

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Attendance: **37**

### Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
  - Vice President – Alison Hillman, Present
  - Secretary – Ashtyn Baldas, Present
  - Treasurer – John Simons, **Absent**
  - Member At-Large – Tim Thomas, **Absent**
  - Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, Present
1. Call to order – 7:03 pm
  2. Review and approve **June** meeting minutes –
    - a. Jason Hillman moves,
    - b. Chris Schmidt seconds, passes
  3. Review of **July** Board meeting minutes
  4. Review and approve July's Treasurer's Report and proposed 2018 budget –
    - a. Ashtyn Baldas moves,
    - b. Chris Schmidt seconds, passes
  5. Visitors and New Members
    - a. Guests/New Member:
      - i. Mike Diaz, moved to Wyoming
      - ii. Leonard Johnson
      - iii. Dana Kelly-Frank
      - iv. Grant and Jacquelyn, off Arsenal
      - v. Murry, 3300 block of Potomac
  6. Guest Speaker:
    - a. **Dana Kelly-Franks, License Collector Candidate**
      - i. **Wants to help build a system that works for all 79 neighborhoods and supports small businesses**
    - b. **Rosie Jackson, Last Day's Apostolic Church RE: Back-To-School, Sat, Aug 4, 11 – 3 pm**
      - i. Last year serviced over 300 children
      - ii. Expecting over 300 children this year. Asking for donations with school supplies, uniforms, and healthcare items.
    - c. **Leonard Johnson, Director of the Neighborhood Business Development, RE: Request for Proposals for Façade Projects**
      - i. **St. Louis Development Corporation**
      - ii. **Façade Program**
        1. **Have a \$20,000 grant that is available for property and small business owners who want to improve the façade.**
        2. **Target areas are low to moderate income areas. (LMI exceeds 66%)**
        3. **For more information contact: [façade@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:façade@stlouis-mo.gov)**
        4. **Three different events: July 25, Jul 31, and Aug 6**
  7. Upcoming Events and Committee reports:
    - a. BPW Committee and Volunteers

- i. Please join. You can do as little or as much as you like.
  - b. Recap: Fair St. Louis, Sat, July 7 (\$1,114 cash tips vs \$509 in 2017)
    - i. Thank you to everyone who volunteered
  - c. Litter Clean up and Social Hour, Sat Jul 21 @ 9AM , Our Neighborhood Garden
    - i. No board members are available to lead; you are certainly encouraged to walk around the neighborhood and pick up litter along the sidewalks though.
  - d. Jefferson/Gravois Plan Adoption, Mon, July 30 @ 6- 8 pm
    - i. On Cherokee St. on Artists Art Space
    - ii. Food, refreshments, photo booth
  - e. Back to School Welcome, Wed, Aug 15 @ 7:30 – 9 am Fanning Middle School
    - i. Off of Grace and Fairview
    - ii. If you want to sign up, get with Alison Hillman
  - f. Gateway Greening Land Trust – Our Neighborhood Garden
    - i. LRA is not going to accept any bids on any LRA gardens until after August
      - 1. This allows the city gardens the ability to purchase their garden; regardless of whether you have a lease for 5 years or not, the city will sell it if a developer comes in and makes an offer.
    - ii. Offering a land trust – the individual gardens would be purchased (around \$1600) and gateway greening would pay the closing cost.
    - iii. Before we approve, there will need to be a motion in the August meeting from the members.
  - g. Neighborhood Cameras
    - i. If you have a camera facing the street or alley please sign up on the camera list
  - h. Court Watch
    - i. No update
- 8. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman – Dan Guenther
  - a. Refuse
    - i. Dan and Barb clean up the alleys the best that they can.
    - ii. 12 new trucks purchased that were received June 30 that will help with pickup.
    - iii. A total of 84 trash trucks in our fleet; 16 new ones purchased in 2000.
    - iv. 15 more trucks coming in by the end of December 2018.
    - v. Start leasing trucks rather than flat out purchasing.
    - vi. If your trash can has gone more than a week without being dumped, call CSB at 314-622-4800
      - 1. Improper disposal by a resident.
  - b. Metro Trans Umbrella Group was approved last week at their hearing for their meeting space. (Oregon and Juanita)
  - c. August 7, 2018 is the Primary
    - i. Prop 1: Asking for a \$50 mil. General Obligation Bonds - “Go Bond”
      - 1. Please vote yes to roll over the bonds; it’ll be a no tax increase bond issue. Most of this \$ is going to fire and police.
- 9. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
  - a. Crime Report
    - i. Dropped 45 crimes from last year (25%)
    - ii. 2 robberies
      - 1. QuickTrip (robbed by 3 juveniles)
      - 2. 3400 Block Gravois
        - a. Armed suspect robbed; victim not injured

3. 4 assaults
  - a. Rally's
  - b. 2 domestic
  - c. Victim parking vehicle on 3100 block Cherokee
4. 5 burglaries
  - a. One with an arrest and warrants to follow
  - b. Homeowner left; neighbors daughter burglarized the house
  - c. Kicking in rear doors
5. 5 stolen vehicles
6. 3 thefts from vehicles
10. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091
  - a. Don't leave valuables in your car
11. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Vacant
12. Upcoming Events
  - a. N/A
13. Prizes
  - a. Attendance Prizes
    - i. Book and Bat Keychain: Marlo Duggar
    - ii. BPW tote bag: Pam Welsch
    - iii. King sized comforter set: Rosie Jackson
  - b. 50/50: \$27 by Marlo Duggar
14. Adjournment – Alison Hillman moves, Ashtyn Baldas seconds, passes at 8:15 pm