

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – June Board Meeting

June 12, 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** – **Vacant**
 - e) **Member At-Large** – Jason Hillman: **Present**
 - f) **Member At-Large** – Eddie Schmid: **Absent**

 - g) **Membership** – **Vacant**
 - 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** – Lonnie Craig
 - p) **Guest** – Erin Godwin

- 2) **Guest – Lonnie Craig**
 - a) Discussed possibility of hosting a concert in the Neighborhood Garden and collaborating with Lonnie on a music festival

- 3) **Review and accept May board meeting minutes and review May neighborhood meeting minutes:** Alison Hillman moves to accept, Jason Hillman seconds. Passes

- 4) **Review of May Treasurer’s Report**
 - a) Linda will move PayPal balance to the bank account

- 5) **Review of President’s Report**
 - a) Scott attended the mandatory planning meeting for Fair St. Louis
 - b) Darren Young has accepted the Youth Outreach position. Scott will connect with Darren in late June
 - c) Kaboom! playground build day was a success. 30 volunteers attended. Scott gave Eddie Schmid a \$25 gift certificate for volunteering all 3 days
 - d) A rubber foundation will be installed in the playground shortly

- 6) **Review of Vice President’s Report**
 - e) Alison will discuss the Adopt a Cop program with the Souldard Restoration Group (Venessa Kobrin)
 - f) Waiting for project feedback from the Neighborhood Leadership Academy

- 7) **Review of Beautification Committee Report**
 - a) 7 residents attended the last litter cleanup and social hour

8) Review of Communications Committee Report

- a) Send board member bios to Erin Godwin and Scott
- b) Discussed creation of a Benton Park West hashtag and Instagram page. Hashtag can be advertised on neighborhood meeting agendas and in the Porch Review. #bentonparkwest?

9) Review of Community Garden Committee Report

- a) 6 beds are available

10) Review of Dog Park Committee Report

- a) Water faucet must be replaced. So far, \$130 was raised at the first Yappy Hour and \$240 was raised on GoFundMe
- b) Alison Hillman motions that the board spend up to \$2,500 to fix faucet, pending approval from membership. Liz Gerard seconds. Passes
- c) Jeni will provide 3 quotes at the July board meeting

11) Review of Facilities Committee Report

- a) Bill Byrd moves the board pay the second half of 2017 office rent. Alison Hillman seconds. Passes

12) GroupRaise

- a) Howards in Soulard was selected for fundraiser

13) CD vs. Investing

- a) The board agrees that the CD money should be invested in the Dog Park
- b) Discussion will be resumed after Fair St. Louis

14) Expenses

- a) Bill Byrd moves that the board reimburse Scott for Kaboom! playground food expenses. Linda Hennigh seconds. Passes
- b) Bill Byrd moves that the board reimburse Scott \$55.80 for flower garden plants. Liz Gerard seconds. Passes

15) National Night Out

- a) Will be hosted at the Neighborhood Garden on August 1. Obtained permit from City

16) Adjournment: Bill Byrd moves, Alison Hillman seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:34PM

17) Miscellaneous Action Items

- a) **Jeni Poole:** Gather 3 quotes for Dog Park spigot
- b) **All:** Continue to seek candidates for open board and committee positions
- c) **All:** Send bios to Scott and Erin
- d) **All:** Bring index cards to neighborhood meetings