

# Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

April 20, 2017  
Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal  
Called to order by Scott McIntosh at 7:08 pm

- 1) **Board Members**
  - a) **President** - Scott McIntosh: Present
  - b) **Vice President** - Alison Hillman: Present
  - c) **Secretary** - Liz Gerard: Present
  - d) **Treasurer** - Frank Becker: Present
  
  - e) **Member At-Large** - Jason Hillman: Present
  - f) **Member At-Large** - Eddie Schmid: Present
  
  - g) **Community Garden** - Linda Hennigh: Present
  - h) **Facilities** – Bill Byrd: Present
  - i) **Membership** - Karen Becker: Present
  - j) **Communications** - Scott McIntosh: Present
  - k) **Dog Park** – Jeni Poole: Present
  - l) **Beautification** – Stephanie McKinney: Present
  - m) **Cherokee Street Liaison** - Anne McCullough/Jason Deem: Present
  
- 2) Review and **accept March 2017 membership meeting minutes** and **review March Board meeting minutes**: Eddie Schmid moves to accept, Bill Byrd seconds. Passes
  
- 3) **Review of March Treasurer’s report and 2017 budget**: Stephanie McKinney moves to accept, Eddie Schmid seconds. Passes
  
- 4) **Lucas Delort – Community Development Manager of the Lutheran Development Group**
  - a) Organization helped fund the Gravois-Jefferson Historic Neighborhoods Plan
  - b) Working on a comprehensive plan for Gravois Avenue with the surrounding neighborhoods
  - c) Lucas believes Gravois serves as a “barrier between neighborhoods” and would like to see shared ownership
  
- 5) **Carrick Reddin – Gravois-Jefferson Historic Neighborhoods Plan, RISE**
  - a) Surveying all parcels in the Benton Park West, Gravois Park and Dutchtown neighborhoods. Volunteers will meet 2:00 Sunday, April 23 at Love Bank Park
  
- 6) **Upcoming Events and Committee Reports**
  - a) Plenty of committee positions available. See a BPWNA board member for more details
  - b) \$300 was raised at the Dog Park Spring Fling. Dog Park is looking for donations of grass seed
  - c) Benton Park West will go to a Cardinals game Sunday, July 9 with other Cherokee neighborhoods. Alison needs \$20 by May 18
  
- 7) **Continued Crime and Safety Discussion**

- a) Real-time cameras will soon go active on Jefferson
- b) Part of Alison's petition, Lights Camera Action, involves a petition that will be given to Cherokee business owners for improved lighting
- c) Alison believes motion lights create an "element of surprise" and will be effective in reducing crime

**8) State Representative Bruce Franks**

- a) Recently secured millions of dollars for a summer jobs program
- b) Stressed the importance of studying the "root causes of crime" and educating Missouri legislators about gun violence in St. Louis
- c) Planning a job fair for SLPS parents and other community members on Saturday, May 13

**9) 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Dan Guenther (314) 304-6797 [guentherd@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:guentherd@stlouis-mo.gov)**

- a) Dan's second day in office and first BPWNA meeting
- b) City is facing severe budget gap
- c) Working on TIF reform and community benefit agreements. Recently met with the St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC)

**10) Community Outreach Officer Pat Clancy (314) 444-2564 [pmclancy@slmpd.org](mailto:pmclancy@slmpd.org)**

- a) Pat was not able to attend but provided copies of the crime map and statistics

**11) Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Barb Potts [pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov)**

- a) When calling the police about gunfire, be specific about the direction and provide as much information as possible
- b) Several concerns raised about juveniles with paintball guns

**12) Cherokee Street Liaison - Anne McCullough**

- a) Gravois Park is getting a new playground. Anne is seeking volunteers for Build Day on June 1
- b) IndiHop is May 20. Roughly 60 volunteers are needed
- c) New businesses include Taco and Ice Cream Joint and Teatopia

**13) Adjournment:** Liz Gerard moves to adjourn, Jason Hillman seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:32 pm