

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

September 28, 2017 (Rescheduled)

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Called to order by Scott McIntosh at 7:08 pm

Attendance: 32

1) Board Members

- 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: Present

- g) **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh: Present
- h) **Facilities** – Bill Byrd: Present
- i) **Membership** – Charlene Young: Present
- j) **Communications** – Scott McIntosh: Present
- k) **Dog Park** – Jeni Poole: Present
- l) **Beautification** – Stephanie McKinney: Present
- m) **Youth Outreach** – Darren Young: Present
- n) **Cherokee Street Liaison** – Anne McCullough/Jason Deem: Absent

2) Review and accept August neighborhood meeting minutes and review August board meeting minutes. Bill Byrd moves to accept, Alison Hillman seconds. Passes

3) Review August Treasurer's report and 2017 budget: Will vote to accept in October

4) Monthly Discussion Topic: What do you get out of BPWNA meetings?

- a) Summary of last month's discussion topic: How do we encourage a diverse representation at our meetings?
- b) Meetings help residents feel more connected to the community
- c) Guest speakers help attendees feel more informed about St. Louis politics
- d) Residents would like to hear what the neighborhood association is doing to address crime
- e) Residents enjoy information about new businesses and upcoming events on Cherokee Street
- f) Real estate listings are very useful
- g) Residents are concerned that development on Cherokee may gentrify the neighborhood

5) Board Nominations

- a) Liz Gerard nominates Scott McIntosh for President
- b) Eddie Schmid nominates Alison Hillman for Vice President
- c) John Simons nominates himself for Treasurer
- d) Timothy Thomas nominates himself for Member at-Large
- e) Secretary position is open
- f) Elections are held in October

6) Upcoming Events and Committee Reports

- a) Landmarks Association of St. Louis will be volunteering at the Fall Alley Cleanup on Saturday, November 11. Talk to a board member if your alley needs attention
- b) Lots of upcoming Halloween events, including Trunk or Treat, Howl-O-Ween and Trick or Treat on Cherokee Street

7) 9th Ward Alderman Dan Guenther (314) 304-6797 guentherd@stlouis-mo.gov

- a) Attempted abduction on 3100-3200 Minnesota before dawn. The children were walking in a group and were able to avoid the suspect
- b) Suspect is a white male who drives a construction van
- c) There have been other recent abductions in the St. Louis region. It hasn't been determined if the incidents are related
- d) Dan Guenther co-sponsored Cara Spencer's bill that would use a ticket fee for Scottrade Center improvements
- e) Fewer than 20% of St. Louis City residents attend Blues games. Dan believes those who use the facility should be responsible for upgrades
- f) Forestry will not take mowing requests after October 6. Submit requests on the Citizens' Service Bureau (CSB) website: <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/citizens-service-bureau/>
- g) The City is extending SLATE (St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment) hours in response to protests. Text "stlworks" for notifications about employment and training opportunities
- h) Beyond Housing is launching a unique savings program with a 2:1 match. The program offers up to \$4,000 in matching dollars, which must be used for specific purchases. Learn more at <http://www.beyondhousing.org/ida>

8) Community Outreach Officer Pat Clancy (314) 444-2564 pmclancy@slmpd.org

- a) Absent. Crime statistics are attached

9) Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Barb Potts pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov

- a) Absent

10) **Adjournment:** Stephanie McKinney moves to adjourn, Liz Gerard seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:16 pm