

## **October 26, 2021 TGHNA monthly meeting: via Zoom**

7:17 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Patrick Weber, 2021 TGHNA President Intro of other Board members.

**SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker:** Hopes you all looked at the crime report. She asked for comments about that: there were none. If you have camera videos of crimes you can email them to her. Later she will provide contact info of others. Catalytic Converter thefts are still going on. There are not as many now but they can be any brand—not just a Prius or an Element. Cars at gas pumps are still being stolen. If you see abandoned autos you can call 911 or the non-emergency number. They may transfer you to Parking Enforcement or the Citizen's Service Bureau.

Please leave porch lights on when it gets dark and leave motion detectors on. In the month of October there have been 818 calls in TGS.

Question in Zoom Chat: If a call is put out for witnesses where can we see these requests? Answer: She wasn't sure what this question meant and no one explained or elaborated.

**15<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report:** Earlier tonight there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall about the new Chief of Police. There will also be a Town Hall with the final candidates. She put a survey in the "chat" for us to look at and do.

Speed humps have now been going in. Half are being installed now and half will be installed next Fall. There will be 28 locations in the Ward. If you have a request for another, please let her know. She is keeping a list.

Question: None.

**Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf:** The Safety Committee has given her the results of the Sidewalk Survey. She has turned in a list of potholes and branches left in streets.

36-3700 Connecticut is having sewer lateral issues. She will be doing the streetlight survey again this Fall.

Question: Which blocks will be closed for Halloween? Answer: She doesn't know yet. Some permits are still pending.

Question: Is Tree Maintenance still cutting down trees? There is a tree on McDonald that is dying. Also, 3853 Humphrey is still vacant and close to foreclosure. The title may be "dirty" as well. Answer: Katie will ask about the trees, and report the property to the Vacancy Initiative.

**Guest Speaker: StL Board of Aldermen President Lewis Reed:** Topic is the StL Board of Aldermen re-districting.

Per a 2012 vote in the City the B of A must reduce from 28 to 14 members. The new map, based on the recent census, must be ready by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The new districts must be compact and contiguous. Per

the Voting Act of 1965 there must be no racial discrimination and no gerrymandering. The districts must be roughly the same size, in terms of population (one person, one vote).

President Reed stressed that this reduction will be a difficult process and the alders will have to compromise, and give some things up. Everyone will have to give something up. They want to keep neighborhoods together as much as possible, without discrimination.

Question: What does population density look like north versus south? Have you looked at that yet?

Answer: President Reed discussed 'diversity' here, not density. He said Dutchtown had gotten more diverse. He said communities with common cultures should be kept together as much as possible. He cited the Hispanic area around Cherokee Street as an example.

Question: Why the reduction from 28 to 14 alders? Answer: The voters approved it in 2012.

Question: What about Reform StL? Answer: Reed says we don't need this: people from California are behind it. He called it "Prop R" and said it didn't have enough valid signatures to make it on to the November ballot. The next chance for it to be on the ballot would be August 2022.

Question: Is computer modeling used to help re-do the districts? Answer: Yes, it is very much a part of the process.

Question: Will there be community participation? Answer: Yes, he put the link to the website on Chat. There will also be meetings around town, and the first draft map will be on the website.

**President's Report: Patrick Weber:** None due to time constraints.

**Treasurer Report: Rick Stein:** September: We donated \$5,000 to Mrs. Bohannon at the Park Ceremony. Other expenses were \$906 for the Gazette, and \$1190 for insurance. We took in \$320 in memberships, \$40 in tee shirt sales, and \$46 in the 50/50, and \$46 donated back from the 50/50. Our net worth as of September 30 was \$11,229.85.

**Membership report: Jean Iezzi:** NA

**Social Committee: Ryan Barry:** NA

**Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman:** NA

**Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman:** We have 852 on Mail Chimp email. She didn't report more due to time constraints.

**Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks:** NA

**Old Business:** NA

**New Business:** TGHNA Board elections for 2022. Nominations are this month; the actual vote is in November at the monthly meeting. The nominations are:

President Elect: Erica Westbrooks

Treasurer: Rick Stein

Membership Secretary: Jean Iezzi

Recording Secretary: Sharon Angle

**Upcoming dates:** TGHNA Board meeting Thursday Nov 4, and Nov TGHNA monthly meeting Nov 23rd at 7:15 PM via Zoom.

**Adjourn:** 8:29

Submitted by Sharon Angle