

Better Bevo Now
Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist

Called to order – 6:34

Present – Kristin Hoffmann, Gwen Murray, Donna Stueve, David Tallent, Charlene Panek, Alicia Hernandez, Ryan Henson, Christy Boyd, Father Carl, Constance Cafazza, Joe Strauss

1. Jim Merkel presentation re “Prager Way”

Jim Merkel, author of “Beer, Brats, and Baseball: St. Louis Germans” has partnered with the German society to have a street in honor of Robert Prager, a German “alien” in 1918 who was lynched. There is a historical museum in Collinsville dedicated to this story. Current street names will remain but there will be a special sign from Bates to Morganford. Aldermen will not support until the initiative has resident signatures, but do seem enthusiastic about it. This also has the backing of St. Matthew Cemetery. They will have a dedication ceremony and celebration for the street honorarium and the four streets that are already named. Gwen motioned to vote to write a letter of support. Kristin seconded. 5 in favor, 1 opposed.

2. Approval of the Minutes (2 minutes)

Gwen motioned to approve minutes. Charlene seconded. All in favor (6)

3. Reports of Officers and Committees (5 minutes each)

A. Chairman

Printing ward report from Lisa Otke, 13th Ward Committeewoman to share at meetings. Lucky Duck building has been bought.

B. Treasurer

BBN currently has \$3525.82 in checking and has already paid for the handwashing and portapotty for the Bazaar-O. Oasis will split the costs again.

C. NOM

- Block Captain – Big focus is the April 17th Block Captain meeting at 6:30 pm at Majeed. Kristin is hosting her block party on April 22nd at Adkins from 1 – 3 pm.
- Court Advocacy – Turnaround time for the Loren Copp case will be quick and may not allow enough time to receive signatures for impact statement therefore Kristin will present the impact letter for the Loren Copp case at the next general meeting to allow residents more time to sign so she will draft the letter now. Trial started today, April 11th.
- Victim Support – No report.
- Neighborhood Watch – Contacted about an issue on Ray. Construction on house with no work order and late night construction. David will compose an impact letter. Kristin brought up issues with dumping on Delor.

D. Community Members

Kenya is leading a neighborhood cleanup initiative street to street and neighborhood wide. Reached out to Erase the Trace. April 28th is the first cleanup in Bevo on Delor from Gravios to as far as the team can get from 9 am – 12 pm. Bevo CID will hold a cleanup at Sebilj Park on May 5th from 9 am – 12 pm.

E. Social Committee

i. Bevo Bazaar-O

Social committee requested \$80 for balloons, Gwen motioned to approve. Kristin seconded, all in favor (6) David has real estate signs that are heavy duty. Christy Boyd requested to add *neighborhood association* to all branding and instances of using Better Bevo Now.

ii. Christy Park Concerts

Kickoff event at Das Bevo on April 24th from 5 – 9 pm. First concert is in May. Alicia can help with registration table.

iii. Flocking

Flocking starts on Sunday with one already scheduled. Ryan Henson is taking over flocking.

iv. Neighborhoods United for Change

Great event. Gwen pitched paring Lewis Place and Bevo to act as Sister Cities. Gwen will invite them to Bazaar-O and other events.

vi. SLACO Annual Conference

Alicia, Gwen, and Brenda are attending and will report back.

4. Old Business (5 minutes each)

A. Incorporation/Non-profit status update

Articles of Incorporation – Kristin noted the last page that if BBN dissolves the assets would be turned over to another neighborhood association or another non-profit. BBN can pay for services but cannot make withdrawals to pay for ourselves. We are non-partisan. Better Bevo Now is not the official name as it did not fit on the form but is still our formal name.

Conflict of Interest – The board cannot hire board member’s companies for services if it is not a competitive price compared to other businesses that offer those services. Board members will not get paid for volunteering but can be reimbursed for expenses.

B. Neighborhood Meetings

i. April

- Office of Financial Empowerment

Office of Financial Empowerment will be present to discuss classes.

- Recycling bins

ii. In General

- 50/50 Raffle follow-up

Selling 50/50 tickets at the check-in did help streamline the meeting. Sold \$66 in tickets.

C. Package Program

Revisiting this idea and Kenya Webster is researching what other neighborhoods are doing. Also reaching out to Showstoppers to see if we can partner.

5. New Business (5 minutes each)

A. Requests to speak at neighborhood meetings

Still having some issues with unscheduled speakers.

B. Signage

C. Insurance

Gwen motioned to pay insurance \$475. Kristin seconded. All in favor (6)

Agenda item at next meeting – to video at general meetings and posting board minutes online.

Meeting adjourned – 7:48