

Better Bevo Now

Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

4271 Delor Street

I. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman

No report.

Co-Chair

No report.

Secretary

No report.

Treasury

No report.

Block Captain

- Plans are being made for two block parties in April; one on Adkins/Delor, one on Itaska/Varrelmann
- There may be another block party planned for May
- Block Captains (and anyone who wants to help) are meeting on April 3 to make signs for the block parties
- Block Captains are purchasing flags to put out around in the neighborhood for Memorial Day.
- The Block Captain Leader is investigating the large number of disturbance calls on the 4000 block of Taft

Court Advocacy/Victim Support

- No report. Still waiting for city training. (This writer reports that Victim Support is working with Bevo crime victims. If you know of someone who could use support, please contact Kay Miller.)

Citizens on Patrol

- The first COP meeting will be held on March 28, 2017, at 6 pm at Buder Library (4401 Hampton Ave; just south of Target). Anyone with ideas or interest is asked to attend. The COP Leader is organizing training, and expects to have more information soon. Please contact James McQueen if you are interested in participating in Bevo's COP.

Social Committee

- The Social Committee Leader continues to work with the South Hampton neighborhood association to host a summer concert series in Christy Park. The Princeton Heights association also recently joined the team. The event is officially called Christy Park Concerts. The concerts will be held on the last Tuesday of May, June, and July in 2017. The committee plans for the June concert to be the community's Fourth of July celebration, and is working toward closing Christy Avenue for that concert. More information will be released as plans are finalized.
- The BBN Garden Club is hosting a workday at Long School on March 18, 2017, at 9 am.
- Bevo Bazaar-O planning continues. The committee expects that the 2017 markets will have more vendors and attendees.

II. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS

13th Ward Alderwoman Beth Murphy

- Proposition S (payday lending regulations) passed.
- There are other short-term, non-predatory lending resources available to citizens in need. Please contact Ms. Murphy for more information.
- Vivid Cafe (the painted red brick building on Gravois) did not get enough signatures for a liquor license.
- Mak's Pub and Grill (formerly Nelly Glenn's) has opened. Please support this new business.
- Operation Outreach Centers are open. These are places where displaced citizens can go in inclement weather in addition to Biddle House.
- Bevo can expect another new business at 5463 Gravois. The resident and owner plans to open a pizza restaurant with a greenhouse in the back.

14th Ward Alderwoman Carol Howard

- Johnny's Food Mart, a market and restaurant, will be opening in two weeks at Chippewa and Morganford. The owner, Nick, lives in Bevo.
- All necessary petition signatures for a stop sign at Adkins were obtained.
- A flashing spotlight was installed outside the Silver Ballroom.
- The 13th Ward lent the 14th Ward funds to continue installation of Real Time Crime Center cameras. Cameras are being installed along all major roads, e.g., Morganford, Gravois, Chippewas, Kingshighway.
- The Bevo CID will soon start bi-weekly trash pick-up along Gravois.
- LED lights continue to be installed. Eventually all street lights will be replaced with LED lights.
- The Bevo CID website is live, www.bevostl.com.
- A Christian congregation is interested in, and will likely occupy, the property at 4601 Morganford.
- The business at 5017 Gravois (CoCo) no longer has a liquor license.

Christy Boyd, 14th Ward Neighborhood Improvement Specialist

- Please call the Citizens Service Bureau for any issues, 622-4800. Making a paper trail of problems is how bigger problems get solved.
- City Hall has auto security clubs for sale, \$13.00. Please contact City Hall or Christy.
- If your income is less than \$54,000.00 per year, Gateway EITC offers free income tax preparation. See www.gatewayeitc.org for more information.
- The Green Help program offered by the Comptroller's Office is still available. This program offers low interest loans for efficiency home improvements. See www.greenhelpstlouis.com for more information.
- The St. Louis Youth Jobs program is looking for employers and employees for 2017. Anyone between the ages of 16 and 24 is eligible for employment, about 20 hours per week. Participating employers receive subsidized salaries for participating employees. See www.stlyouthjobs.org for more information.

- City Seniors provides transportation, meals, and socialization (parties, shopping) to local seniors. Call Jennifer Bess, Executive Director, at 352-0141 for more information.

Andrew Hernandez, 13th Ward Neighborhood Improvement Specialist

- The city has a program which pools city, police, and neighborhood resources to address problem properties. If you are aware of a problem (vacant, decrepit, etc.) property, please notify the city by calling 231-1212. In the alternative, you can call 14th Ward NIS Christy Boyd at 314-657-1377 or 13th Ward NIS Andrew Hernandez at 314-657-1368. You can
- The 13th Ward has currently identified four problem properties.
- Please call the CSB to report any deteriorating dumpsters. Thus far in 2017, twelve dumpsters have been replaced in the 13th Ward.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

- Officer Wilson provided revised monthly crime summary sheets which will be more succinct and accurate.
- There is a problem property in the 4000 block of Taft which is being addressed. Please keep making calls (231-1212) about this property if you see or hear anything.
- NIS Christy Boyd added that the 4000 block of Taft is under review and her office has identified two problem properties on the block.\

Ali Burns, Assistant City Circuit Attorney, reported that Neighborhood Ownership Model training is a priority for City Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner, and that training sessions should soon be available.

III. SPEAKER SERIES

A representative from the Mayor's Office provided information regarding Propositions 1 and 2 which will appear on the upcoming April 4, 2017, ballot. This information can be found on the city's website at www.stl-mo.gov.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dee Brown with the St. Louis Safety Group announced that the group's next meeting will be at the Real Time Crime Center at Police HQ on March 20, 2017, at 6:45 pm.
- Dee also spoke briefly on Proposition NS which will also be on the April 4 ballot.
- Harry Kennedy from the 14th Ward Democratic Committee spoke briefly about Proposition A, also on the April 4 ballot.
- Dillon Neely, Pastor of Jubilee Church, announced that the church will be hosting a free summer camp in 2017 for 6-11 year old kids. More information will be announced soon. Contact Jubilee Church with any questions.
- Stephanie Dinges introduced herself.
- Pedro Alvarez voiced concerns regarding problems on Adkins and Schiller Place and made a plea for official assistance from the Neighborhood Improvement Specialists, Alderwomen, and police in attendance.

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