

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Board Members

1. President – Linda Hennigh
2. Vice President – Michael Sullivan, ABSENT
3. Secretary – Scott McIntosh, ABSENT
4. Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh
5. Member At-Large – Christina Sullivan, ABSENT
6. Member At-Large – Becky Martinez, ABSENT

- I. Call to Order – 7:05 pm
 - a. Review and Approval of May meeting minutes; Pam Welsh moved, Diane Hurwitz seconded, passed.
 - b. May Treasurer's Report was not reviewed due to giving Mr. Bushmeyer as much time as possible.
- II. Mr. Ed Bushmeyer, Assessor, City of St. Louis
 - a. Shared reasons why there were reductions in many of the property assessments
 - b. Explained why commercial properties are assessed at a higher rate.
 - c. Shared reasons why assessed values may have increased; new additions, noted improvements, etc.
 - d. Spoke of appeals process; encouraged to appeal as quickly as possible and not wait until the deadline.
 - e. Many questions were answered.
- III. Nora Ryan, member, Roosevelt Community Council
 - a. Shared mission and scope of the Community Council for Roosevelt High.
 - b. Encouraged anyone from BPW to be involved on the Community Council.
 - c. Checkout the blogspot at: <http://rooseveltcommunitycouncil.blogspot.com/2012/07/>
 - d. Football breakfasts – needing funds and volunteers to continue the breakfasts for the football players. Five Saturday home games. Each breakfast is approximately \$ 650.
 - e. Shared the June 11th Council meeting minutes.
 - f. Shared the fall 2013 football schedule.
 - g. Reminded everyone of the Coffee fundraiser. Supports the Football Team, one pound is \$ 12 (\$13.17 including tax). Available at LaMancha Coffeehouse. www.lamanchacoffeehouse.com.
 - h.
- IV. Brea McAnally – Organizer of a gallery located in the playground of SouthSide Early Education Center (on Iowa) for the weekend of July 13 and 14. Come one, come all.
 - a. Hours are on Saturday, July 13th 4-8p and Sunday, July 14 Noon-4p.
 - b. Live/Performance art, paintings, photography, etc.

- V. Sam Coffey – Grant program by The Regional Business Council
 - a. Small Change, Big Impact
 - b. \$ 100K is available in small grants to organizations who are 501c3 non-profits
 - c. Looking for non-profit orgs which really help and support the community
 - d. 2012 was the first year for this grant program.
 - e. Consortium of 100 med sized companies located in St. Louis; they have many programs which support the local communities in St. Louis.
- VI. Visitors
 - a. Lucas Page and friend – Nebraska
 - b. Group from Wash U Brown School of Social work. Conducting an assessment of BPW for class project.
 - c. Ms. Jackson – California
 - d. Round robin of all in attendance.
- VII. Barb Potts/Dena Hibbard, NSO
 - a. Shared about and reminded everyone about National Night Out, August 6th. Deadline for street blocking permits is very close. Register online at city site.
 - b. Nuisance properties – Extremely import to call police/911 about any drug/nuisance problems; even if it isn't on your block, help the entire community.
 - c. Penny Saver/Minnesota Market at 3301 Minnesota - National Night out celebration at the Minnesota Market on August 6th.
- VIII. Alderman Ken Ortmann
 - a. Encouraged everyone to call Mr. Bushmeyer for any questions/issues. Noted that he is required to follow state/federal laws.
 - b. Roosevelt High Community Council – encouraged all to be part of this organization. Impression upon all that money is the issue to keep kids in the school community. Not that long ago, it was cultural to stay at school. As budgets tightened, programs and personnel were not available.
 - i. Highlighted that Nora Ryan has been instrumental in finding various grants for the RHCC, but still not enough.
 - c. Mentioned the gallery at Southside playground.
 - d. Asked after the grant program (Regional Business Council) in relation to Five Star needing a shuttle bus with a wheelchair lift.
 - e. Contact for map with addresses on your block. Check with Ken, Barb or Dena.
 - f. “Cooling” Fountain in Benton Park – maintenance continues, but no actual date for opening. New design to cover multiple problems found with fountains in other city parks.
 - g. Many activities available for kids and adults in St. Louis. Craig Schmid pointed out that there is a good list in the June Newsletter on page 3.
 - h. Always call Ken at home.
 - i. BPW community gardeners – Arsenal/Jefferson corner for beautification.
 - i. Suggested location to relocate veggie garden due to SSDN selling the property where the garden is currently located.

- IX. District 3 Community Outreach Officer, Joe Calabro
 - a. Hot Spot Policing – Property and person crimes.
 - b. Send addresses of properties with historical problems of fireworks to Off. Joe Calabro.
 - c. First Annual Child Safety Event on June 29th 10a-3p at 315 South Tucker, Police Academy
 - i. IDs for wrists and shoelaces for kids for large public events.
 - d. If care to see the summary of police activity, see Off. Joe Calabro.
 - e. Reminder that NO vending (ice cream trucks) is allow in the 3rd District.
- X. Upcoming Events & Announcements
 - i. Fair STL – July 4th. Still need volunteers. One of the larger fundraisers for BPW.
 - ii. COP (Citizen’s on Patrol) – needing to meet for the first time with all trained residents. Call for interest of possible dates have been sent out, but response has been very small
 - iii. Adhoc Fundraiser on Cherokee – To support the four families of the victims from last Thursday’s tragedy. Over \$ 4200 were raised. BPW was one of supporters/sponsors for the fundraiser.
 - iv. Healthy Corner Store - Minnesota Market – UPDATE: Health classes coming up, not scheduled yet.
 - 1. University personnel will be teaching about healthy foods, cooking and eating healthy, possibly to be held at Five Star Senior Center
 - v. Sustainable Neighborhood Grant Application – Small grant program for 501c3 organizations.
 - 1. Looking at this as a funding source to move the BPW veggie garden and Arsenal/Jefferson corner.
 - vi. Third District Outreach meetings are quarterly. Next meeting is September 12th.
 - 1. Car Clubs and license plate covers always available.
- XI. Attendance Prizes and 50/50
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 - b. Attendance Prizes, Gerbers donated by SouthSide Garden Stop
- XII. Adjournment – Pam Welsh moved, Diana Hurwitz seconded, passed at 8:37 pm