

BETTER BEVO NOW Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes **June 21, 2018**

6:30 Welcome & Introductions

New President at Long Middle School said hello. Spent three years at Collegiate School of Bioscience. 200 students at Long. This year's theme is You Belong at Long. Working on reaching out to community and neighborhood. Would love neighborhood support. Wants to work hand in hand. Wants shirts for student and staff and would love to get some community sponsorship which will allow businesses to get sponsorship recognition on the back of the shirts.

Membership Vote

Board of Directors have been working almost a year on becoming an incorporated organization and non-profit. The board voted unanimously to pass the articles of incorporation and bylaws. All who signed in are now an official member of the Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association. Now that we are incorporated we must keep count of membership and reach quorum for voting. We will not charge dues for membership. Membership requirement is that you must live in the neighborhood. The membership will vote tonight to pass the bylaws and articles of incorporation which were posted on the Facebook page and website. Martin Hutchins with SLU Law has been assisting in the process. SLU Law was heavily involved with getting documentation in order. Until now, BBN has been operating as an unincorporated organization. Now the unofficial group is being absorbed by the new official 501©3 organization. Chair, Gwen Murray asked for a vote to pass the Bylaws. 43 votes in favor. No opposing votes. Chair, Gwen Murray asked membership to vote to pass the Articles of Incorporation. 44 votes in favor. No opposing votes. Bylaws and Articles of Incorporations pass. Martin presented the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for Gwen and Kristin to sign before the membership. Gwen asked the membership to vote on allowing the previous unincorporated organization absorbed by the 44 vote to approve. No opposed votes. Chair, Gwen, asked the membership to approve the board as it stands that was elected in January. 45 vote to pass. No opposing votes.

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7:00 BBN Board Reports

Chairman – Gwen Murray

Colonial Management Group

Gwen presented a signup sheet for folks to make phone calls and canvass.

CID grant award – 5 other communities applied including U City and we received it.

Neighborhood Watch leader, David Tallent attended te Vacant Properties Initiative seminar to learn how to deal with problem properties. One of the ways to do that is creating a beneficiary deed. There are

workshops all over the city for folks who own a home and don't have a deed. Next workshop is June 30th at Thomas Dunn from 10 am – 2 pm but Bevo is also working toward hosting one.

Co-Chair -- Mary Hackett

Patrice is retiring from Long School and was part of the creation and success of BBN. Mary presented Patrice a small gift and made Patrice an honorary Bevonian for life!

Secretary -- Alicia Hernandez

Presented flyers for her block party at 4400 Neosho block on July 22nd.

Treasurer – Kristin Hoffmann

Cash on hand is \$4,27.95. \$1,000 in reserved and \$1,600 is reserved for the police substation. Our current operating allowance is \$1,800. The Bazaar-O income was doubled what we've ever brought in the past.

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

Neighborhood Watch --Dave Tallent

Still working on the vacant properties project so if you know of any please send them to David. Heat right now is ridiculous so please check in on neighbors. We lost someone in Bevo due to the heat. David is starting a phone tree so neighbors can call each other to make sure everyone is okay. There is a heat shelter at City Seniors Inc. on Ridgewood. Someone asked about a vacant property on 4400 Osceola. David asked for the specific address so he can investigate and get some help.

Block Captains -- Ryan Henson

We've carried out 6 or 7 flocking. Including the chair of the neighborhood association. Nobody can sleep safe at night, thinking they are immune to the pink feathery wrath. Kenya's Block Party on Gertrude was a massive success. She has a long block, and three separate families came out and starting cooking. There was even a bounce castle. Where did they get a bounce castle? We don't really know. The next block party will be on the 4100 block of Itaska on July 15th.

Court Advocacy – Kristin Hoffmann

Kristin presented the Loren Coppe impact statement. There were some changes to the statement as there were multiple charges were brought against him and Kristin wants the statement to reflect all charges against him. Loren owned Dojo Pizza Place in Bevo.

Victim Support – Kay Miller

Kay gets reports regarding crimes in the neighborhood and lets them know she's there to give them resources. Asked if you are trained to give her your information.

7:30 **Reports from Community Partners**

Aldermen --

Beth Murphy, 13th Ward: The money we received money from the Treasurer's office is just for this year. Had to trim \$10 million in the budget and received \$3.5 million for demolition to tear down buildings. The legal process is that you get 3 years of non-payment and at the end of the 4th year is when the city can go after your home. \$975K for recreation. \$200K for mediation for neighbors and people that are having issues. \$900K for Police cadet recruitment program. Taco

Circus received a conditional use permit to update their patio. The patio will close at 9 PM with no outside music and they must establish a trash removal. Carondelet Park bridge next to the YMCA is still down.

Carol Howard, 14th Ward: Reporting on Board Bill 1AA which is the city budget has been passed out of committee and will be voted on tomorrow in session. We did not lose our Neighborhood Improvement Specialists. Met with Zoning for the special use district with Beth Murphy. We were approved for the Great Streets grant. \$500 million with some funds from Alders. The project will run from Chippewa to Christy. This is a planning grant that does not fund any improvements. This will have community engagement that starts around August. Methadone clinic has not submitted application to the state but that doesn't mean they're not going to. Carol is not sure how they will inform of community meetings but they are legal required to do so. Someone asked when the property at 4750 will be cleaned up. Carol Confirmed that it has been and suggested that they speak to Andrew Hernandez the NIS.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept. --

Officers Steve Wilson, Jessica Walsh and Lindsay Anderson: Presented crimes occurred for the last month.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialists –

Christy Boyd, 14th Ward: No report.

Andrew Hernandez, 13th Ward: Recycle Extravaganza on June 30th. You can take anything you want to be recycled. National Night Out was changed to October 2nd from August. City is looking for new vendors if you have a physical product to sell that are items the City can use.

State Representatives –

Donna Baringer, Dist. 82: Session is over and has a end of session newsletter going out. Passed new legislation regarding temp tag which states that you must turn in your temp tag when you receive your permanent tag. If you want a printed directory, please contact her.

Fred Wessels, Dist. 81: no report

8:00 Announcements

Attendance:42

50/50 Raffle: Winner received \$27

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