

# Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – August Board Meeting

August 14, 2017

Scott McIntosh called to order – 6:38PM

- 1) Roll Call
  - a) **President** – Scott McIntosh: **Present**
  - b) **Vice President** – Alison Hillman: **Absent**
  - c) **Secretary** – Liz Gerard: **Present**
  - d) **Treasurer** – John Simons: **Present**
  - e) **Member At-Large** – Jason Hillman: **Absent**
  - f) **Member At-Large** – Eddie Schmid: **Present**
  
  - g) **Membership** – Charlene Young: **Absent**
  - h) **Block Link** – Chris Schmidt: **Present**
  - i) **Communications** – Scott McIntosh: **Present**
  - j) **Beautification** – Stephanie McKinney: **Present**
  - k) **Community Garden** – Linda Hennigh: **Present**
  - l) **Dog Park** – Jeni Poole: **Present**
  - m) **Facilities** – Bill Byrd: **Present**
  - n) **Fundraising** – **Vacant**
  - o) **Youth Outreach** – Darren Young: **Absent**
  
  - p) **Guest** – John Redinger, Conditional Use Hearing
  
- 2) **Guest – John Redinger**
  - a) Seeking a letter of support for handyman business to operate out of 3312 Minnesota Ave., 2A
  - b) Primarily works for real estate agents. Will not bring commercial foot traffic
  - c) Bill Byrd moves the board provide a letter of support for a conditional use permit. Liz Gerard seconds. Passes
  
- 3) **Review and accept July board meeting minutes:** Bill Byrd moves to accept, Eddie Schmid seconds. Passes
  
- 4) **Review of President's Report**
  - a) Fair St. Louis generated \$1,647 of cash sales and \$509 of cash tips. Credit card sales and tips are TBD
  - b) Lutheran Development Group received feedback from Benton Park West and is currently working with the Missouri Housing Commission
  - c) National Night Out was a success and was attended by police, fire and alderman Dan Guenther
  
- 5) **Review of Vice President's Report – Absent**
  - a) In the process of planning monthly happy hours. Will revisit in September
  - b) Lonnie Craig submitted a packet regarding AVATAR Music Festival
  
- 6) **Review of July Treasurer's Report**
  - a) A line of credit for \$1,500 was opened. This will help with reimbursement of board members and prevent fraud
  - b) Frank Becker has two outstanding debit cards that will be closed
  - c) Account balances are as followed: \$19,695 checking, \$7,835 savings. Dog park faucet repair has not been paid
  - d) Checking account balance should be lower. John Simons will determine how much to move to savings
  
- 7) **Review of Beautification Report**
  - a) Landmarks Association of St. Louis is interested in volunteering at the November alley cleanup. Liz Gerard will coordinate with Landmarks and create a map of alleys requiring the most attention

**8) Review of Communications Committee Report**

- a) Scott McIntosh will meet with Erin Godwin to discuss how residents can contribute to newsletters

**9) Review of Dog Park Committee Report**

- a) Faucet was repaired on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contractor needs to be paid \$2,000
- b) Liz Gerard moves the board spend up to \$150 to install concrete or rock below faucet. Eddie Schmid seconds. Passes
- c) Last Yappy Hour was attended by 26 and raised \$223
- d) Several reports of glass bottles being thrown into dog park

**10) Review of Facilities Committee Report**

- a) Software expenses will exceed the \$75 the board voted on in July. Bill Byrd moves the board spend up to \$150 for Quicken. Eddie Schmid seconds. Passes

**11) Feedback from July Discussion Topic**

- a) BPWNA is not representative of the community it serves. Explore how to engage minorities and renters at the August neighborhood meeting

**12) SLACO**

- a) Discuss St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) membership benefits in September

**13) Adjournment:** Liz Gerard moves, Linda Hennigh seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:45PM

**14) Action Items**

- a) Add John Simons and Instagram account to website
- b) Research average monthly spending and move funds out of checking
- c) Pick up check from STL-Style