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General Meeting Minutes 4/16/13

I. March meeting minutes approved

II. Members discussed changing meeting time earlier, all members present stated that 6:45 was agreeable for next month's meeting

III. By-laws discussion: membership of non-residents

- a. Ryan Day explained question in by-laws regarding membership of business owners (or non-voting member status)
 1. point was made that business owners and non-resident can influence community by sitting on boards through Park Central
 2. point was also questioned about which decisions are settled by board voting and which are by general member vote,
 3. point was made that if business owners care enough to show up to meetings then they should be able to vote, employee non-resident advocated for voting rights of non-residents,
 4. most agreed that that 1 representative of business and organizations should be able to vote

IV. By-laws discussion continued :Dues

- a. Treasurer Esther Walk gave brief history
 1. dues were not collected after 2008
 2. dues have been \$5 and \$20 at different times
 3. From 2004-2011 only one expense (yard signs)
- b. Should dues be collected? (question put to general members)
 1. Suggestion was made: donations only, rather than dues
 2. \$12 a month was a popular suggestion
 3. Point was made that dues help to keep track of membership
 4. Decided that specific amount will not be specified in bylaws
 5. bylaws should specify that only dues paying members may vote

V. Committee reports

- a. Dog park committee: Shannon Martinis-
 1. Indihop, June 1st, dog park needs volunteers to work at event
 2. Yard sale, May 18th
- b. Priorities committee: Ryan Day
 1. developing tools for surveying the neighborhood
 2. please email general email with suggestions, comments concerns
- c. Neighborhood Ownership Model, Isabella Lovadina,
 1. victims of crime should contact her at ilova@cwensi.com

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2. Mark Barnett is organizing NOM, contact him to sign up at mark.f.barnett@gmail.com

VI. Announcements

Colin Suchland is still looking for research participants for his dissertation research on the neighborhood. Please contact him at cesuchland@gmail.com

Adam Kepka (atkepka@gmail.com) has created website forestparksoutheast.com and requests help from people familiar with Wordpress

Bike Smart class scheduled for Saturday, May 25th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Saint Louis Language Immersion School, register at <http://trailnet.org/events/bike-smart>

Julie Birkenmaier (birkenjm@slu.edu) requests residents contact her to collect any bee swarms

Shalom House announced April 28 is volunteer day, Feinsein challenge going on and in need of donations. Contact Rebecca Tucker at rebecca@shalomhousetl.org