

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – October Board Meeting

October 9, 2017

Scott McIntosh called to order – 6:39 PM

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) **President** – Scott McIntosh: **Present**
 - b) **Vice President** – Alison Hillman: **Present**
 - c) **Secretary** – Liz Gerard: **Present**
 - d) **Treasurer** – John Simons: **Present**
 - e) **Member At-Large** – Jason Hillman: **Absent**
 - f) **Member At-Large** – Eddie Schmid: **Absent**
 - g) **Membership** – Charlene Young: **Absent**
 - h) **Block Link** – Chris Schmidt: **Present**
 - i) **Communications** – Scott McIntosh: **Present**
 - j) **Beautification** – Stephanie McKinney: **Absent**
 - k) **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh: **Present**
 - l) **Dog Park** – Jeni Poole: **Present**
 - m) **Facilities** – Bill Byrd: **Absent**
 - n) **Fundraising** – **Vacant**
 - o) **Youth Outreach** – Darren Young: **Absent**

- 2) **Guest – Reginald Love**
 - a) Experienced caterer and event planner looking to host a music event at the vegetable garden on Jefferson and Arsenal on November 4. The event will be free of charge and food will be sold
 - b) Reginald Love hopes to expose people from outside the city to neighborhood gardens. If successful, he wants to expand to other city neighborhoods
 - c) Benton Park West will promote the event on Facebook

- 3) **Review and accept September board meeting minutes:** Liz Gerard moves to accept, Jeni Poole seconds. Passes

- 4) **Review of President's Report**
 - a) Scott McIntosh is following up with Dan Guenther about current CDA/LRA projects
 - b) Total Fair St. Louis revenue is \$4,544
 - c) Bylaws need to be reviewed in 2018

- 5) **Review of Vice President's Report**
 - a) Lots of events planned in November. Consider rescheduling flower garden party

- 6) **Review of July Treasurer's Report**
 - a) Checking account balance still needs to be moved to savings
 - b) John Simons will re-categorize National Night Out expenses
 - c) Scott McIntosh submitted \$199 for reimbursement. Alison Hillman moves, Liz Gerard seconds. Passes

7) Review of Block Link Report

- a) Chris Schmidt is hosting an event at her home for block links. Date TBD

8) Review of Communications Committee Report

- a) Erin Godwin will no longer be working on the Porch Review
- b) Click rates are significantly up due to real estate listings. All time high of 1,075 unique views
- c) Scott McIntosh will create a Facebook event for the November 11 alley cleanup. Liz Gerard will share with Landmarks Association

9) Review of Dog Park Committee Report

- a) Jeni Poole submits \$33 from the last Yappy Hour
- b) Jeni is looking for prizes for Howl-O-Ween party. A Facebook page needs to be created
- c) Harrison will install a foundation below the water faucet free of charge

10) Board elections

- a) Scott McIntosh included a draft ballot. Candidates are needed for secretary position

11) Fall Alley Cleanup

- a) Scheduled for 10:00 am. Meeting spot is Love Bank Park
- b) Liz Gerard will send Scott McIntosh a description for the Facebook event

12) Review Neighborhood Meeting Agenda

- a) Proposition P (police sales tax) representative will speak
- b) Discussion topic will be a summary of feedback collected throughout the year

13) Open Forum

- a) Some discussion about how to attract a more diverse crowd at neighborhood events. A play area for children 12 and under may help young families attend meetings
- b) Continued discussion about hosting neighborhood meeting outdoors

14) Adjournment: Chris Schmidt moves, Alison Hillman seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:40PM

15) Action Items

- a) Create Facebook events
- b) Research average monthly spending and move funds out of checking
- c) Re-categorize National Night Out expenses
- d) Seek candidates for secretary position