

BPWNA Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2007

Call To Order – Welcome from President Eric Winters. 31 people present

Review of Minutes – Sister Jean moved to approve minutes, Bill Byrd seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Byrd moved to approve minutes, Jerry seconded.

3rd District Police Officer Check-In – Not Present. Police statistics are in the newsletter Bill Byrd spoke on behalf of Weed and Seed. He said that in order to have 1-2 officers at Weed and Seed meetings, we are not pushing them to come to the individual neighborhood meetings. The crime stats are in the newsletter. The executive director of Weed and Seed has submitted her resignation. They will be looking for a new executive director. If you are having issues or problems please continue to call 911 or 1212 or call board members. Do not wait until the second Thursday Weed and Seed meetings. Continue to use your resources.

Main Presentations –

Tom Zich – Director of Cherokee Recreational Center – 3200 S. Jefferson
He described operations of the Rec Center. It operates five days a week 8am-8pm Monday thru Friday. It keeps kids in the neighborhood in productive activities after school. It provides recreational activities for kids and adults in the neighborhood. There is no charge to use the facility and thanks to the new tax passed they will soon receive 1.1 million dollars to rehab the facility on Jefferson. He described the open gym, swimming pool, exercise/weight room, ceramics area, game room, and boxing program. They have a day camp for ages 7-12 from June 11 - July 28. He had brochures about the day camp available. Residents then asked questions and voiced concerns to Tom. In response to concerns about security, Tom said he is hoping that the new tax money will allow for more staff including security. They have a website and a written schedule is available when you visit.

Mary Cox – Ed Jones Broker at 2371 S. Jefferson
She introduced herself and is a new business in the neighborhood. She offers financial planning services. She has been with Ed Jones for years and has fought to open her office in the city and in her neighborhood. She invited neighbors to drop by anytime.

Committees and Activities –

Neighborhood Social – Flyers on your table about social at Park West Grille on Monday, April 23rd from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Garden Committee – First work day is this Saturday, April 21st from 9am-12pm. Plots are free just see Eric about it. Sign for Ohio & Crittenden veggie garden. Looking for a name for the garden. Some ideas were given. Residents are to look for an email to vote on the name of the vegetable garden. There are ongoing work days on the second Saturday and last Thursday of each month.

Easter Egg Hunt – was a great event with 60 kids. Big thanks to Linda and Carl for all their hard work. Woofstock was a great concert and event at the Way Out Club. Melissa has taken over as chair of the dog park committee.

Cinco de Mayo – Saturday, May 5th. Streets will be closed on Cherokee between Iowa and Oregon. There will be music, vendors, beer tents, etc. BPWNA are invited to run a beer tent and raise money for BPW. We can raise 25% of the proceeds from beer.

National Night Out – Movie Night with Front Yard Features
Eric described the idea of having a neighborhood movie night as part of National Night Out. He asked for suggestions about locations and movies. Voting/Suggestion sheet was passed out to each attendee.

Liquor License Ordinance – Eric summarized the sheet that was handed out regarding Liquor License Ordinance on Cherokee Street. He described the current ordinance and explained past discussions with Steve Smith and Commissioner Bob Crayburg regarding opening a bar on Cherokee. He mentioned questions that have come up in the past. The sheet included other establishment conditions. The board is looking for a discussion with the neighbors concerning this topic. Residents voiced questions and concerns. Craig Schmid answered some questions and clarified that the discussion is about buildings from Nebraska to Louisiana on Cherokee Street. Neighbors asked to continue to think about this subject and we will be talking about it in the future.

Alderman and NSO Check-In's – Alderman Craig Schmid said there was no urgency on the liquor license suggestions. He brought up the 50/50 sidewalk program and tree program, Cherokee Rec additional funding coming, this month child abuse prevention month and to wear blue, dog park updates, mortgage trouble hotline, property tax assessments, St. Alexius on Monday April 23rd for discussion with police chief and captains, Health Fair from fire department on June 2nd, Operation Brightside April 28th, Jazz music on April 28th at 3138 Cherokee, and beautification processes.

Announcements –

- Book Club is still meeting, get involved
- Jay Swoboda announced his building at 3140 Pennsylvania, first green building is coming, and Next Friday is an event at location. April 28th Words on Purpose at Black Bear Bakery, fundraiser for RAVEN
- Get involved in Operation Brightside
- Look at the newsletter and notice that we have a new copier.

Adjournment – cookies and refreshments were available at the meeting.