**Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting**

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Attendance: 33

Board Members

1. President – Linda Hennigh, Present
2. Vice President – Michael Sullivan, Present
3. Secretary – Scott McIntosh, Present
4. Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh, Present
5. Member At-Large – Christina Sullivan, Present
6. Member At-Large – Becky Martinez, Present
7. **Call to Order** – 7:06 pm
   1. Review and Approval of August meeting minutes; Christina Sullivan moved, Pam Welsh seconded, passed
   2. Review of September Board meeting minutes
   3. August Treasurer’s Report and Review 2013 budget; Bill Byrd moved, Pam Welsh seconded, passed
8. **New Members and Visitor**
   1. Cliff and Jen Sodergren, Wyoming (5 yr residents)
   2. Luigi Copiano, 3200 block California
   3. Stephanie Noecker, Realtor, Shaw Resident
   4. Paul Pagano, commercial building on Juniata w/resident facing Ohio
   5. Brian Thomas, Los Punk on Cherokee Street
   6. Nikki Doughty, WUSTL
   7. Clare Brewka, WUSTL
   8. Lindsay Forton, WUSTL
9. **Library Lady**
   1. This Saturday is the Amazing Spider Man
   2. October 12 from 3-4:30 pm will be Novel Neighbors; reading American Wife
10. **Events**
    1. Taste of St. Louis
       1. Need volunteers
       2. Fundraiser for programs; such as Trunk or Treat
       3. Also get to know neighbors
    2. Trunk or Treat
       1. Need participants and volunteers
    3. WUSTL Social Work Students
       1. Course in Community Development; task with finding a neighborhood association that’s doing lots of work
       2. Based upon scattered affordable site housing, how to engagement new residents
       3. Research:
          1. Build more social capital – building relationships to bring others together
          2. Strategic Crime Prevention Technics – Neighborhood Ownership Model
          3. Communication – Increase virtual relationships with new residents
       4. Recommendations
          1. Develop New Residents Support Program: Mentor residents to welcome new residents
             1. 1:1 relationships.
             2. 3 touches: welcome, phone call, going with the person to any one activity/event
             3. After they do one activity, more likely to participate in others
             4. Roll over of new residents to mentor
          2. Safety Programs
             1. Outline proactive activities; what should you be doing, not reactive
          3. Strengthen Communication
             1. Overhaul website

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Translate newsletter into languages

* + 1. Implementation
       1. Logic Model
       2. Utilize practicum students (free labor!)
       3. Reach out to business owners who don’t live in the neighborhood
  1. Board Nominations
     1. Review of Board positions
     2. Review of election process (paid members may vote)
     3. Nominations are open for the next 10 days
     4. Will vote and elect at October meeting
     5. Nominated for Member At-Large: Whitney Mathison

1. **Guest Speaker: Circuit Attorney, Jennifer Miles**
   1. Special Investigator for Circuit Attorney’s Office
   2. N.O.M. – Neighborhood Ownership Model – neighbors getting to know their neighbors
   3. You build partnerships with neighbors, police officers, attorneys, judges, City Hall
   4. Victim Support
      1. Neighbors letting victims know they have their back; will support them through the court process
      2. Get victims to follow through on prosecution; don’t let criminals get away
      3. Neighborhood Impact Statement – letter to judge stating how crime committed affects you. Judge considers when sentencing convicted criminals
   5. C.O.P. – Citizens on Patrol
      1. Quality of life issues; ex: report that a street light is out, derelict car, trash, etc
      2. Notice a lot of gang or drug activity; increased patrols to stop crimes
      3. Report crime in seen
   6. Court Advocacy
   7. Have a 96% conviction rate
   8. Barb Potts shared the story of Gravois Park
   9. Getting community perspective is important for a judge
   10. Willing to do an hour training on how to write an impact statement
2. **District 3 Community Outreach Officer,** **Joe Calabro**
   1. Support victims – if they don’t prosecute, we can’t get criminals off the street
      1. Help the victim however you can; drive them to the prosecuting attorney’s office if needed
   2. [www.slpd3d.org](http://www.slpd3d.org)
   3. Sliding
      1. Criminals grabbing items from your car while you pump gas
      2. Don’t leave your car unlocked or windows down while pumping gas
      3. Don’t leave valuables in car (insight)
   4. Wilmore Park (Jamieson & Loughborough) Fundraiser
3. **9th Ward Alderman, Ken Ortmann**
   1. Doing the 50/50 sidewalks now
   2. Should be working on alleys this next week
   3. Bike racks are in and will be installed on Cherokee Street soon
   4. 40 properties on the nuisance list in 9th Ward
   5. Garfield School - Yes, Peter and Paul are still working on the building
4. **Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO), Barb Potts**
   1. Forestry is working to move lots and trim trees
   2. Call Citizens Service Bureau if you know lots and trees that need maintenance
   3. Please call in crimes
   4. Please write impact statement letters for Sept 30 criminals
5. **Prizes**
   1. Attendance Prizes, BPW t-shirts donated by BPWNA
   2. 50/50 - $25.50 for winner
6. **Adjournment** – Diane Hurwitz moves, Pam Welsh seconds passes, 8:37 pm