
 - ii. Easter Eggstravaganza - lots of presents donated, iffy weather but well attended and all the children had a great time.
 - iii. Cardinals Game – 40 tickets were sold and it was well attended but very cold.
 - c. Spring Alley Cleanup, Sat. April 21st (Bulk items dumpster at Our Neighborhood Garden)

- d. SLU students will volunteer this Saturday, April 21st starting at the Arsenal/Jefferson Garden and then to Our Neighborhood Garden from 10 a.m. -2 p.m.
 - e. Camera Survey + Neighborhood Cameras was explained to audience by Alison Hillman. All are asked to complete the survey found on the BPW Facebook page. Speakers will be chosed later to speak at a neighborhood meeting about types of cameras.
 - f. Friday, April 20th there will be a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. of the Board of E&A at City Hall to discuss reducing the budget expenditures by reducing the number of NSO's and half. All are encouraged to attend or send email and phone call expressing the importance of NSO to the residents. It was pointed out that they already use their own vehicles, gas and cell phones in their line of duty.
8. 9th Ward Alderman – Dan Guenther just complete his one year in office and has already helped sponsor 14 bills one of which establishes an Office of Mediation. Monday will be the last day of this year and will cover Board Bill 233. BB34 for Civilian Oversight did not pass but will be reworded. They are working on the budget which presently has a \$10,000,000 deficit. Reduction of NSOs only saves \$800,000 and the proposed reduction will leave just one NSO/police district.

Monday at 9:00 a.m. Bike Share program will begin in St. Louis. Free summer camp registration will begin on April 2nd. Several of the camps are very near our neighborhood.

Trash Task Force has installed 40 of 109 cameras based on number of CSB calls for service. We have a new police Captain, Ryan Cousins, 22 and please phone Mayor the Mayor and let her know how important Barb Potts is to BPW.

9. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org presented last month's Crime Report and assaults are down from last year. Officer of the Month/Year will be at Bush Stadium this year. Tickets are \$30.00 and he will see if bios of the officers will be available.
10. Captain Ryan Cousins introduced himself. He has 22 years on the force in many areas. Was in the 6th District for the longest which is the Downtown area He is now in Central Patrol, 3rd District and can be reached at 444-2597 which is his office phone at the station and his email is ryancousins2slmpd.org. Feel free to call him and let him know if you don't want your name distributed. All the assaults last month, 2800 Ohio, 3200 Gravois and 2900 Texas were by people that knew each other. Assaults are down 60%. There were NO robberies last month.
11. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091 was asked what the explosion was earlier in the day and she believes the "Draino Bombs" are back. They were used years ago and can be as loud as 4 sticks of Dynamite.
12. Sgt. Joseph Calabro was a guest speaker and gave details on the Trash Task Force. 40 of 100 cameras have been installed in alleys to-date and alleys are chosen by number of calls to CSB. If dumpers can be identified by name, address or license plate number, that information should be included in the CSB report and requested to send to the Trash Task Force.

13. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough - absent

14. Prizes

a. Attendance Prizes were won by Becky Martinez , Carrie Sleep and Diane Hurwitz

b. 50/50: \$35.00 won by Carrie Sleep

15. Call for adjournment – Tim Thomas moves, Stephanie McKinney seconds, passes at 8:18 pm