

Better Bevo Now Meeting Notes  
July 21, 2017

Attendance 42 members.

Officer Wilson went over the Summary of Crime Coded Data for the neighborhood. A group of car jackers is operating in the neighborhood. They follow you home. Be aware of your surroundings. If a car is waiting behind you when you park your car keep going. If they ask for your property just give it. Don't go with them for any reason. There was a question about car window tinting. Front windows are only supposed to be tinted 30%.

Carol Howard, Alderwoman, 14th Ward. Call 211 for cooling resources for this extreme heat period. The cost for trash hauling will increase by \$3.00 per month on our next bill. This is still much lower than many areas of the county. Part of the increase will pay for camera's to monitor illegal dumping. The 1/2 cent sales tax for the police will be on the November ballot. Carol commended all the people who have worked so hard on the gardens and the Christy Park Concerts. CoCos will be closed for a month, but then will reopen. Many neighbors would like it to be a breakfast place.

Allie Burns, Circuit Attorney's office. Victim Support training will be August 5th 9a to noon at St. John's Catholic Church. Many people leave the area due to being a victim of crime and giving them support may help.

Latania Kenner, Assistant to Darlene Green. Spoke about low-interest home loans for energy efficiency improvements for city of St. Louis residents.

Gwen Murray, Acting Chairman,

Molly Powell has obtained a grant from Brightside Naturescaping for landscaping of Sebilj Park. The plantings will be small on the east side of the fountain. If we get the grant, we will need help. Hoping for volunteer of bricks and the use of a Bob Cat.

BBN is working on a walking program tentatively named Bevo Walks and Watches. The idea being that groups would walk the neighborhood and note problems that need to be reported to Citizens Service Bureau. Then a report would be filed with CSB. Healthy Schools Healthy Communities would provide walkers with pedometers and water bottles. HSHC also has a 6 part series on food preservation which will be at the Dunn Center and is free.

Gwen Murray continues to work on a Farmer's Market for Sebilj Park. Possibly trying it out this fall in conjunction with one of our Fall Activities.

The last Christy Park Concert will be Tuesday, July 27, with the Western Satellites playing. City Seniors has donated Cardinals tickets for an attendance prize.

Victim Support Training will be August 5 9am to 12 noon.

Neighborhood Watch Training will be July 29 at 10am at St. John's Catholic Church.

The next Bazaaro is September 16 which is also Mexican Independence Day. We will have Mexican music and Spanish dancing.

We are tentatively planning a Trunk or Treat this October instead of the Bark and Boo.

We will be looking for volunteers to help canvas for the next attempt at getting the CID sales tax increase approved by the voters in the CID.

The BBN Board Meetings have a set date they are the second Wednesday at the St. John's church. We will do flocking until Sept 30. If you have too much produce, please consider donating the Bevo shares. A neighbor is planning to put up a rainbow cabinet, which will contain free personal care items for those in need. If you want to donate things for the rainbow cabinet, you may take them to 4230 Beethoven.

Mary Hackett, treasurer. We have plenty of time left for beautiful Bevo awards. Nominate your neighbor or yourself for having a beautiful yard.

Brigit Fyvie, Central Park Development is working with Cannon Ball to develop a new logo. They will have 3 logo designs by end of July. They will then present the 3 logos for comments by the residents. The logos will be on social media for comments. The social media page for the Bevo CID is BevoSTL.com. There was tremendous involvement in the survey about the CID on social media. The CID will be running a campaign for vacant buildings. They will put posters in the windows of the buildings with eye glasses showing a potential business with the logo "Could you see a (ice cream parlor, book store etc.) here." Brigit said it's a great idea to have people walking in Bevo. The more people you see walking, the safer the neighborhood looks. Once per month the CID will focus on an empty business that is turnkey, which can be highlighted on social media. Initial vote for the sales tax for the CID which was in January failed. There were 200 households that received ballots, nine voted, 6 no and 3 yes. They will vote again soon. They are looking for a service within Bevo to do trash pickup and lawn maintenance in the CID area. They are trying to find funding for trees.