

## **November 28, 2023 TGHNA monthly meeting: at CDL**

7:18 Welcome: Greeting and intro from Erica Westbrooks, TGHNA Board President

**SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Nicola Walker:** She just dealt with a suspicious auto parked in the neighborhood. She passed out a Safety flyer which has contact info and crime reports. (Acting) Captain Zarrick also reported. For the year so far, 155 cars have been stolen in TGS. The majority of them were in the first half of the year. Kias and Hyundais were the most likely to be stolen. The other night five carjackers were caught. Prosecutions are better with the new CA. The police are also doing a good job. More robberies occur near major streets like Grand or Kingshighway. Advice: if you buy a large ticket item with large boxes, break the boxes down and put them in separate dumpsters so bad guys don't know you just got something expensive.

The good news is that the City has hired more 911 dispatchers. We were short 40 and now we are only short nine.

Question: Has lifting the residency requirement helped? Answer: Yes for civilian jobs but not for police.

**Neighborhood Improvement Specialist: Christian Saller:** The court date for the Moon property at 36xx Humphrey is December 11. He will attend and will also send out an email about it. The problem property at 36xx Utah is being renovated by the owner.

**Guest Speaker: 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson Daniela Velazquez:** She briefly introduced herself. The short-term rental bill passed the B of A. Jones signed it and it goes into effect next November. DV supports a bill to freeze property taxes for seniors. The home would have to be the primary residence and be valued at \$500,000 or less. The committee is still meeting about the Rams settlement. There will be a Town Hall meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Magic Chef Mansion in the Carriage House. There will be a Holiday Social at the Royale on December 14<sup>th</sup>. (No time was given).

Question: Why has it taken so long to spend the ARPA money?

Answer: It's a process and if it involves infrastructure, that takes time.

Question: What percentage of the City is considered to be low-moderate income?

Answer: 23%.

Question: What is the percentage of renters in the City?

Answer: It's tough to find the exact answer on this.

Question: Why was the Rams survey written the way that it was?

Answer: Megan Green wrote it, not me.

Question: In reference to the (now tabled) Unhosed Bill of Rights, do you support the Plat and Petition process?

Answer: After extensive discussion and a clarifying question the answer was no.

Question: How did the City manage to “lose” the \$600,000?

Answer: That wasn’t me. But a solution so that it doesn’t happen again would be to hire a City Manager.

Question: Traffic safety: what is the City doing?

Answer: Parts of Grand are being widened and re-paved.

Comment: That doesn’t really speak to the problem. The problem is cultural. Too much speeding. Too much running red lights and blowing through stop signs are the problems. No one cares.

Comment: Re-paving will just make it easier for people to speed.

**President’s Report: Erica Westbrooks:** Thanks to all the guest speakers this year. Thanks to the Gazette board, all the people who attended meetings, thanks to Officer Walker and NIS Saller, and thanks to Jean Iezzi.

**Treasurer Report: Rick Stein:** The audit for the 2022 TGHNA finances was completed (thanks to Robert Ashton for doing the audit for so many years now, and President-Elect Joyce Reese who also participated in the audit). The numbers all matched and there were no recommendations or corrections made. We completed our fundraising drive; we had a goal of \$4,000 and we surpassed it with \$5,170. Thanks to everyone who donated.

**Membership report: Jean Iezzi:** There are 411 members.

**Social Committee:** Open position: On Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 PM at the Blackthorn we will have a holiday celebration.

**Block Captain report: Jennifer Florida:** There is no December meeting.

**Communication Committee: Shannon Heffernan:** Shannon is the new Chair.

**Safety Committee Report: Sharon Angle:** We need a Chair for 2024 and new members. We need volunteers to hang doorhangers for the New Year’s Eve anti-gun shot campaign. We have money left in the camera fund so let us know if you would like a camera. Also, if you already have a camera, you can register it.

**Old Business:** There are four positions open: President Elect, Social Chair, Safety Chair and Block Captain Chair. Patrick Weber is stepping down from the Gazette and Tricia Heilicker is replacing him. The Editorial Board remains.

**New Business:** We again are supporting the 100 Neediest. See the flyer included with your Gazette and also the TGHNA website.

We held an election for 2024 TGHNA Exec Board members. Recording Secretary is Sharon Angle, Treasurer is Rick Stein, and Membership Secretary is Ann Stanley. Joyce Reese will become President and she was elected last year. We have a tie for President-Elect and there will be a run-off election.

**Upcoming dates:** next Safety Committee meeting is Monday January 15 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Next TGHNA Monthly meeting is Tuesday, January 23th at 7:15 PM at CDL.

**Adjourn:** 8:39 PM Happy Holidays!

Submitted by Sharon Angle