

Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association  
Annual Membership Meeting  
January 17, 2019  
6:30 pm, Local 73 Firefighter's Hall (4271 Delor)

Board Members Present: Gwen Murray, Nick Dunne, Mary Hackett, Kristin Hoffman, Charlene Beck Panek, Donna Stueve, Kenya Webster

Members in Attendance: 43

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Chairman of BBN, Gwen Murray opened the meeting with the Chair's Report. The CID Happy Hour will be January 24, 2019 at Ray's Bar from 5-8pm. The CID invites all BBN members and neighbors to join. There will be an upcoming Trivia Night at City Seniors on February 22, 2019. The Carondelet Rec Plex will also be holding a Trivia Night on February 1, 2019. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual SLACO Regional Conference will be held Saturday February 2 from 7:30 am – 5pm at St Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus. The conference will be “Celebrating Forty Years of Community”, registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch. BBN will host a Family Play Date from 2 to 4pm Saturday, January 19, 2019, at City Seniors, Inc. The 2019 Bevo Neighborhood Directory is being updated and will be available in March 2019. The Chair then presented.

Lance Peterson, Director of Routes for Metro to discuss the improvements Metro Bus and MetroLink are looking to make in 2019. MetroBus is planning to reduce route wait times from 15 minutes to 10 mins for the #95 Kingshighway bus, will reduce wait times for #11 Chippewa bus from 20 minutes down to 15, and the #10 Gravois-Lindell bus from 30 minutes down to 15. Also mentioned phone app development to improve ride sharing and safety.

The Chair then called for all new 2019 members to cast their votes for the 2019 Board of Directors candidates. Alderwoman Carol Howard then presented updates from the Board of Aldermen's latest session. The Vote on Board Resolution #93 failed. The resolution was to bring the Airport Privatization to a public vote. Carol is also working to make St Louis a hub for international shipping.

The Vice Chair then introduced State House Representative Donna Baringer then presented about the latest session of Congress at the State Capitol. The Missouri Department of Revenue miscalculated tax tables in 2018, which will likely lessen any refund expected in 2019. The Missouri Congress also passed a resolution that will stop dogs from being allowed in the Capitol Building.

Beth Quindry, Public Outreach Coordinator for the Bevo Great Streets project announced that the first community meeting for the project is rescheduled for Wednesday February 13, 2019, in the Parish Center of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The meeting will cover the plan for the Great Streets initiative and is seeking community input. Bevo neighbors are encouraged to come, learn, and provide their thoughts.

The Vice Chair then presented her report. Oak Hill School is renovating one of the rooms of the school to serve as a room to provide resources for students. The school is seeking donations of clothes, shoes, and school supplies that will be on hand for the students who need them.

Kristin Hoffman then presented the Treasurer's Report. BBN finished 2018 in the black receiving, among others \$4,500 in kind donations.

Kristin then presented the Court Advocacy report. The case against Loren Copp returned guilty counts on 8 of 9 charges. The impact statement will be submitted to the Court prior to or during sentencing. Members were asked whether they wanted an impact statement written for the headstone destruction case. The members voted against putting together an impact statement.

Nick Dunne, Block Captain Leader, announced the first 2019 Block Captains meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, in the Parish Center at St John's. Nick invited all neighbors to the meeting, even if they are not a Block Captain. As well, the Block Blitz on Schiller happened recently and those will continue when the temps get above 11-degrees.

13<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman Beth Murphy then presented more information from the Board of Alders. Walgreens fixed their damaged fence. DB Coopers Safe House was given a cease and desist order, but they have applied to purchase the building next to them and create a patio for their patrons. Owners of the proposed Café Ruong at Gannett and Delor have applied for permits to open a café with pool tables. Due to the completed construction on Schiller, the speed study will resume for speed humps. There are 2 houses set for demolition in the Ward. The Ash trees on Bates Ave have contracted Ash Bore disease and will be removed. Beth will have them replaced.

Officer Steve Wilson then presented the crime report for the Bevo neighborhood for the last 30 days. There was one homicide in the month which the police believe was committed by folks from Southwest St. Louis County. A number of burglaries and larcenies. Steve once again reminded members to be aware when starting their car in the morning.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist for the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward Christy Boyd then brought some levity back to the meeting and reminded long time members and the new members of the Citizen's Service Bureau (314-622-4800) which exists to help neighbors find the right resource for their questions/concerns. St. Louis Development Corp. is hosting a town hall meeting February 12, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm at 4811 Delmar Ave. to promote transparency in what they do for the residents of St Louis and inform St Louisans of projects happening around the City.

Andrew Hernandez the N.I.S. of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward echoed Christy's report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42p.m.