

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

April 10, 2017  
Scott McIntosh called to order – 6:33PM

- 1) Roll Call
  - a) **President** - Scott McIntosh: **Present**
  - b) **Vice President** - Alison Hillman: **Present**
  - c) **Secretary** - Liz Gerard: **Present**
  - d) **Treasurer** - Frank Becker: **Present**
  - e) **Member At-Large** - Jason Hillman: **Present**
  - f) **Member At-Large** - Eddie Schmid: **Present**
  - g) **Membership** - Karen Becker: **Present**
  - h) **Block Link** - **Vacant**
  - i) **Communications** - Scott McIntosh: **Present**
  - j) **Beautification** - Stephanie McKinney: **Present**
  - k) **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh: **Present**
  - l) **Dog Park** - Jeni Poole: **Present**
  - m) **Facilities** - Bill Byrd: **Present**
  - n) **Fundraising** - **Vacant**
  - o) **Guest: Leena Wahba**
  - p) **Guest: Lucas Delort**
  - q) **Guest: Erin Godwin**
  
- 2) **Guests**
  - a) Leena Wahba from SLU is doing a study on the structure of neighborhood meetings and will observe and take notes
  - b) Lucas Delort from the Greater Gravois Initiative will speak at the April membership meeting. The City approached his organization for assistance with planning along Gravois
  
- 3) **Review of February board meeting minutes:** Bill Byrd moves to accept, Frank Becker seconds. Passes
  
- 4) **Review of President's Report**
  - a) Kaboom! and New Balance will build a new playground Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Anne McCullough will speak about committee and volunteer opportunities at the membership meeting
  - b) Darren Young may be interested in the Youth Outreach committee position. Darren will shadow Scott until June
  - c) Scott is waiting for STL-Style to respond on shirt inventory
  
- 5) **Review of Vice President's Report**
  - a) Graduation from NLA (Neighborhood Leadership Academy) is May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b) Alison will continue to make progress on safety initiative, Lights Camera Action
  
- 6) **Review of February Treasurer's Report**

a) CD matured on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The CD balance was moved to the savings account

**7) Review of Membership Report**

a) Square payment device is fixed

**8) Review of Communications Committee Report**

- a) Erin Godwin is working with Scott to produce a quarterly edition of the Porch Review. Originally from St. Louis, Erin recently moved back after studying urban planning at New York University
- b) Scott will write a blog post about recent rehab activity in the neighborhood. He is gathering before/after photos to showcase

**9) Review of Dog Park Committee Report**

- a) Jeni added a notification board for increased visibility
- b) A group is trying to start a dog park in Benton Park, and they don't want to be in competition with Benton Park West. The board will consider joint membership/partnership if the park becomes a reality
- c) Over 100 people are expected at the Dog Park Opening. \$20 donations will be collected for pictures

**10) Review of Beautification Committee Report**

- a) 5 people showed up for first Litter Cleanup
- b) Waiting for response from City on how many street trees were planted

**11) Block Link**

- a) All newsletters were bagged and delivered to block links
- b) Block links should be reminded to distribute "New Neighbor" packets to new homeowners
- c) Linda dropped off more newsletters for Liz to deliver to businesses

**12) Ken Ortmann Appreciation**

- a) Liz has STL-Style neighborhood poster for residents to sign

**13) CD vs. Investing**

- a) Liz provided risk/return characteristics for different asset allocations (combinations of stocks and bonds). She also brought information on several index funds (SPY and BND)
- b) The discussion will be resumed in June when the board has more time

**14) Cardinals Game**

- a) Alison secured \$20 tickets for July 9<sup>th</sup> game. Other Cherokee neighborhoods will be invited
- b) Bill Byrd moves that we proceed with the event. Liz Gerard seconds. Passes

**15) Lights Camera Action**

- a) As part of NLA, Alison is writing a petition for Cherokee business owners to put motion lights in alleys. The petition will be submitted to CSBA

**16) Library Artist**

- a) Jennifer Callen will paint the little library in the community garden
- b) Alison Hillman moves that BPW reimburse Jennifer for supplies. Bill Byrd seconds. Passes

**17) Open forum**

- a) Bill Byrd moves that BPW reimburse Pam for Trunk or Treat. Jeni Poole seconds. Passes
- b) Vacant bank building may be renovated

18) **Adjournment:** Bill Byrd moves, Frank Becker seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:16PM.

**19) Miscellaneous Action Items**

- Scott will pick up frame for Ken Ortmann
- Continue progress on Lights Camera Action/lighting petition
- Make additions to events page