

**January 23, 2024 - Tower Grove Heights Monthly Meeting
Center for Divine Love - 3617 Wyoming**

7:17 PM Welcome: Greeting and intro from Joyce Reese, TGHNA Board President

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison report: Officer Nicola Walker: Spoke of current changes being made in district leadership which should be finalized by February. Handed out January Safety Report with informational flyers attached.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist: Christian Saller: Status update on 3619 Humphrey. Saller, and Alderman Velazquez met with Sean Spencer of the Tower Grove Neighborhoods CDC to discuss working with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri to bring a civil suit under state statute against Mr. Moon.

Comment: in 2017-2018 TGHNA worked with Legal Services to initiate the process to bring a civil suit against Mr. Moon. The suit was dropped after Mr. Moon removed scaffolding and repaired exterior code violations.

6th Ward Alderman Daniela Velazquez: Reported participation in joint Town Hall with Tower Grove South, Dutchtown, and Gravois Park to discuss problem properties. Mentioned January 17th meeting at Rooster with Tower Grove South and Tower Grove East with guest speakers from Greater St Louis Inc and South Grand Business District.

Announced opportunity for city residents to vote online for projects selected to receive Rams money.
Announced Charter Commission was holding first public hearing via Zoom January 23, 2024.
Announced City's Planning and Urban Development agency had presented information about the Strategic Plan update at the January 23, 2024, HUDZ committee (Housing, Urban Development, and Zoning).

Announced Mayor's Cabinet meeting to be held on January 24, 2024, at the Gene Slay Boys and Girls Club from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

Question: What is the status of Fanning School?

Answer: Fanning still active. Development was not approved for Low Income Housing Tax Credit, but Screaming Eagle is looking at other funding options. Still needs approval for variances and plans to do more neighborhood engagement and parking study.

Guest Speaker – Jason Watson with Mission St Louis: Jason's work with Mission St Louis initially focused on education and workforce development. He now leads the Show Me Peace program (formerly Cure Violence) a violence intervention program with a focus on reducing homicides and shootings by establishing relationships with people at risk of being perpetrators or victims. The program operates in 4 city neighborhoods, Dutchtown, Walnut Park East, Wells-Goodfellow and the Ville.

Question: Do the violence interrupters also work with the police.

Answer: The purpose of the program is to engage and build trust among those involved in violence to de-escalate situations before they become a crime.

Question: How is the program funded

Answer: The program is receiving ARPA money.

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President's Report: Joyce Reese: Thanks to Jean Iezzi for her years of service as membership chair. Thanks for Erica Westbrook for her service as vice-president and then president. Thanks for Ellen Wilson for leading a very successful 100 Neediest Cases drive.

City sent notification for Liquor License hearings set for Thursday, February 1, 2024

9:00 AM – Manileno (VP Square space) 3609 Juniata. Full drink and Sunday licenses

9:15 AM – Basil Indian 3183 S Grand Blvd. Full/drink Sunday liquor and sidewalk café.

Safety Committee Report: Sharon Angle sent in a report: The January 15th Safety Committee meeting was canceled due to neighborhood wide power outage. Adam Murray and Frank Hastat will serve as Co-Chairs for 2024. The trial for Officer Bohannon has been postponed until March.

Membership: Ann Stanley: Working on updating membership list and forms.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: Rick gave a year-end account. TGHNA began 2023 with \$8,843 balance and ended the year with a net worth of \$11,307 due in large part to a successful fundraising campaign that added \$4,620. The 100 Neediest Cases brought in \$5,650 to help with rent and utilities.

Old Business/New Business: None

Upcoming Dates: Next Block Captains meeting is Monday, February 12th at 6:30 PM at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.

The next Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood meeting is February 27 at 7:15 PM, Center for Divine Love. The Guest Speaker will be Rachel Witt, Director of South Grand Business District.

Adjourn: 8:43

Submitted by Ann Stanley