

Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association Meeting, May 17, 2018

6:30 **Welcome & Introductions**

Mavis Thompson, St. Louis License Collector - www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/license

Mavis T. Thompson obtained her Bachelor of Science in nursing and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Missouri. She is also a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government program at Harvard University. Thompson is a past President of the National Bar Association, leading lawyers and judges worldwide. City ordinances require that all businesses operating in the City of St. Louis must obtain a business license. The License Collector's Office is generally the first stop a business owner makes when initiating activity within the City of St. Louis. If you're a small business owner you can now sell your wares at the City Hall rotunda during the City Business Open House. The License Collector Office also helps senior retirees and veterans. You can now file your business license online. Has been in office since 2013. Right now most of the businesses are coming into the downtown/cortex area but every single neighborhood is seeing growth.

Sue DiRaimondo and Curtis Farber, with the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners - www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/board-election-commissioners/sign-up-to-work-the-polls.cfm

Brought registration forms for people to work the polls. Registered voters can work the polls the day of elections is receives a tax free payment. Must arrive at 5 am, polls open at 6. You are responsible for setting up the polling place and processing voters. At 7 pm, after the polls close, you will clean up the area until about 7:45-8 pm. Poll Managers - \$150 and Paper Ballot Judge is \$175. 2 ½ hour training seminar is required. Entire election workforce on Election Day can be over 1,000. Permanent Disability sign up – you will receive an absentee ballot so you can vote by mail. Next two elections are August 7th and November 5th.

Voter ID Laws – All previous IDs will still be accepted but now it is preferred that you bring a form of identification. Missouri has expanded so that as long as you are a registered voter you can complete a provisional ballot. If you do not possess an ID the Secretary of State office will pay for you to receive one.

7:00 **BBN Board Reports**

Chairman – Gwen Murray

Board received the first draft of the bylaws and will review then finalize becoming an official 501©3. Colonial Management Group and the property at 4612 Gravois. They are a for profit company which runs opioid treatment center. They chose the location on Gravois because it fits their requirements. It is Zone F so all they need is an occupancy permit. BBN Board voted and decided to stand against this moving forward.

Bevo Bazaar-O Flea Market – May 19th at Sebiilj Park from 9 am – 3 pm

Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities – May 21st at the Carondelet Park Rec Center at 5 pm

First Christy Park Concert – Kingdom Brothers at Christy Park at 6 pm

Flocking season is open! Visit the bbnstl.com website to book your flocking for only \$10!

Co-Chair -- Mary Hackett

You can always communicate with BBN through email at betterbevonow@yahoo.com. Sunday May 20th is the 100th anniversary celebration of Local 73 but please RSVP 352.8340.

Secretary -- Alicia Hernandez
Bevo Bazaar

Treasurer – Kristin Hoffmann
Paid our insurance and had to purchase porta potty for the Bazaar.

7:15 **Reports from NOM Committees (Neighborhood Ownership Model)**

Neighborhood Watch --Dave Tallent
Working on a vacant property list started in the neighborhood to help with selling properties and cleaning up properties. Unfortunately, there was a death due to a vacant property issue.

Block Captains -- Ryan Henson
Flocking season has officially started. Taking reservations now to flock houses. Will be at the Bevo Bazaar-o. Next block party is on 4300 Gertrude on June 10th. If you did not receive a door hanger, please see Ryan Henson.

Court Advocacy – Kristin Hoffmann
Still getting signatures on the impact statement for the Loren Copp case, however, we are still waiting on the ruling from the judge but once it happens and there is a short amount of time to sign. If you want to sign Kristin Hoffmann will have impact statement with her at the Bevo Bazaar-O and future meetings.

Victim Support – Kay Miller
No report

Community Member – Thanked everyone for attending the cleanup on April 28th. BBN is starting a Family Play Date in Christy Park and the first event is June 3rd from 2 – 4 pm. We'll have games, snacks, face painting, and a scavenger hunt. If you want to make a donation, please contact Kenya Webster.

7:30 **Reports from Community Partners**

Aldermen -- Beth Murphy, 13th Ward
No report.

Carol Howard, 14th Ward
Budget hearing at the BoA. Confident they can find the money they put back for the NIS. BB21 will be brought before the voters a charter amendment to remove the residency clause. BB 25 which will remove the ward reduction. Bevo CID is going for a street grant which is planning grant. Was asked if there can be anything done about the red and blue flashing lights as they seem intimidating. Carol will look into what can be done. Some is having issues with folks leaving the nursing home coming out and driving the wrong way down Taft.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept. -- Officer Steve Wilson
Reviewed the crime report for April and May. Always report squatters and unkempt vacant properties to CSB. Keep an eye on rehabbed houses as well.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialists – Christy Boyd, 14th Ward

The Citizens Service B. 622 4800
New Trash Task Force
Dave Craft is now the Nuisance Property Officer.

Andrew Hernandez, 13th Ward

No report.

Missouri House of Representatives –
No report.

Donna Baringer, Dist. 82

Fred Wessels, Dist. 81

No report.

8:00 Announcements

** Don't miss the **Bevo Bazaar-0** flea market – This Sat. 5/19, 9 am till 3 pm
at Sebilj Park, 5000 Gravois

50/50 Raffle – Prize is \$27
Attendance - 53

***We hope you will stay awhile after the meeting to chat with your neighbors,
elected officials, and other community partners.***