

BETTER BEVO NOW Neighborhood Association Meeting
July 19, 2018

52 Attendees

Welcome & Introductions

Tonight's guest speakers: Candidates for Missouri House Districts 81 & 82

Steve Butz - 81st District. Lifelong South St. Louis resident. Wants to work to improve Public Safety, Education, and Support Local Small Business. He feels it would help if you could pay sales tax at the car dealer. Would like a database of people who have let their liability insurance lapse, so the law requiring insurance could be enforced. He is a pro-life democrat. Abortion should be legal for rape, incest and when pregnancy threatens the life of the mother. Concerning the two police officers union, he has met with both. He has the endorsement on the Police Officers Union. He feels the root cause of two unions is the difference of opinion on promotions and they need to get together. He supports the continued availability of Plan B/Depo Provera, He supports all methods of Birth Control.

Travis Estes - 81st District. Works for St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. His platform is Education, Employment, Equity. He urged us to vote No on Prop A. His solution to the problem of expired temp. Tags is that people take walks and take photos of temp tags that they see twice and send to CSB. He is staunchly pro choice. Endorsed by NARAL. He feels we send too much money to religious organizations who provide only counseling. This money needs to go to programs that support children. Concerning the two police unions. He feels it would be great if all police were working together and talking together, but feels that the Ethical Society of Police has done good things. Actually that both organizations have done good things. He supports the continued availability of Plan B/Depo Provera. He feels we should use science based factual information in schools rather than only teaching abstinence.

Donna Baringer - 82nd District. Has come to past BBN meetings regularly with information on state proceedings. Has been able to stop legislation that negatively affects St.Louis. Concerning expired license plates: she

has sponsored legislation to make people to turn in temp. Tags so they cannot be traded/sold. She is looking at legislation on how to help low income people with taxes and insurance. Endorses Roe V Wade. Supports Planned Parenthood because it helps with women's healthcare needs other than abortions. Concerning the two police unions, she would prefer one as it would facilitate conversations. She supports the continued availability of Plan B/Depo Provera.

Fred Kratky - 82nd District. Lived in Lemay for 37 years. His primary platform is crime and safety. He feels we need a serious discussion about mental health in this state and city and it's effect on crime. Economic development is another serious issue. Concerning expired license plates: he would impress on police the need for enforcement. Also people need to be engaged. Pro-life Candidate. He feels having two police associations is not a big issue. He feels children having children is a big problem and we need more education.

BBN Board Reports

Chairman – Gwen Murray

The board has received a number of calls concerning escalating neighbor disputes. The association's primary objections and responsibilities are to support neighborhood improvement, create awareness off the issues that affect us, facilitate activities, represent the neighborhood in the greater STL community, and encourage interest and participation in these efforts. We are happy to be a clearinghouse of information about how to get your problem solved.

Colonial Management Group/4612 Gravois

We are canvassing for signatures of those who oppose a for profit methadone clinic at the above address. We need more canvassing volunteers. If you are interested in canvassing, email me at bevonom@gmail.com.

August meeting: Peter Hoffman with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and head of the Neighborhood Vacancy Initiative will be here to tell us more about the initiative. The Vacancy Initiative is a collaboration of STL city, legal clinics, community development

organizations, and neighborhood nonprofits designed to address city-wide vacant property problems.

Flocking season will only be open for about one more month. If you've been meaning to flock someone, book it now.

If you have signed in previously at a meeting, you may draw a line through all the address information on the sign in sheet. If you are new, please fill in the information so you will be included in our membership roster.

Please vote August 7th.

We now have child care for children out of diapers. If you are able to help, call contact us at bevonom@gmail.com.

Bevo has another, new Little Free Library in the Butterfly Garden at Eichelberger and Cologne.

Treasurer – Kristin Hoffmann. \$3965.88, \$1,000 reserve, \$600 Substation, \$275 IRS fee. Operating allowance \$2090.88

Reports from NOM Committees (Neighborhood Ownership Model)

Neighborhood Watch --Dave Talent. Doing Vacant property list and a camera list. Contact David if you are willing to have footage from your camera used to follow up on crimes.

Court Advocacy – Kristin Hoffmann. Robert Mitchell case. He has accepted a plea bargain. Loren Copp is awaiting a verdict. There have been some recent arrests which will be further investigated to determine if they warrant follow up.

Reports from Community Partners

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept. -- Officers Steve Wilson, Jessica Walsh and Lindsay Anderson

Steve Wilson gave Summary of Crime Coded data.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist – Andrew Hernandez, 13th Ward.
Green Help grants are still available for help for heating and cooling and things that improve energy efficiency of homes.

Announcements

Lisa Otke - St Louis Development Corp. Lisa spoke about the Facade Program. This Federal Program made \$1,000,000 available to give to small businesses for a facelift on the Facade of their business. The program is accepting a requests. You can find the forms online. This program has helped with the cost of awnings on local businesses for example.

20/20 collected \$50. Martha Brennan won donated her winnings.

For a list of upcoming events, please go to www.bbnstl.com/category/events/