

Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2019
6:30 pm, St John's Catholic Church Rectory

Board Members Present: Gwen Murray, Nick Dunne, Judy Ryan, Charlene Beck Panek, Kristin Hoffman, Kenya Webster, David Tallent, Mary Hackett, John Silwanus

Not Present: Kay Miller

Members in Attendance: 1

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

The Board reviewed Board meeting minutes for the December and February meetings. Nick Dunne made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, Kristin Hoffmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Kristin moved to accept the February minutes, Charlene Panek seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Gwen Murray reported first and collected insight from the Board. The Chair discussed with Board members the reasons they serve on the Board and ways to improve. Gwen compiled the responses. Next, Gwen has met with the SLU law student on the vacancy initiative, the team has compiled 5 pages of vacancies in the Bevo neighborhood and is creating options on moving forward. The Board agreed to move the Board Meeting location to the Parish Center because of the ADA accessible entrances and the larger space to allow Bevonians to attend. The Butterfly Garden is officially U.S. Government property and not able to be leased through the City of St Louis, Gwen is working to acquire that property for the BBN. The 2019 Bevo directory is currently printing and will be available soon. St Louis City Board of Alderman President Lewis Reed may not be available for the March Members meeting, Gwen is seeking an answer. Gwen has an approved Capital Funding letter to send to area businesses for support for BBN. The Great Streets committee approved to reimburse BBN for boosting next week's meeting via fb. Kristin Hoffman took charge of that process. Kristin Hoffmann made a motion to join the St Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO – is an umbrella organization and

resource for metro area neighborhoods). The Board approved the motion, one member abstained from the vote. (is there a cost?)

The Vice Chair, Mary Hackett, provided the agenda for the membership meeting March 21. The Board approved the agenda. Mary recommended that Carol Howard be recognized at the March Member meeting. Carol collected the most votes on March 5 and the Board hopes to work with Carol to continue to improve Bevo for all Bevonians.

Treasurer Kristin Hoffmann presented a budget update. The Association raised \$70 in the past month through t-shirt and Bevo swag sales.

Nick Dunne, Block Captain Leader, reminded the Board the next Block Blitz will be on Wilcox Saturday March 30 from 2-4p. All members are encouraged to attend, there will be cleanup and canvassing of the block to generate interest from the neighbors on the street.

Court Advocacy Report Kristin Hoffmann found the alternate attorney for the Copp case and will remain in contact with the attorney through sentencing. Judy Ryan is working with Kristin to gather information for the case against the individuals who stole a car and mail.

No report from Victim Support.

David Tallent, Neighborhood Watch, has worked with many building inspectors for the City, he recommended to the Board they would help know more about which building are in the best shape when the vacancy report is completed.

The Community Members Report – Kenya Webster provided the report for the Youth and Family committee. The Family Play Date will be March 16 @ City Seniors. Kenya has the event ready for Saturday. Oak Hill School has asked that a member of the BBN Board attend the next PTA meeting at Oak Hill. Due to scheduling conflicts no Board member would be able to attend. Kenya approved the May Play Date to be moved to May 11. A Bevo Family Fun Run is still a possibility for 2019, Gwen has had several encouraging conversations about it. The Board will discuss again when there is more information. Kenya is still planning to have movie days for families in Bevo, she will begin working with Oasis International.

Under Old Business – The request to purchase more yard signs for Bevo events was tabled until April. David Tallent said that he will collect old political signs for reuse as new neighborhood event signs. The discussion on having a Better Together forum was tabled for a future meeting.

New Business – Gwen would like the Board to discuss how to make member management easier. She has solicited thoughts from other Neighborhood Associations through the Sisterhoods Facebook page. Carol Howard and Beth Murphy are planning to submit legislation in April regarding the Bevo Great Streets initiative. The matter will be discussed at the CID meeting March 14. Gwen and Kristin are looking into a new hosting site for the BBN website. The BBN would like to improve the website and own the domain. Gwen and Kristin will be having conversations on how best to go about this process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.