

Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association

Membership Meeting

April 18, 2019

6:30 pm, Local 73 Firefighter's Hall (4271 Delor)

Board Members Present: Gwen Murray, Mary Hackett, Kristin Hoffman, John Silwanus, Nick Dunne, Charlene Beck Panek,

Members in Attendance: 37

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

BBN Board Chair -- Gwen Murray asked the new members to introduce themselves to start the meeting. Two new members identified themselves, Jodie and Alma both have lived on Schiller for a couple of years. Next, Gwen reported the BBN had no new updates on vacancy initiative through SLU Law Clinic. The work is still proceeding. The 2019 Bevo Directory is complete, members are welcome to pick one up and pass on to any neighbors. Tim O'Dea, a Bevo resident operates EnergyCare out of St John's Church on Delor, the non-profit is looking to install room air conditioners for residents 60yrs old and up. There are flyers available or visit their website www.energycare.org. May 11 is the next Family Play Date, in addition to the great games and fun at the play date, Jennifer Henderson from Running Niche will be holding some running games for the kids. May 18 is the Bevo Bazaar-O, the popular fortune teller and henna artist will both be returning. 22 spaces are already taken reserve yours today! The Great Streets Community Meeting #4 on April 16 displayed the progress in planning thus far. There will be no meetings in May with the big reveal happening in June. The CID Happy Hour will be April 25 at Taft Street Restaurant and Bar from 5-8p, come on out! Neighborhoods United for Change Bus Tour is scheduled for May 4, Bevo is paired with Sherman and The Academy neighborhoods, join the tour and visits 9-14 spots in our sister neighborhood across the city. Don't forget to Flock Your Neighbor this summer, there are spaces available. That's a Wrap is now available

year round! Contact Gwen if you have any gifts you would like professionally wrapped, all proceeds go to the BBN.

Vice Chair, Mary Hackett thanked everyone for coming out.

Secretary – John Silwanus had no report.

Treasurer -- Kristin Hoffmann presented the most recent BBN financials. BBN purchased insurance, at a lower price than budgeted. BBN purchased a tablet for use with membership registration, purchases, etc. The BBN website is now up and running please be sure to visit the site for information on the neighborhood!

Block Captain – Nick Dunne reported the most recent block blitz was very successful. The volunteers cleaned the streets and passed out information to homeowners along Christy Ave from Wilcox to Eichelberger, on Dresden from Eichelberger to Wilcox, along Wilcox and a few houses on Cologne. The Blitz successfully notified neighbors of the BBN's presence and resources. Thanks all who came out! The next Block Captains meeting will have more info about the Bazaar-O so please keep an eye out and join the meeting.

14th Ward Alderwoman -- Carol Howard – reported she was sworn in on Tuesday April 16 for her new term. Currently, the Ward has over \$1 Million in Project Permits applied for or underway. The Speed Study she requested for the streets East of Kingshighway will begin in June. After the study, she will be able to determine which streets need speed humps (a speed study must be done to install). If the residents on a particular street request to have a speed hump installed over 60% of the neighbors must sign off on the install. In the meantime, she has asked SLPD to monitor the streets in that area. She is working on a bill regarding city residency for City employees. The garden on Eichelberger is safe for now, but Carol cannot guarantee that someone will want to develop the property in the future. The Southeast corner lot of Morganford and Chippewa is under contract, the developer is planning to break ground late Spring/early summer on a Rally's franchise. Planet Fitness is still working to get a small grocer to join them in the old Shop N Save building. Garcia Properties will be rehabbing the old YWCA into 20 apartments and townhomes with office spaces. The 14th Ward will have LED lights in all of the street lamps by 2020. Criminal Justice Ministries has purchased the property next to

Majeed restaurant and will turn the property into Market rate apartments and apartments for the men and women they help to rejoin society after incarceration. The Board of Alders agenda for this legislative term will be: working on the medical marijuana zoning in response to the recent passage of the bill; Board of Alders reduction; and the legislation of Short term rentals. Streets Department is working on the intersection at Taft and Gravois pulling the intersection in and putting a peninsula on the East side.

13th Ward Alderwoman – Beth Murphy – The 13th and 14th Wards are working together to put away \$100k for projects stemming from the Great Streets program, the money will help to cover projects that do not have the funding needed. The NS is issuing bonds to help shore up LRA properties. Two houses on Schiller have been demolished, Beth is working to demolish the remaining houses as part of a “bulk” order. Eichelberger will be paved from Ulena to Morganford. Beth has put \$25k into LED lighting for street lights (alley lights are owned by Ameren U/E). Over 200 trees were removed due to Ash Bore disease, Beth is looking to have those replaced.

Officer Chris Rumsa is once again in Bevo, he is a 13 year veteran of the District, and he will be filling in for Steve Wilson. The Business Awards luncheon is April 24, tickets are available. The Detective Bureau needs the help of residents who have cameras in Bevo. The police are asking owners to share the cameras they have and contact information, when an incident occurs it is helpful for the SLPD to access camera recordings, to help solve more crimes. With warmer weather, the police bicycles will be in the neighborhood once again.

14th Ward Neighborhood Improvement Specialist -- Christy Boyd -- reported a reminder that quiet hours are from 11p to 6a, if a neighbor has dogs barking, or is too loud in general, please report it to the CSB. Nuisance behavior is a problem for all residents, please call CSB if you are experiencing these issues. St Louis City has a Conflict Resolution Center to help willing parties resolve grievances without the use of the Court System.

13th Ward Neighborhood Improvement Specialist -- Andrew Gonzalez -- reported he is being promoted starting May 2. He will miss the Bevo neighbors, but is looking forward to his new

position. He also reminds residents forestry has started their cutting season and the 13th Ward is scheduled for May 13.

82nd District State Representative – Donna Barringer – provided senior handbooks for all who needed them. The State legislature passed an emergency tax legislation to assist the people who need to pay back the State on their taxes. Donna sits on the Government Reduction Committee and many of the bills she is seeing in that committee are reducing local ordinances, she is working with fellow representatives to limit the scope of those bills and form a “Municipal Caucus” to represent the larger municipalities around the state. She advised Bevonians to keep an eye on several bills in committee. One bill will make voting declarations to be made in advance of a party primary and that declaration would last for 1 year. Another bill will allow drinking and guns on college campuses around the state. And a bill is in discussion that will define what a “carjacking” is. Officer Rumsa said that this will help the police in tracking the statistic, as well, it will help unify the way those charged with the crime are prosecuted.

New member Alma invited everyone to Schiller Ave’s Block Party on April 21 from 12-4p.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.