

Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association

August 17, 2017 Meeting Notes

Gwen Murray, Acting Chair/Social Committee Report. BBN neighbors nature scaping grant was submitted 8/11. We will know if it is approved in the middle of September. We anticipate approval and we will require help from neighbors to complete the work. We are still looking for bricks to use for the retaining wall. Bevo Walks and Watches has 38 members and a walk is scheduled for 8/28. September Bazaar-O planning will gear up soon. The special events permit has been approved by the city. The city tent is unavailable, so the layout has been changed. The Bazaar-O will include music, dancing and Food Trucks. The Bark & Boo will be moved to 10/31 at St. John's and will include a Trunk or Treat. We plan for set up at 5:30pm with neighbors arriving at 6pm. The Rainbow cabinet is still looking for a location.it will have toiletries etc for those in need. We will continue to encourage people to donate excess produce to Bevo Shares. There will be a Community Donation Drive. The drop off will be at Pepper's Peppers will give a free appetizer to anyone who donates. The Drive will end 8/30.

Mary Hackett, Treasurer - We are selling Tee Shirts for \$15. Nominations are being accepted for the Beautiful Bevo Award. Please nominate your neighbor or yourself for good "curb appeal" for the Bevo neighborhood. Nominations may be submitted at the meetings or by e mail to bevo.gardens@yahoo.com

Kay Miller, Victims Support - Kay and Officer Steve Wilson will get together to find victims we can reach out to.

Kristin Hoffmann, Block Captains - the quarterly Block Captain meeting is November 6, from 6:30 to 8pm at Oak Hill School.

Steve Mathes, Principal Long International Middle School - Long School has been here 100 years and continues to change to meet the needs of the neighborhood. There are 16 languages spoken in the Bevo neighborhood. The new format will teach language as students learn. Steve Mathes has 16 years of experience in education in St. Louis public schools. He worked in the joint venture with local 420 on a program to retrain teachers. Then he was principal of Gateway STEM High School.

Lisa Nolan - working with Patrice Crotty at Oak Hill School.

Raquita McGee will be working with families and support at Oak Hill.

Patrice Crotty said Certified Nurse Assistant classes will be held at Oak Hill School evening education.

There is a fund raiser with Papa John's Pizza to buy improved vests for the police. To participate, you buy a \$15 card which allows you to get a free pizza for each one you buy. Every 20 cards purchased buys one vest.

Beth Murphy, Alderman, 13th Ward - The board of alderman is not in session. Beth and the city are trying to work with Taco Circus to keep them in Bevo. The city is adding LED lights to the street lights as they burn out. The cost of refuse disposal is going up to \$14.00 per month. Some of this money will be used to get 100 movable cameras to catch illegal dumping in our dumpsters.

Carol Howard, Alderman, 14th Ward - The Gibraltar building at Gravois and Ellenwood has sold. The new owner wants to put in small street-side shops. Next year's National Night Out in St. Louis will be the first Tuesday in October. Das Bevo is having events all of October. The 1/2 cent sales tax for public safety will be on the November ballot. Carol and Beth both went to City Stat, which is a meeting that brings all the departments to work with the police "white shirts." There was a good exchange of information.

Officer Steve Wilson - We are getting robberies in small stores. Shop and Save was robbed last Saturday.

Christy Boyd, Neighborhood Improvement Specialist, 14th Ward - Has Clubs for sale for \$13. You can also get them at the Citizen Service Bureau at 1520 Market or City Hall. If your street lights are out call CSB at 622-4800. If your alley lights are out call Ameren the number is on the light pole.

Donna Berringer, 82nd District, Missouri House of Representatives - Eight thousand people will lose their subsidy if HB 3 is over ridden on 9/13. The House of Reps. did a sweep vote to give

the subsidy, but Gov. Greitens vetoed it. They need 100 votes to override the veto. Donna is asking us to contact our outstate friends to call their Reps to override the veto.

Erica Oliver, Healthy Schools Healthy Community - Gwen Murray is our community champion. We are 2 1/2 years into a 5 year initiative. We have an earn a bike program. To earn a bike a child must attend 6 lessons which takes about 2 hours. They get a bike, a helmet and learn bike skills and maintenance. We have a home food preserving class at Thomas Dunn Center on 8/23 and 8/30. They do require RSVP. Seventy schools participated in a flash mob at Ballpark Village. The students practice and learn a dance for this activity. Next year's Flash Mob will be on 5/4. There will be a double dutch showcase at Wohl Center on 12/9. HSHC would like to have more teams. The city schools have just put in purified water fountains. They have also initiated peaceful playgrounds, healthy birthday celebrations and healthy lunch options. We want to install fitness stations in Christy Park. HSHC is funded by Missouri foundation for health. The next HSHC meeting is 8/28 at Oak Hill school 4:45pm to 5:45pm.

David Tallent spoke asking people to sign an impact statement requesting a reduction of bond for Robert Mitchell. He came forward as a witness in a murder, was arrested, and has been in the Justice Center for almost 3 years with no trial. His bond is \$750,000 cash only, while the person who admitted to the murder has a bond of \$300,000. Please contact Karen Chaney or David Tallent if you would like to sign this letter.