**Benton Park West Neighborhood Association**

Board Meeting – Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 @ 6:30-8:30 pm

1. **Call to Order:** 6:35 pm
2. Roll Call
   1. President – Linda Hennigh, **Present**
   2. Vice President – Carrie Sleep, Absent
   3. Secretary – Scott McIntosh,**Present**
   4. Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh, **Present**
   5. Member At-Large – Becky Martinez, **Present**
   6. Member At-Large – Whitney Mathis, Absent
   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 Committee – Mandy Mankin, Absent
   12. Facilities – Bill Byrd
   13. Finance and Fundraising – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh
   14. Membership Committee - 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 May Board Meeting Minutes – Bill Byrd moves, Pam Welsh seconds, passes
4. Review of May Treasurer’s Report; revised April Report and May Report will be approved in NA meeting
5. **Darrell Orr and Michael (Mike) O’Brien, St. Louis Community Credit Union**
   1. 2916-30 Oregon Ave; purchasing from LRA and used car lot
   2. LRA will meet June 27 to approve
   3. All buildings would come down for a new credit union and education center (wealth accumulation center)
   4. Traditional credit union along with two new endeavors
   5. Red Dough Money Center
      1. low cost services and very transparent
      2. nonprofit loan center; not a payday loan center
      3. pathway to credit building and check cashing; way to eventually get into the credit union
      4. those who don’t qualify for traditional bank accounts
   6. CU Excel (Education) Center
      1. MSW on staff to provide financial counseling
      2. Partnered with WUSTL School of Social Work to develop model
   7. Building
      1. Retail looking building with 3 store fronts
      2. Signs for St. Louis Community Credit Union, Red Dough, and Education Center
      3. No drive up windows or ATM machines
      4. 2006 City report shows contamination on the site, so remediation will happen
      5. How to be open by end of the year or early 2015
      6. Consider seeking to close Crittenden, very narrow section of the street
      7. Seeking new market tax credits to build
   8. Any profits (net income) will be reinvested in the community
      1. Nothing is firm, but ideas include
         1. College scholarships
         2. More robust programming in the education center
   9. Many employers require a direct deposit paycheck
      1. Offer a reloadable debit card for direct deposit and access to credit union locations to access cash
   10. Expect 20% of loans to be charged off (default)
6. **Old Business**
   1. Cinco de Mayo
      1. Reimburse Linda Hennigh $48.87 for People’s Joy Parade beads
      2. Pay$25 to C.A.M.P. for parade participation
      3. Motion to reimburse packet based on Linda’s suggestion – Bill Byrd moves, Becky Martinez seconds, passes
   2. IndiHop
      1. 15 volunteers
      2. $250 check in the mail to BPWNA for volunteering
   3. Dog Park Update
      1. Fountain repaired, waiting on bill from Beetz Plumbing
      2. Move to paid immediately expenses up to $300 immediately – Bill Byrd moves, Becky Martinez seconds, passes
   4. Community Garden
      1. Gateway Greening paid for insurance on all community gardens
      2. Old insurance was cancelled and will be reimbursed the balance
      3. Need garden sign installed on-site
      4. Possibly move old garden fence to new site
7. **New Business**
   1. Fox Park Substation
      1. Officers use substation to file reports instead of returning to the main station
      2. If calls come in, officers are quicker to respond instead of traveling from farther away
      3. Motion to donate $250 from community outreach expenses – Bill Byrd moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes
   2. Volunteer Button design
      1. Use BPW logo with red swish
      2. Have “we love our” small and “Volunteers” big
   3. Marketing – T-shirt sales at Benton Park events
      1. June-August concerts and October bicycle race
      2. Need volunteers to sell these at a booth
   4. Fair St. Louis
      1. Contract received for July 5 booth
      2. Event in Forest Park
      3. no free parking in the park, surrounding lots are charging $30
      4. Take Metro or shuttles; can also get dropped off
      5. Need volunteers by June 9; must provide SSN for a background check
      6. Motion to expense $500 for Fair St. Louis – Bill Byrd moves, Becky Martinez seconds, passes
   5. New Website
      1. Log-in info will be sent to all board and committee members
      2. Motion to accept the proposal as stated in the agenda and launch the new site ASAP – Pam Welsh moves, Becky Martinez seconds, passes
   6. Review June BPWNA agenda and calendar
   7. Open Forum
8. **Adjournment** – moves, seconds, passes at 8:46 pm

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. All
   1. 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
      5. Suzy will get notification from PayPal and should send to Board
      6. Bill and Scott will discuss logistics for distributing shirts
9. Suzy
   1. Monthly Treasurer’s and Budget report; includes year‐to‐date budget
   2. Move Cool Down category from Salvation Army to Five Star Senior Center
   3. Change petty cash categories
   4. Create a budget line item for Taste of St. Louis
   5. Move $132.86 from Expense –Communication to copier lease
   6. Move $1 from income to donations
   7. find the $415 on the budget