

Brentwood Neighborhood Association General Meeting
August 29, 2022

The meeting was held in person and on zoom. There were 18 attendees including 6 board members

Mert Seaton opened the meeting and introduced our PAR officer, Officer Lurn Witty. She discussed the Neighborhood Watch program. A training session is free and open to anyone interested. She offered to make one available to our neighborhood and then we could decide if we want to go ahead and organize one. There was a discussion among the attendees. She was asked about the Field car line and pick up line problems. She plans to go by at pick up time to assess the situation, particularly people parking in the intersection.

Mert Introduced David Burton from the University of Missouri Extension, who was on zoom, spoke about Good Neighbor Week Sept 24th to Oct Oct 4th. The website is goodneighborweek.com for more information. National Good Neighbor Day was signed by President Jimmy Carter in 1976.

All attendees were invited to introduce themselves.

July meeting minutes were displayed and reviewed. A motion was made to accept, seconded and passed by a voice vote by members.

Pam Buhr, treasurer, displayed and reviewed the August Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve, seconded and passed by a voice vote by members.

Updates

Brent Rinker gave an update on National Night out that was held on August 2nd at Meador Park.

Jane Augustine gave a report on the quarterly NAC meeting of August 10th. This included the following:

Nuisance property

Incentives for investments in neighborhoods

The Greater Springfield Board of Realtors committee that plans to help out with neighborhood events etc.

Neighborhood Works - Our project that was approved almost 2 years ago will start in the fall. No date provided

Forward SGF - several members went to the meeting regarding the proposed 20 year master plan for Springfield

Butch Morris gave a report on the Springfield Fire Dept presentation that he attended. The fire department wants to know what the information the public wants from the fire dept.

Mert Seaton gave a report on Kickball Tournament planning for next year. The next planning meeting is Oct 17th at White River Brewery

Old Business

Signs for the neighborhood. There is no new information about when our signs will be available.

Brentwood Business Festival- Planning continues. We need more businesses, especially those that are owned by people in our neighborhood. We currently have 18 businesses. We also need more volunteers. An off duty sheriff's deputy has been hired to help people cross from parking at Unity Church to Kirkwood Park. The event is free to businesses and attendees and includes food, music, games for kids and a chance to meet local businesses. It will be Sept 24th from 11-2.

Fall neighborhood cleanup - we will partner with Galloway Village on Oct 14th at Galloway Baptist Church on Republic Rd. A free TV or monitor disposal voucher will be available.

Postcards will go out to the neighborhood.

New Business

Bass Pro Cheering Table - Nov 6th. No location has been assigned at this point and we need to pick a theme. Super Heros has been suggested and was voted on and passed. Mert asked for someone to head it up.

Field PTA sponsorships There are opportunities for our neighborhood to provide monetary sponsorships for Field Elementary. The board looked at 2 options; the Field Cares Pantry which provided food for weekends for students in need. It is \$250 and Green Team which is a garden program for \$250. A discussion of both took place. A motion was made to provide \$250 for the Field Cares program, seconded and passed by a voice vote by members.

Mert asked that we purchase an omnidirectional microphone for about \$30 to place in the center of the room at general meetings so that zoom attendees can hear everything discussed at the meeting. A motion was made to buy the microphone, seconded and passed by a voice vote.

The fiscal year ends Sept 30th. Dues are due by Oct 1st. We need some new people for the board and will vote on officers for the next 2 years at the next meeting. Contact Mert Seaton if you are interested in being a board member or running for one of the officer positions. A motion was made to vote online, seconded and passed by a voice vote. Voting will be available on the website.

Open Forum

Brent Rinker discussed the Adopt a Street program and said that Glenstone is available for Sunset to Sunshine. It would require a 3 year agreement to clean up 4 times a year. No decision was made regarding this.

Melanie Bach and Ron Boles from the Galloway Village Neighborhood Association presented information about a referendum that will be on the ballot in Springfield regarding a proposed development of a multistory apartment complex across the street from Sequiota Park. The neighborhood has fought this development because it is not appropriate for the neighborhood. They explained how they have fought this and how they finally were able to go the route of a referendum. They have spent over \$60,000. They urge people to vote against this development and pass the word on..

Announcements

Mert presented information about the open house at Unity Church on Sept 8th at 4-7pm that will provide information about their cold weather shelter.

Brentwood Business Festival
Sept 24th 11-2pm
Kirkwood Park

Meeting dates for 2022 were provided

Meeting was adjourned