Benton Park West Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 Submitted by: John Simons Call to order - 6:33 pm

Attendance - Roll Call

- President Scott McIntosh Present
- Vice President (Interim) Alison Hillman Absent
- Secretary John Simons **Present**
- □ Treasurer Linda Hennigh Present
- □ Member At-Large Ashtyn Baldas Absent
- □ Member At-Large Tim Thomas **Present**
- Deautification Stephanie McKinney Present
- Description: Block Link Chris Schmidt Present
- Communications Scott McIntosh
- Community Garden Linda Hennigh
- Our Neighborhood Garden Scott McIntosh
- Dog Park Jeni Poole Absent
- General Facilities Bill Byrd Present
- Generation Fundraising Vacant
- Housing Committee Scott McIntosh
- □ SLACO Committee Linda Hennigh
- □ Membership Bill Byrd (Rosie Jackson may be interested)
- Quality of Life and Safety Vacant
- □ Youth Outreach Darren Young Absent
- Cherokee Street Liaison Vacant

Agenda

- 1. Guest Speakers
 - a. Natalie Schmidt, RE: LRA lot, 3244 lowa
 - b. Aneshia Osby, RE: Letter of Support, home daycare
 - c. Emily Thenhaus, Executive Director, Cherokee Street CID
- 2. Committee Reports
 - a. President Scott McIntosh
 - b. Vice President Vacant
 - c. Secretary John Simons
 - d. Review and Accept August Board Meeting Minutes
 - e. Treasurer Linda Hennigh

- f. Review August Treasurer's Report and 2019 Annual Budget
- g. Member At-Large Ashtyn Baldas
- h. Member At-Large Tim Thomas
- i. Membership Bill Byrd
- j. Beautification Stephanie McKinney
- k. Block Link Chris Schmidt
- I. Communications Scott McIntosh
- m. Community Garden Linda Hennigh
- n. Our Neighborhood Garden Scott McIntosh
- o. Dog Park Jeni Poole
- p. Facilities Bill Byrd
- q. Fundraising Vacant
- r. Housing/SLACO Committee Scott McIntosh/Linda Hennigh
- s. Quality of Life and Safety Vacant
- t. Youth Outreach Darren Young
- 3. Association Agenda Planning
 - a. Board elections: Nominations due
 - b. St. Louis Regional Night Out
 - c. Dog Park Howl-O-Ween
 - d. Trunk or Treat
 - e. Review Neighborhood Meeting agenda
 - f. Vacant Committee Chairs: Membership, Fundraising, Quality of Life
 - g. Open forum

Notes

- 1. Guest: Natalie Schmidt LRA Lot 3244 Iowa
 - a. Looking to build a tiny house and garden on an LRA lot
 - b. Planned to reutilize a shipping container for the structure.
 - i. Solar Panels
 - ii. Garden
 - c. Possible blockers
 - i. City Square footage
 - d. Sanborn Fire maps are a good resource for knowledge
 - e. Motion to provide letter of support Stephanie, Second Scott, Motion
- 2. Guest: Emily Thenhaus Executive Director Cherokee Street CID
 - a. Contact information
 - i. (314) 402-3943 emily@cherokeestreetcid.com 3407 South Jefferson Ave St Louis. MO 63118
 - b. Originally from South St Louis
 - i. Returned 2 years ago via Chicago and New York

- c. Cousin Matt opened the Fortune Teller
- d. 4 weeks with CID
 - i. Investigating neighborhood and meeting neighbors
- e. St Louis Jazz and swing dancing brings many from around the country
 - i. Cherokee Street Jazz crawl 11/9
- f. Two Organization related to Cherokee Street
 - i. Cherokee Street CID
 - 1. Owns Cherokee Street news
 - 2. Will be launching a new website soon
 - ii. Cherokee Street Development
 - 1. Separate corporation
 - 2. funding limited events
 - 3. Shelter for Love Bank Park
- g. Want to ensure that there is collaboration for communication
- h. IndiHop last year had some challenges
 - i. Planning to pull together stakeholders so that events are improved
- i. Looking to build a tiny house and garden on an LRA lot
- 3. Guest: Aneshia Osby Home Daycare
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Neighborhood residents from May 2018
 - c. Location: 3007 Jefferson
 - d. Have been performing daycare service since December 2018
 - e. Registered for 6 or fewer children in the home
 - f. Beginning inspection process to increase capacity to 10 children
 - g. Care for children in age ranges from 6 weeks to 12 yo
 - h. Provide school drop off and pick up
 - i. Anthony Smith Husband and supervision assistant
 - i. Formerly a union carpenter for BAM on LaSalle
 - ii. Mostly did commercial construction
 - j. Aneshia was formerly in Customer service
 - i. Has a passion for helping children
 - k. Own children are also in the house
 - i. 6 children combined
 - ii. 2 of their personal children will be in care
 - I. Hours 6 am 6 pm
 - m. Will have 4-6 children during the day
 - n. Facilities
 - i. Backyard is fenced to provide outdoor play space
 - ii. Full first floor and back yard is dedicated to daycare
 - o. Long term plan is to start a dedicated daycare space
 - p. Licensing will open many opportunities
 - q. Formerly had a letter of opposition from the alderman and would like a letter of support

- i. Need a letter of support by 9/13 for conditional use hearing
- r. Conditions
 - i. Use only rear alley for pick up and drop off for safety
 - ii. Hours of 6am to 6pm
 - iii. Maintain all required licenses
 - iv. Follow city ordinances
 - v. No outside signage
- s. Discussion
 - i. Concern about age spread
 - ii. Preschool lessons
- t. Tim Motions to support, Linda Seconds, Motion passes
- 4. President's Report
 - a. No updates
- 5. Review August Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. Bill Byrd motions to accept, Tim Thomas seconds, motion to accept passes
- 6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Review missing memo from 8/2 dog park income
- 7. Membership
 - a. Will send out letters for renewal
- 8. Communications
 - a. Check payments from budget items
 - i. Barb Bill moves, Chris seconds, motion passes
 - ii. Salvation Army Check Bill motions, Tim seconds, passes
 - iii. 5 Star Bill motions, Chris seconds, passes
- 9. Community Garden
 - a. See report
- 10. General discussion
 - a. Spaghetti dinner at 5 Star 9/27
 - b. Jack Khoudian will be unable to host Central Patrol Community Outreach party/events due to a complaint
 - i. Requested that the neighborhood association host instead
 - ii. At issue was entertainment personalities and alcohol being present
 - iii. Should the neighborhood write to Captain Cousins to request that this may remain as part of the event
 - iv. John motions to host afterparty, Chris seconds, motion passes
 - c. 9th Ward Democrats party also this Thursday
 - d. Linda or Bill will be hosting the neighborhood meeting for September
 - i. Election nominations are due in September
 - ii. Discussion of people who could be nominated
 - e. Regional Night Out
 - i. Turn in forms for shutting down blocks

- f. Dog Park Howloween
- g. Trunk or Treat sign up
- 11. Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM
 - a. Stephanie Moves, Tim Byrd Seconds, motion passes

Action Items

- Scott McIntosh Provide a letter of support for Natalie Schmidt purchase of LRA Lot at 3244 Iowa
- Scott McIntosh Provide a letter of support for Aneshia Osby Home Daycare with conditions of 1) Use only rear alley for pick up and drop off for safety, 2) Hours of 6am to 6pm, 3) Maintain all required licenses, 4) Follow applicable ordinances, 5) No outside signage. Due by 9/12/19
- Bill Byrd Add Cherokee Street Jazz crawl 11/9 to events

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Next Board meeting Tuesday 10/8
- Reports are due 10/6