



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – May 22, 2018

Convened: 7:20 p.m. Adjourned: 8:30 p.m. 40 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Vicky Dean (president@towergroveheights.com)

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- *Welcome to eight newcomers from 3800 Hartford; 3600 Utah Place; 3900 Connecticut; 3900 McDonald; 3600 Bamberger; 3600-3700 Humphrey; 3900 Juniata; and 3800 Humphrey!*

- **Neighborhood Reports**

- **In lieu of the 15th Ward Aldermanic and STLMPD Liaison reports, we used the time for a Participatory Budgeting general assembly conducted by volunteer and TGH resident, Mia Salamone**

- *\$100,000 from the 15th Ward budget will be set aside for capital improvements voted on by residents. The first step was to brainstorm ideas for projects in small groups and list them on several large sheets of paper. Next, suggestions from the lists were presented to the whole group. Finally, each attendee was given three stickers to put next to the ideas indicating their votes for particular projects. Similar suggestions will be tallied together. The suggestions that garner the most votes from the three general assemblies held in the ward will be researched for feasibility/cost and voted on by residents at the same time as the midterm elections in November. The projects that receive the most votes will be funded as funds allow.*
 - *Suggestions included:*
 - ✓ *Sidewalk repair/Increase allocations to the 50/50 sidewalk repair program*
 - ✓ *Traffic/Security camera(s) (especially on Gustine)*
 - ✓ *Additional recycling dumpsters in alleys*
 - ✓ *Speed humps near beginning and end of blocks, instead of only one per block*
 - ✓ *Strategy for more flowering trees to be planted*
 - ✓ *Alley paving*
 - ✓ *Pedestrian-scale lighting along blocks*
 - ✓ *Flashing pedestrian lighting at intersections*
 - ✓ *Porch light assistance grants*
 - ✓ *Public art*
 - ✓ *Additional "Little Libraries"*

- **SLMPD 2nd District update** – no report (*see attached crime statistics*)

- **Speaker: Paul Lynch, St. Pius V Parish Council**

- *Paul Lynch and the Reverend Paul J. Niemann, Pastor, St. Pius V Parish Council, recently spoke to the TGHNA board about a proposal by Assisi House (www.assisihouse.org) (see attachment) to rent St. Pius V's former convent to house previously homeless men. The board invited them, along with some Assisi House officials to this general meeting to answer residents' questions:*
 - ✓ *Mr. Lynch, along with Father Niemann, some TGH residents who are parish members and Assisi House board members, attended this meeting and spoke about their proposal:*

- ✓ Since the last of the nuns have now moved out of the convent at St. Pius V (3310 S. Grand), the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis approached St. Pius V to discuss locating the fifth Assisi House there. (There have been four other Assisi Houses in St. Louis, all of which are located in north city. The group is associated with St. Louis Winter Outreach, which works with the owners of Mokabe's Coffeehouse, 3606 Arsenal.)
- ✓ Fr. Niemann and Mr. Lynch are seeking input from the surrounding neighborhood associations: Tower Grove East, Tower Grove Heights and Tower Grove South. By law, they will also seek 51 percent of signatures from residents within a 500-foot radius of the convent approving the project.
- ✓ St. Pius V does not want to sell the building so they are offering a two-year lease to Assisi House.
- ✓ St. Pius V would be minimally involved but major repairs to the building would be their responsibility.
- ✓ The plan is to start with 17 residents to shelter there and then winnow that number to 13 for permanent residency after six months. Each man will have his own room and locker. Meals will be communal.
- ✓ Residents of Assisi House will receive a bus pass and help with medical /dental care and will be expected to pay a modest monthly rent of \$250.
- ✓ Residents are expected to be out looking for work during the day and will not be loitering in the area.
- ✓ Residents will be chosen from a pool identified as "ready to make the transition from the streets to housing." Drugs, smoking and criminal activity will not be allowed. Residents may have been convicted of misdemeanors but not felonies.
- ✓ A TGH resident suggested that they need to get a variance to run the operation as a boarding house.
- ✓ Although a formal vote to support the proposal was not taken, attendees appeared to approve the proposal so TGHNA will draft a letter of support.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Treasurer – Rick Stein** (treasurer@towergroveheights.com)
 - No report
- **Membership Secretary – Jean Iezzi** (membership@towergroveheights.com)
 - No report.
- **President – Vicky Dean** (president@towergroveheights.com)
 - The Assessment Task Force (committee) is working on a survey to discover residents' needs and wants and how TGHNA can help meet them.
- **Safety Committee – Ryan Barry** (safety@towergroveheights.com)
 - Reminded attendees of the importance of turning on porch lights at night. **(see attachment)**
- **Block Captains – Debra Knox Deiermann** (blockreps@towergroveheights.com)
 - Welcome to Nigel Holloway, new Block Captain for 360-3700 Hartford.
- **Social Committee – Patrick Weber** (social@towergroveheights.com)
 - The next Heights Nights event will take place on June 12 at the Tower Grove Creamery, 3101 S. Grand, 6-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. [Check www.towergroveheights.com for dates and venues of upcoming events.]
- **South Grand Cultural Alliance – Myrinda Grantham, TGH/TGS Representative**
 - There was a good turn-out for the International Dine Around: 285 attendees.
 - Upcoming events include South Grand Fall Fest; movie nights; Grinchmas. **(see attachment)**
 - Check website for future events: southgrand.org

- **Announcements**

- Volunteer opportunities on South Grand: Tree planting on June 4 (***see attachment for other opportunities***)
- Saturday, June 9, 6-10 p.m.: Progressive Pavilion Party hosted by the Young Friends of TGP
- Next TGSNA meeting: June 20, 6:30 p.m., Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut
- Next TGHNA meeting: June 26, 7:15 p.m., Center for Divine Love, 3617 Wyoming

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association values and seeks a diverse membership. The TGHNA Board recognizes and values the importance of inclusion.

Part I Crime for "May" Coding Month

Tower Grove South | District - 2

Years: 2017 & 2018

	Total Coded In May 2017	-- Coded Thru May 21			M-T-D -- % Chg.	Total thru May 2017	----- Coded Thru May 21			Y-T-D ----- % Chg.
	2017	2017	2018	Chg.			2017	2018	Chg	
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	1	0	0.0 %
Forced Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	1	1	NA
Total Robbery	8	3	2	-1	-33.3 %	30	25	20	-5	-20.0 %
Highway	5	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	19	16	10	-6	-37.5 %
Business	2	0	1	1	NA	10	8	6	-2	-25.0 %
Miscellaneous	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
* Weapon	6	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	25	21	14	-7	-33.3 %
* No Weapon	2	1	1	0	0.0 %	5	4	6	2	50.0 %
Carjacking	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	4	4	NA
Total Aggr. Assault	5	2	10	8	400.0 %	21	18	37	19	105.6 %
Firearm	1	1	8	7	700.0 %	4	4	13	9	225.0 %
Knife	2	0	0	0	0.0 %	7	5	3	-2	-40.0 %
Other	2	1	1	0	0.0 %	8	7	19	12	171.4 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	1	1	NA	2	2	2	0	0.0 %
# Simple Assault	6	3	7	4	133.3 %	34	31	37	6	19.4 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	13	5	12	7	140.0 %	53	45	60	15	33.3 %
Total Burglary	7	3	5	2	66.7 %	38	34	26	-8	-23.5 %
Residence - Day	1	0	2	2	NA	15	14	8	-6	-42.9 %
Residence - Night	2	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	5	4	7	3	75.0 %
Residence - Time Unknown	1	0	2	2	NA	10	9	8	-1	-11.1 %
Business - Day	2	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	3	2	0	-2	-100.0 %
Business - Night	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	3	3	1	-2	-66.7 %
Business - Time Unknown	0	0	1	1	NA	2	2	2	0	0.0 %
Other - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	3	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	22	21	9	-12	-57.1 %
* No Force	4	1	5	4	400.0 %	14	11	14	3	27.3 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	3	1	50.0 %
Total Larceny	32	20	21	1	5.0 %	158	146	123	-23	-15.8 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Purse Snatch	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	0	-2	-100.0 %
Shoplift	5	5	0	-5	-100.0 %	30	30	19	-11	-36.7 %
From Motor Vehicle	6	5	7	2	40.0 %	36	35	28	-7	-20.0 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	7	4	3	-1	-25.0 %	35	32	36	4	12.5 %
Bicycles	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	3	2	200.0 %
From Buildings	5	3	8	5	166.7 %	30	28	23	-5	-17.9 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	9	3	3	0	0.0 %	24	18	14	-4	-22.2 %
* Attempt	0	0	1	1	NA	5	5	3	-2	-40.0 %
Total Vehicle Theft	7	5	6	1	20.0 %	27	25	23	-2	-8.0 %
Auto	5	4	3	-1	-25.0 %	21	20	19	-1	-5.0 %
Truck/Bus	0	0	2	2	NA	3	3	3	0	0.0 %
Motorcycle/Other	2	1	1	0	0.0 %	3	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	3	3	NA
* Joy Ride	0	0	4	4	NA	5	5	9	4	80.0 %
Total Arson	0	0	1	1	NA	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	46	28	33	5	17.9 %	224	206	174	-32	-15.5 %
TOTAL CRIME	59	33	45	12	36.4 %	277	251	234	-17	-6.8 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line.

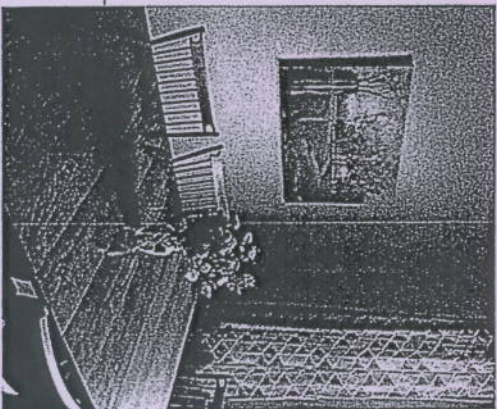
- These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

VOTE: Data collection for Carjackings began in January, 2018.

Assisi House at St Pius V Parish

Assisi House

When you don't have a job, you can't pay the rent.
When you don't have an address, you can't get a job.
Being homeless soon turns to being hopeless.
You spend most of your time and energy looking for something to eat and someplace safe to sleep.
Assisi House provides breakfast, supper, and a bed, so those who are unhoused can get on with the business of living.



We propose to open the St Pius Convent as Assisi House 5 in mid-November for 15-16 men. These men will be selected by a working committee consisting of professional social workers on behalf of Assisi House, in collaboration with referral sources at other agencies such as St. Patrick Center, Sts. Peter & Paul, and other social service agencies. We will choose these men carefully based on our committee's judgment regarding their suitability for living in a communal setting.

For four months—from mid-November to mid-March—we will operate as an all-winter shelter. The residents will have a rent-free period, will enjoy two meals a day, be given monthly bus passes, and be provided a locker space to guard their personal effects, documents and valuables. They will be allowed to arrive at the house at 5:00 PM and stay until 8:00 AM every morning except Sunday, when they will be allowed to stay in all day if they wish. During this four-month period, there will be paid staff or volunteers present whenever there are residents in the house. House rules are extensive and strict. Residents are not allowed to smoke, drink alcohol, use drugs or be in possession of a weapon of any kind in or anywhere near the house. Violation of these rules will result in immediate expulsion.

In mid-March, we will convert the facility to permanent supportive housing for 13 men. Each resident will have an individual bedroom, lockable and secure. Residents at this time will begin to pay rent in the range of \$200-250/month. Their rooms are their homes, and they share the common facilities. At this time, we will shift from staffing in the house to outside management, with one of the men serving as a resident manager. Assisi House Inc. will remain responsible for the operation until and if the parish wishes to assume a more active and direct role in management of the house.

Board President: Bill Krenn, President and COO, Winco Window Co.

Board Members: Teka Childress, BJC Outreach; Deborah Sheperis and Jerry King, retired executives; Tracey Wolff, pastor; Derrick Thomas, homebuilder; Kathy Carmody, social worker.

Contact: Jerry King—314-607-2199

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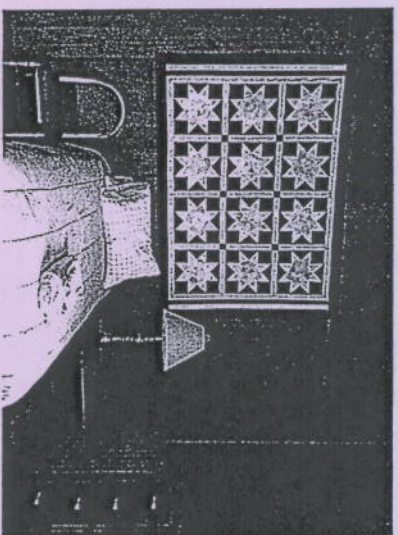
Visit our website: www.assisihouse.org.

Assisi House

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Assisi House:

a safe place to live while getting on with the business of living.



We formed Assisi House Inc. in 2014 to provide an every-night, all-winter shelter for 27 men. At the end of the winter it was converted into permanent housing for 13 men who pay an average of \$250 per month. This endeavor was so successful that an additional Assisi House was opened in each of the following three years. Two of the houses are for women and two are for men. All four are still operating.

The goals of Assisi House:

- By providing our residents with the basic needs of food, shelter, transportation and a secure place for their belongings, we allow them to focus on issues in their lives that have caused them to be homeless.
- By providing these basic needs in a small community setting we help create an atmosphere which is safer and much more supportive.
- By converting these small community shelters into permanent very affordable housing, we provide a transition that some residents need before moving into independent living, and others may need indefinitely due to disabilities or other issues.

Assisi House Inc. is unique because we provide housing both for transitional and permanent occupants with personal accompaniment, in an organization entirely funded by non-governmental sources.

Assisi House & St Pius V Parish

St Pius V Church at Grand and Utah has been part of this neighborhood for over 100 years. We are an active partner in the stability of the local community.

Our parish convent at 3522 Utah Street is now available for other uses.

This building, with thirteen small, individual bedrooms and larger common spaces, is ideally suited for the community building work of Assisi House.

Please join us in this opportunity. We need your support as we petition the City of St Louis for the necessary occupancy and building permits.

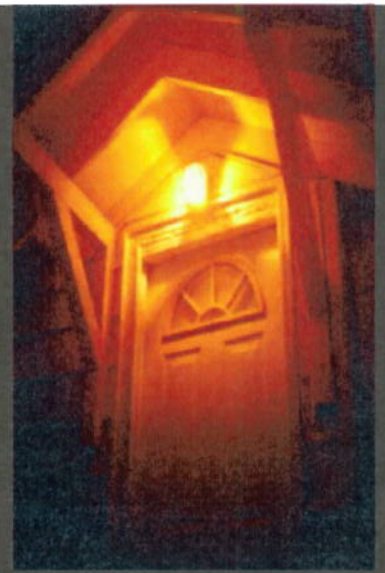
In 2005 a group of volunteers organized the St. Louis Winter Outreach (SLWO).

SLWO's mission is simple: to prevent unhoused people from dying from the cold during the coldest nights of the winter. We began by reaching out to the homeless with blankets, food, water and supplies; transporting people to existing shelters; and then building a network of eight emergency shelters to house people on especially cold nights. This work continues today.

After almost 10 years of Winter Outreach, we recognized that we could do more, even as an all-volunteer organization.



HELP DETER CRIME . . .



LIGHT UP THE HEIGHTS

Keeping your porch light on costs almost nothing, but will illuminate your entrance, which may cause would-be burglars to avoid your home, according to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.



Tower Grove Heights
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION





RITZ PARK EVENTS

**SLPS PRESENTS:
PERFORMING
ARTS IN THE
PARK**

Friday, May 4,
6-8PM

**ENDANGERED
SPECIES DAY
WITH FIRE
DOG**

Friday,
May 18,
6-8PM
Presented
by MO

Coalition for the
Environment



**MOVIE NIGHT:
RENT**
Friday, June 15,
9PM



**MOVIE NIGHT:
JUMANJI**
Friday,
August 17,
9PM

**LECTURE:
MICHAEL ALLEN
PRESERVATION
RESEARCH
OFFICE**

Friday,
August 24,
8PM



*Ritz Park is located at
3147 South Grand.
Ritz Park events are free
and open to the public.*



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DISTRICTWIDE EVENTS

**10TH SOUTH
GRAND DINE
AROUND:
A RESTAURANT
CRAWL**

Thursday, May 17,
5-10PM

**SOUTH GRAND 5TH
FALL FEST**
Saturday,
September
15,
11AM-8PM

**SOUTH GRAND
3RD CHALK WALK**
Saturday, October 13
10AM-7PM



**SMALL
BUSINESS
SATURDAY
3RD TREE
LIGHTING**

CEREMONY
Saturday,
November 24,
4:30-6PM

SOUTH GRAND



**17TH
GRINCHMAS**
Saturday,
December 1,
9AM-1PM





SOUTH GRAND 2018 VOLUNTEER EVENTS



We Need Your Help!

Calling all gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts! The South Grand Community Improvement District is seeking hard-working volunteers to help us steward the native landscape areas located throughout the District.

We have events scheduled throughout the year that are open to small groups and individual volunteers. Check out the crew size below to see how many folks we need for each event. Experience is not required but enthusiasm is a must!

Volunteers will meet in the South Grand free parking lot at Hartford Street and Arkansas Avenue (3500 Hartford) at the beginning of each event.

DATE	TIME	PROJECT LOCATION	CREW SIZE
May 5	9AM — NOON	Plant landscape areas at Grand & Arsenal	6
June 4	9AM — NOON	Plant tree wells from Arsenal to Utah	6
August 7	6PM — 8PM	Weed Ritz Park and parking lot	6
September 8	9AM — NOON	Plant additional landscape areas	10-12
December 1	9AM — NOON	Prep landscape areas for winter	10-12

Free Food!

REGISTRATION:

Contact Angie Weber
at 314-583-0971 or
ecolandscapingstl@gmail.com

