

Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 10, 2019  
6:30 pm, St John the Baptist

Board Members Present: Gwen Murray, Mary Hackett, Kristin Hoffman, Nick Dunne, Judy Ryan, Charlene Panek

Not Present: Kay Miller, John Silwanus, David Talent, Kenya Webster

Guests in Attendance: Christy Boyd, Donna, Father Carl, Dan Ryan

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Meeting Minutes were tabled for Approval in May meeting.

Gwen Murray reported first. The Vacancy Initiative with SLU Law is focusing on looking for residents to join the “Mow to Own” program, currently only one lot available. The Eichelberger Butterfly Garden qualifies to have land turned over from the federal government to BBN, Carol Howard has concerns and wants to be involved, Christy Boyd is discussing this with Carol. After discussion Kristin H motioned to acquire the land, Judy Ryan seconded, the motion passed all but one in favor. The 2019 Directory is available, the CID wanted to do Bevo Days before print, they changed their minds after. An insert was added later and the fees were waived for the insert. There will be no speakers for the April Members Meeting. The Great Streets Meeting is Tuesday April 16, with the Leadership meeting the next morning. Eco Districts is helping with the Capital Funding for the projects recommendations. The June Great Streets meeting will need volunteers. Gwen is interested in a Bevo Garden Club, to help unite the Long School and Sebilj garden, Ro Kicker’s community garden is free and open, they are adding an orchard and animal pens, it has grown every year. These gardens need unification and collaboration. No action taken for more yard signs. Gwen and Kristin met with the CID Board on the Special Use District proposal, one item was removed from the restricted list, “housing for criminals,” this possibly illegal and discriminatory, no other SUD has this restriction, and the membership has not had a chance to review. The CID Happy Hour location is still TBD. Bevo Days is not happening, the CID is refocusing time and energy on development

and treasury. BBN is a member of SLACO, the Board needs to appoint a representative and an alternate, selection was tabled until there is more information.

Mary Hackett, Vice Chair reported the BBN will operate a tent with T-Shirts and Directories. Kavitha will be returning to do Henna. It is not determined if the Tarot Card reader will return. BBN is only doing the event, no booth. Will James H direct cars again? Christy Boyd will invite Safehouse, Fire Fighters, Health Dept, Police, and Neighborhood Stabilization Officers. Kristin reported 19 spots reserved for 13 vendors. Mary Hackett moved to boost the ad on Facebook for \$20, Nick Dunne seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Father Carl said the parish may sponsor door hangers and needs to know when BBN wants them delivered. Nick Dunne will update the Blip Board and the door hangers. Father Carl has the graphic. The blip board approval was tabled for the May meeting. Nick D is to share application to art groups and send a press release to media. Mary Hackett said she will deter people from parking at Sebilj during the morning.

Kristin Hoffman reported there is \$3,895.43 in the bank with \$2,395 spent. The BBN website is now on our own domain: bbnstl.com, Kristin is seeking input on the site for ideas to make it more user friendly and appealing. Kristin would also like to have a thank you page for any sponsors. Membership management needs to be simplified. Kristin is to give easier access to the Board regarding member info for votes, etc., this can be done in QuickBooks with \$0 dues. The IRS filing was completed weekend of April 6-7. Kristin is purchasing a tablet online because the model not available in stores. Kristin will finish set up process for the board members to have access. We need to consolidate emails for the BBN, Kristin can set up GSuite from Yahoo and open emails with a bbnstl domain. Discussion tabled. Nick D motioned to reimburse Charlene for \$17.29 for the March playdate, Kristin seconded, all approved.

Nick Dunne reported there are approximately 100 doors remaining for 50ish directories. Kristin is moving here block party meeting to the fall. The next Block Captains meeting needs to be scheduled.

Court Advocacy Report – we were not aware that Allie Burns is leaving her position. Khalib Wagers emailed Kristin, Rachel is no longer supporting her with communication. Christy Boyd is checking on best point of contact. The Loren Copp sentencing hearing has been rescheduled.

Charlene Panek reported new members need large font on check in sheet. During member meetings speakers need to speak louder or we need to have a microphone to amplify voices. Charlene can bring a karaoke machine to assist.

Social Committee – BT is postponed. The Family Playdate for May 11, Running Niche may be present. The Family Fun Run was tabled for May meeting. Still working on the movie nights and a Bevo Yard Sale.

Christy Boyd reported the SLDC grant – CDA. Some discussion on façade improvement. The CID will be closing Gravois on May 5 for a Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Gwen Murray has not talked with anyone about the Christy Park Concert Series as of yet.

The meeting adjourned at 809p.