

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2016

Call to order – Linda - 6:35 pm

GUESTS

Reverend Paula Cooper

Discussed plans for gospel concert Saturday, August 13, 2016 @ Benton Park. Reverend Paula is in discussion with Benton Park about adding a Gospel (Praise) concert to the Benton Park concert schedule August 13-14, 2016. Discussion regarding BPWNA help with costs of food etc. Reverend Paula will speak with contacts to get more details regarding what is needed.

Diane Hurwitz, Colt Motors

Discussion of history of 3210 South Compton (presently occupied by Colt Motors - owned by Eric Wolfman) Reviewed Board of Adjustment Appeal #8271 - AO-526300-15. Best option per Alderman Ken Ortmann is to document violations with pictures and times and dates of violations and call the Citizens Service Bureau (CSB) then ask Frank Oswald, Traffic Commissioner, for a new hearing to revoke permission for the business.

Roll Call

- President, Linda Hennigh, Present
 - Vice Present, Scott McIntosh. Present
 - Secretary, Libby Martin, present
 - Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - Member At-Large, Dan Geary, Present
 - Member At-Large, Marlow Dugger, Absent
 - Block Link, Vacant
 - Communications, Bill Byrd, Present - Sara Johnson, Absent
 - Finance, Frank Becker, Present
 - Membership – Karen Becker, Absent
 - Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Present
 - Neighborhood Garden, Carrie Sleep, Absent
 - Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Absent
 - Facilities, Bill Byrd, Present
 - Fundraising, Bill Byrd, Present
 - Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
 - Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
 - Community Garden - Linda Hennigh, Present
1. Review and acceptance of March 2016 Board Meeting Minutes – Dan Geary moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes
 2. Review March 2016 Treasurer’s Report and 2016 Budget
 3. Standing Committees
 - a. Block Link
 - b. Communications
 - c. Finance
 - d. Membership
 4. Special Committees
 - a. Beautification
 - b. Community Garden

- c. Dog Park
 - d. Facilities
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Housing
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - h. Youth Outreach
5. Discussion Items
- a. Reimburse Linda \$35 for Neighborhood Garden expense to turn on water. Bill moves, Scott seconds, passes.
 - b. Linda requested \$350 from Community Garden budget to purchase supplies. Bill moves to accepts, Stephanie seconded, passes.
 - c. Mayor will be coming to May neighborhood meeting
 - d. Frank has received new BPWNA credit card with "chip"
 - e. Marlow Dugger absent for third time from Board meeting. Will be released as member-at large
 - f. Housing Corporation meeting Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 5:30 pm
 - g. Bill went to Police Award event - good luncheon
 - h. Discussion about joining BPWN Easter celebration with Marine Villa
 - i. Operation Brightside Neighborhood Clean-Up, April 24, 2016
 - Restart the 10 minute litter challenge Saturday, April 23
 - Ask Block Links to provide bottled water and/or donuts (will be reimbursed)
 - j. There is a link on Sign-up Genius for Cinco de Mayo (May 7, 2016)
 - k. Indi Hop is May 21 2016, need volunteers
 - No Sign Up Genius link as yet
 - Bill is working on it
 - l. SLACO Sustainable Neighborhood Academy
 - North side sessions begin Saturday, April 23, 2016
 - South side sessions begin Saturday, April 30, 2016
 - Email training@slaco-mo.org or call 314 361-9460
 - Financed through Community Development Block Grant funds
 - m. Discussion of Silver Spurs appeal letter. Jodi Pate sent an appeal letter to Board of Adjustments April 7, 2016. BPWNA will send a letter of support for Silver Spurs.
 - n. Cabrini Fundraiser Dinner to be held Saturday, April 30 at 5 pm. \$60 per ticket. BPWNA will not attend.
 - o. Speaker for April meeting
 - Bill suggested focusing on Block Links
 - Maddi Barnes will talk about the South City yard sales
6. Open Forum
7. Adjournment –Bill Byrd moves, Dan Geary seconds, passes, meeting adjourns at 8:45 pm

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Bill
 - a. Follow up with Sara on the newsletter – bundling and folks to deliver
 - b. Follow up on "Squares" to use for fundraisers
 - c. Follow up on getting Indi Hop link on Sign-Up Genius
- 2. Dan
 - a. Work on Impact statements
- 3. Karen

- a. Work to increase membership
- 4. Libby
 - a. Letters of support
- 5. Linda
 - a. Attend Board of Adjustments meeting regarding denial of building permit for "Playful Allure Arts and Fashion Gallery, LLC" - 3256 Ohio at Utah
 - b. Discuss BPWN Dog Park at next Cherokee Neighborhood meeting
 - c. Talk to Pam about joining BPWN Easter celebration with Marine Villa's
- 6. Sara
 - a. Quarterly Porch Review
- 7. Scott
 - a. Communications: Website
 - i. Add monthly Board and Membership meeting minutes
 - ii. Add Porch Review newsletter & Weekly Porch sponsor to Thursday's posts; check printed version for details
 - iii. Update Board members including bios and headshots for 2016
 - b. Housing Committee
 - i. Post update BPW real estate listings on Fridays
 - ii. Outreach to Loop for "how to" and learning for "how to decorate Cherokee for Christmas /include Anne McCullough.
 - iii. Determine Flower Garden lock key holder. Outreach to volunteer groups to help clean up (ex: Boy Scouts, college students).
 - iv. May 6 - Great Perennial Divide (GPD) at Gateway Greening to pick up 100 plants Scott ordered.
 - v. Put notice of Cabrini Fundraiser Dinner on the Blog and in Newsletter
- 8. Stephanie
 - a. Thank you note to Corner Pot planters and ask if they'll continue to 2016
 - b. Get new volunteers for orphaned corner pots; can move where wanted
 - c. Will call Sara to discuss helping with Newsletter