**Benton Park West Neighborhood Association**

Board Meeting – Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Tuesday, July 01, 2014

1. Call to Order: 6:46 pm
2. Roll Call
   1. President – Linda Hennigh, **Present**
   2. Vice President – Carrie Sleep, **Present**
   3. Secretary – Scott McIntosh, **Present**
   4. Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh, **Present**
   5. Member At-Large – Becky Martinez,
   6. Member At-Large – Vacant
   7. Beautification – Vacant
   8. Block Link – Vacant
   9. Communications – Bill Byrd, **Present**
   10. Community Garden – Jake Roeckle and Leland Drexler-Russell, Absent
   11. Dog Park – Mandy Mankin, Absent
   12. Facilities – Bill Byrd
   13. Finance and Fundraising – Suzy Hennigh
   14. Membership – Vacant
   15. Quality of Life and Safety – Carrie Sleep
   16. Youth Outreach – Pam Welsh, **Present**
   17. Cherokee Street Liaison – Anne McCullough, Absent
3. Review and approval of June Board Meeting Minutes – Bill Byrd moves, Carrie Sleep seconds, passes
4. Review of June Treasurer’s Report – will be approved in NA meeting
5. New Business
   1. Central Patrol
      1. New board that joins multiple former groups
      2. Board provides support to officers
      3. Year Membership is $50 – Bill Byrd moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes
   2. Community Garden
      1. Linda paid $100 for sign at Jefferson and Arsenal to be installed
      2. Seeking only $70 for reimbursement; balance is a donation
      3. Pam Welsh moves, Bill seconds, passes
   3. Fox Park Substation contribution
      1. Voted in June to contribute $250
      2. Bill will send Suzy a P.O.
   4. Fair St. Louis
      1. Still need volunteers; especially 8-11 pm during the fireworks
      2. Chris Schmidt is making phone calls and Sign-Up Genius email will go out again
      3. Bill will send an email to all volunteers about parking
   5. New website
      1. Scott and Suzy will meet to get the site paid for and launched
      2. Membership Levels
         1. Gold – change Dog Park to 50% off instead of free
         2. Silver – add 50% off Dog Park incentive
   6. Healthy Neighborhood Approach
      1. Nonprofit group would form with a paid staff
      2. Rehab and sell properties within neighborhoods
      3. Low interest loans to owners to improve properties, regardless of income levels
      4. Would require exterior improvements (could be landscaping) to get loan
   7. Cherokee Neighborhoods Initiative
      1. Four neighborhoods met about partnering
      2. Monthly happy hour will be established
   8. Dollar General
      1. Former Hoods location has a proposed redevelopment for Dollar General
      2. Benton Park Building Review Committee issued a support letter
      3. Space is part of CSBA
   9. Whitney Mathison resignation
   10. Review June BPWNA agenda and calendar
   11. Open Forum
6. Adjournment – Becky Martinez moves, Bill Byrd seconds, passes at 8:09 pm

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. All
   1. Identify potential Board and Committee members
   2. Bring $1 for 50/50 at Membership Meeting
2. Becky
   1. Ask Melt or other Cherokee Street vendor to display BPW t-shirt with sign on how/where to purchase them.  Needs display on how to purchase t-shirts and sample tees.  Inventory needs to be taken. – Spoke with Kelly and they’re in.  Just needs tees and sample card
3. Bill
   1. New Neighbor packets
   2. Working on additional PayPal button; dog park, membership, etc
   3. Give Becky the t-shirts order info cards
   4. Check with Salvation Army/John about Adopt a Family and bell ringing sign ups
4. Carrie
   1. track money from Mardi Gras; haven’t received a check yet
5. Linda
   1. Board and NA meeting agendas
   2. Letters of support
   3. Google phone – option to replace office phone
   4. Pam and Linda to purchase items at the Looking Glass
   5. Add Becky to Intuit
   6. take a photo of the new gray t-shirt and send to Bill
6. Mandy
   1. Planning a work day; trying to get mulch delivered
   2. get the dog park fountain fixed
7. Pam
   1. NAB work – need more people involved; Send info to Scott and Bill to promote
8. Scott
   1. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
   2. Housing Committee
      1. Schedule housing meetings; same day as Housing Corporation.  If City wants a meeting or not, we’ll meet.
      2. Friday Listings
   3. T‐shirt Sales
      1. Scott to send Bill the sizes and prices for the website
      2. Will promote sales through social media
      3. $20 for non‐members, and $15 for members
      4. send Bill the sizing and prices of t-shirts