

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Attendance: 36

### Board

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
  - Vice President – Becky Martinez, Present
  - Secretary – Scott McIntosh, Present
  - Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
  - Member At-Large – Roz Ball, Absent
  - Member At-Large – Vacant
1. Call to order - 7:04 pm
  2. Visitors and New Members
    - a. Eddie Schmid, Wyoming @ Michigan
    - b. Sargent Berman
    - c. Officer Brian Koing
    - d. John Skaggs, JDS Properties, [www.jdspropertiesstl.com](http://www.jdspropertiesstl.com)
    - e. Andrew Majewski, investing in the 3000 block of Iowa
    - f. Sarah and Josh, live on Cherokee Street
    - g. Melinda L, 2800 block of Utah
  3. Review and approve January meeting minutes – Dan moves, Pam Welsh seconds, passes
  4. Review of February Board meeting
  5. Review and approve January Treasurer’s Report –Bill Byrd moves, Stephanie McKinney seconds, passes
  6. Guest Speaker: Tom Pickle, DeSales Community Housing Corp
    - a. Nonprofit community development based in Fox Park neighborhood
    - b. Has owned property on Ohio that was rehabbed in the 1980’s
    - c. Purchased from CDA, row of townhouses next to other Ohio property
    - d. Townhouses are too far gone to rehab
    - e. Demo’ing the town houses to build 3 new 2-families
    - f. 2 bed, 1 bath apartments
    - g. Will use brick on fronts and 8ft returns on each side; hardy board on remainder of exteriors
    - h. Worked with Cultural Resources on facade
    - i. Project is called DeSales Impact 2014 (now 2015)
    - j. Income restricted properties; ex: family of 2-3 income \$32-36K/year
    - k. Fox Grove Properties (DeSales’ property management co) will manage the properties
    - l. Should be completed by end of 2015 (September)
    - m. EM Harris Construction is the contractor
    - n. DeSales phone # 314-776-5444, [www.desaleshousing.com](http://www.desaleshousing.com)
  7. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, [pmclancy@slmpd.org](mailto:pmclancy@slmpd.org)
    - a. Crime Report
      - i. Up on robberies (7 in Jan, 1 in Feb) and assaults
      - ii. Down on burglaries
      - iii. Will try to do crime mapping to show us during the neighborhood meetings

- b. Quarterly Meeting will be March @ Five Star Senior Center
- c. Citizens Academy
  - i. Wed from 6-9 pm for 12 weeks
  - ii. Get to see what police officers do day in & day out
  - iii. Free to residents
  - iv. Have a graduation ceremony and receive a t-shirt
- 8. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Dena Hibbard
  - a. Barb Potts had back surgery, out for a bit
  - b. Problems with City services (dumpsters, street lights, etc) call the Citizens Service Bureau
- 9. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
  - a. Excited for DeSales project to finally get off the ground; they've been trying for 5 years
  - b. Encourage everyone to support the Police Officer Appreciation Luncheon
  - c. Police reports about copper go to the scrap companies so they know what to look for
  - d. Watch for illegal dumping in your alleys; call NSOs or Ken
- 10. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough
  - a. 2 new Mexican restaurants; Chapparitos Mexican Restaurant, 2812 Cherokee and
  - b. The Little Dipper @ 2619 ½ Cherokee Street will have a soft opening Friday or Saturday, Italian meat sandwiches
  - c. Scarlet Garnet is closing; Super Clearance Store Closing Party Feb 19 - Feb 22
  - d. Mesa Home is taking over Scarlet Garnet's old space
    - i. Mesa Home is a shop dedicated to renewing goods through creative process. We specialize in the sale of native, vintage and ornate decor. We also feature our own line of handcrafted items including clothing, jewelry, accessories, reclaimed wood trays and chemical free health and beauty items. This kid-friendly shop will feature a reading/art nook to keep the kiddos entertained as the parents browse about. We will also host a number of "Do It Yourself" parties/tutorials for adults and children. Grand Opening is set for April 3rd!
  - e. Cinco de Mayo
    - i. Would like to see clear representation of all 4 Cherokee Neighborhoods
    - ii. Fundraiser idea – dunk tank of residents or officers
    - iii. Now a nonprofit, so can support area arts or community projects
  - f. Big Brother Big Sister
    - i. There's a need in BPW for Bigs, so consider volunteering
    - ii. Go to their website for details; located at Grand and Olive in Midtown
- 11. Upcoming Events
  - a. Mardi Gras
    - i. Raised lots of money, will have a final tally in a few months
    - ii. Thanks to all who worked the booth!
  - b. Five Star Trivia Night
    - i. Sat, Feb 21
    - ii. Doors open at 6 pm, trivia starts at 7 pm
  - c. Cherokee Neighborhoods Happy Hour
    - i. Thurs, Feb 25 @ 6-8 pm
    - ii. Spare No Rib, Gravois Ave in Benton Park
    - iii. Wear your BPW t-shirt
  - d. Central Patrol (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> District) Police Officer Appreciation Luncheon
    - i. Mon, March 9 @ The Chase Park Plaza, Khorassan Ballroom

- ii. Doors open at 11:30 am, lunch served at 12 pm
    - iii. Tickets - \$25
    - iv. Master of Ceremonies: Guy Phillips of Y98 Radio
    - v. Contact Officer Pat Clancy @ [pmclancy@slmpd.org](mailto:pmclancy@slmpd.org) to purchase a ticket
  - e. Easter Eggstravaganza
    - i. Sat, April 4 @ 10-12 pm in Gravois Park
    - ii. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Pam Welsh
  - f. Cherokee Neighborhoods' Night at the Ballpark
    - i. Monday, May 4, 7:10 pm
    - ii. \$26 for members, \$30 for non-members
    - iii. Wear your BPW t-shirt
- 12. Prizes
  - a. Attendance Prizes
    - i. Prizes donated by Membership Chair, Karen Becker
    - ii. Dirt Devil vacuum – Jerry Monti
    - iii. Vases – Shelley Henderson
    - iv. Clock – Diane Hurwitz
  - b. 50/50: \$20 won by Bill Byrd
- 13. Adjournment – Scott McIntosh moves, Shelley Henderson seconds, passes at 8:19 pm