

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Attendance: 50

Board Members

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
- Vice President – Scott McIntosh, Present
- Secretary – Libby Martin, Present
- Communications - Bill Byrd, Absent
- Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
- Membership - Karen Becker, Present
- Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
- Member At-Large – Marlow Duggar, Absent

1. Call to order – 7:08 pm
2. Review and approve March 17, 2016 meeting minutes – Dave moves, Libby Martin seconds, passes
3. Review of February 8 2016 Board meeting minutes
4. Review and approve February 2016 Treasurer's Report – Pam Welsh moves, Michael Sievking seconds, passes
5. Review 2016 Budget
6. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Elena and Teersa visiting from The Netherlands
 - b. George Jones - from Compton Heights Neighborhood Association
 - c. Todd Miller
 - d. Enid - lives on California
 - e. T. Hargroves
 - f. Tanya & Jenny live on Michigan
 - g. New Members: Ashley Wilson, Tim Vogt, Martyn and Dawn Fortune
 - h. Renewals: Dan Guenther, Eddie Schmid, Craig Schmid
7. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
 - a. absent
8. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov
 - a) Gave crime statistics for Officer Clancy
 - i.) Larcenies (breaking into cars to steal) are up
 - ii.) Fires are up in neighborhood
9. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann - absent
10. St. Louis Library: Tonya Joy, Barr Branch Manager
 - a) Library is offering free tax prep for anyone that makes less than \$50,000 year
 - i.) First come first served basis
 - b) Film Fest being offered at Barr Branch on Tuesdays - 4 - 6 pm (free)
 - c) Family Science Night being offered on Wednesdays 4:30 - 6 (free)
11. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough, absent, Jason Deem, present
 - a) Lumberjack - leather goods store opening in May
 - b) Cinco de Mayo will be expanding east to Jefferson
 - c) New directory in works
 - d) Chinese- taco business opening at Indiana and Cherokee
 - e) A new restaurant will be opening in Black Bear's former space
12. Guest Speaker: Ella Hungerford - member of Friends of Public School
 - a) Proposition 1 on April 5th ballot
 - i.) 75 cent increase per \$1000 on personal property tax
 - ii.) Will fund Early Childhood Education program

- iii.) Help expand Character Education program (alternative education for kids)
 - iv.) Increase teachers' salaries
 - v.) Improve School Safety programs
13. Guest Speaker: City of St. Louis Comptroller - Darlene Green
- a) Prop E - City Earnings Tax of 1%
 - i.) Every five years the City voters have to vote in order to keep the tax
 - ii.) The earnings tax covers one-third of the City's Operating Budget
 - iii.) Anyone that works in the City pays the earnings tax
14. Guest Speaker: Demetrius Alfred - St. Louis City Firefighter
- a) Handout Prop F
 - i.) \$25 million no tax increase bond issue
 - ii.) \$15 million of which will be used for Firefighters, buy new fire trucks, help EMS drivers, fix roofs of all firehouses
15. Guest Speaker: Mary Pat Carl
- a) Ms. Carl is running for the District Attorney to replace current District Attorney Jennifer Joyce, who is retiring
 - b) Ms. Carl was the Gravois Park Neighborhood liaison for the District Attorney's office
 - c) Ms. Carl wants to reduce homicides in the City of St. Louis
 - i.) there were 188 homicides to date in the City of St. Louis
16. Guest Speaker: Bruce Franks
- a) Mr. Franks and his wife are business owners in the BPWN - Allstate Insurance at California and Wyoming
 - b) He is running for the State Rep for the 78th congressional district
17. Upcoming Events
- a) Pam Welsh - Eggstravaganza will be March 26 at Gravois Park 10 am - 12 pm
 - i.) Pictures with the Easter Bunny \$1 each
 - ii.) Easter Egg Coloring and Free Tattoos
 - b) Chris Schmidt - Dog Park at Utah & Nebraska
 - i.) Work day scheduled for March 19, 2016 from 9 am - 12 noon
 - ii.) Grand Opening is April 9, 2016 10 am - 12 noon
 - c) Dan Guenther - Monarch Butterfly Liaison for City
 - i.) Contact him to get information for growing a Monarch gardens
 - ii.) He has free Milkweed seeds for the Monarch gardens
 - d) Scott McIntosh - Vice President
 - i.) Each Thursday he posts neighborhood events on the neighborhood web site
 - ii.) Walking BPW House Tour - Saturday, March 19 - begins at 9:30 am Utah and Oregon
 - iii.) Clean up day scheduled along Gravois on Saturday, March 19 beginning at 9 am

Attendance Prizes
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18. Adjournment – Dan Geary moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes at 8:23 pm