

# **Benton Park West Neighborhood Association**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 10, 2020

Call to order 6:44 pm, Scott McIntosh

### Attendance - Roll Call

- President – Scott McIntosh -**Present**
- Vice President – Tim Thomas -Absent
- Secretary – Erin Godwin -**Present**
- Treasurer – Linda Hennigh -**Present**
- Member At-Large – Pam Welsh -**Present**
- Member At-Large – Gwynn Jackson -**Present**
- Membership – Rosie Jackson -Absent / Bill Byrd -**Present**
- Beautification – Stephanie McKinney -**Present**
- Block Link – Chris Schmidt -Absent
- Communications – Scott McIntosh
- Community Garden – Linda Hennigh
- Our Neighborhood Garden – Scott McIntosh
- Dog Park – Jeni Poole -Absent
- Facilities – Bill Byrd
- Fundraising – Vacant
- Housing/SLACO Committee – Scott McIntosh/Linda Hennigh
- Quality of Life and Safety – Vacant
- Youth Outreach – Darren Young -Absent

### Presidents Report

- Warby Parker volunteers will be in Our Neighborhood Garden on March 22, 7:30-10:30am

### Review of January Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept by Pam Welsh, Stephanie McKinney seconds, motion passed

### Review of January General Meeting Minutes

- Corrections noted; Erin Godwin will revise prior to General Meeting

### Treasurer's Report

- No corrections noted for January Treasurer's Report
- No corrections to 2019 Budget
- 2020 Budget still being finalized- must be completed in March

### Beautification

- Stephanie McKinney reports that, per Alderman Guenther, recent street tree removals were due to issues with Emerald Ash Borers, Oak galls, and danger/liability related to Sweetgum trees and weak limbs of Bradford Pear trees. There was a 3 year backlog on removals, hence the large number at once. Stumps will be removed in response to CSB requests from residents; please report any stumps you see.

### Membership

- Rosie Jackson will run the membership table at the March General Meeting.

## Communications

- Scott updated the website with the new Cherokee Street and Cherokee CID links and with bios of new BPWNA board members.
- BPWNA will not be doing any quarterly printed newsletters for the foreseeable future.

## Facilities

- We are good on meeting and office space
- Copier- Board must decide to return or buy out the contract ASAP. Erin agreed to call for shipping quotes to help reach a decision. Bill moves Erin gets quotes, shares them with the board and a vote is taken via email. Pam Welsh seconds. Motion passes.
- It was suggested board meeting packets be distributed as PDFs for most members and we only print a few copies for guests.

## Other Topics

- Dog Park Rental- In response to a request to use the dog park for a private party it was decided that 1) Food can be cooked and consumed outside the fenced dog park area. 2) We need to have waivers signed for all dogs that attend. 3) A small donation of their choice will be requested. 4) Dog park members will be notified the park is closed for a private party. 5) A board member (In this instance, Pam Welsh) will be able to welcome the guests and provide them access. Bill moves that we allow parties under these conditions, Pam Welsh seconds. Motion passes.
- Bill Byrd moves that we expense \$100 annual SLACO dues, Stephanie McKinney seconds. Motion passes.
- Bill Byrd moves to expense \$180 SLACO Conference fees including for tickets for neighborhood residents, Erin Godwin seconds. Motion passes.
- Michelle Sherrod, 5th District State Senate candidate will be informed she may attend a general meeting and will be acknowledged.

## Action Items

- Stephanie McKinney will coordinate the plan ahead and set a date for spring alley cleanup.

Meeting Adjourned: Stephanie McKinney motions, Bill Byrd seconds, adjourned at 8:01 pm

## Next BPWNA Board Meeting

Monday, March 9, 6:30 pm at Five Star Senior Center