

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Attendance: 33

Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
 - Vice President – Alison Hillman, Absent
 - Secretary – Ashtyn Baldas, Absent
 - Treasurer – John Simons, Present
 - Member At-Large – Tim Thomas, Present
 - Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, Absent
1. Call to order – 7:01 pm
 2. Review and approve April meeting minutes – Jeni Poole moves, Tim Thomas seconds, passes
 3. Review of May Board meeting minutes
 4. Review and approve March and April Treasurer’s Report – March: Tim Thomas moves, Stephanie McKinney seconds, passes; April: Bill Byrd moves, David Lang seconds, passes
 5. Visitors and New Members
 - a. New Members:
 - i. None
 - b. Visitors:
 - i. Peter & Paul Community Services
 - ii. Salvation Army
 6. Upcoming Events
 - a. BPW Committee and Volunteers needed in all areas. Please ask what is available
 - b. Events Recap: Give STL Day raised \$36
 - c. Safety Fair Planning Meeting, Wednesday May 23 @6:30pm, Tower Taco
 - d. Fair St. Louis volunteers needed for beverage booth, info on website
 - e. Litter Clean-Up at Love Bank Park, 9:00am May 19
 - f. Cherokee Caravan volunteers needed, May 28
 - g. Indie Hop June 2, volunteers needed, Sign-Up Genius
 - h. Dog Park Yappy Hour - members only, June 7
 - i. Central Patrol Community Outreach Meeting for 3rd District, June 14
 - j. Neighborhood Cameras, share your cameras with BPWNA, results from survey will be shared on BPWNA blog
 - k. Court Watch Chair needed, must be trained by Circuit Attorney’s Office, if interested let any Board Member know
 7. 9th Ward Alderman – Dan Guenther
 - a. Board Bill #21 was voted on regarding residency requirement for city positions; city has hiring freeze right now; will be on ballot in November; Dan voted no on this bill
 - b. Board Bill #25 regarding a revote on cutting the wards in half; Dan voted no
 - c. Board Bill #32 coming up regarding eliminate neighborhood petitions for new businesses and propose replacement with conditional use hearings; Dan voted no
 - d. Bill be proposed to eliminate campaign contributions by Board of Aldermen

- e. Investigation proposed for Paul McKee
- 8. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
 - a. Presented current crime report; crime rates have drastically dropped since this time last year
 - b. Concerns regarding discouraging fireworks were raised
 - c. Questions about whether ShotSpotter has had an impact on reduced gun ownership were raised
- 9. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091
 - a. Erin Heim is out often but still call if casings are found
 - b. Blitzes with city workers to clean up alleys and towing cars are coming up. Barb requested 3200 Nebraska on June 6. Tim Thomas shared the blitzes will have expanded radii after June 6
 - c. Drano bombs have been reported. City is asphaltting over manholes to reduce explosions.
 - d. Sex trafficking is prominent in St. Louis, call in if notice any vacant houses appear broken into
- 10. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough
 - a. Two new businesses on Cherokee: Cherokee Street Gallery (2617 Cherokee) and Cherokee Antics (1922 Cherokee)
 - b. June 30th will be leaving CBA, looking for replacement
- 11. Prizes
 - a. Attendance Prizes
 - i. Dan Guenther, Joe Rich, and Sara Johnson
 - b. 50/50: \$ won by Shelley Vires
- 12. Adjournment – Tim Thomas moves, Pam Welsh seconds, passes at 8:05 pm