

July 26, 2022 TGHNA monthly meeting: via Zoom

7:15 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Jennifer Florida, 2022 TGHNA President. Intro of other Board members.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Detective Rodden and Officer Walker: There have been garage and business burglaries in TGS. They are tough to solve without camera footage. Need more garage cameras. Also, it's hard to track items without serial numbers or photos. (Officer Walker was frozen in parts and difficult to follow). She did mention the hit and run recently at Grand and Juniata in which a man was killed. SLMPD are "working on that". She also asked that we all register the cameras that we have.

Question: Would the TGHNA send a letter about this hit and run to our elected officials? Answer: yes.

Question: If my cameras pick up suspicious activity in the wee hours of the morning but not a specific crime should I still pass that footage on to SLMPD? Answer: You can call 911 anytime and then forward the videos in the morning. Make sure your videos include your contact information. Call anytime you see a crime being committed.

Question: Is there an unofficial policy not to stop cars with expired tags? Answer: SLMPD has limited manpower. We need two people in the car for a stop like that, and we don't always have two people in the car.

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: If you have a dumpster that has flooded, call CSB. Check your outdoor drains to make sure there is no debris there. Look at your card: some voting locations have changed. Prop F is on the ballot. It raises the fines for illegal dumping.

Question: What are the consequences if they don't pay the fine? Answer: The fine goes up. They won't do jail time.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf: Document basement flooding and take photos. National Night Out is October 4th. Register online at the City website by September 9th. You can have a Night Out on any other night too, for \$25.

Question: none

Guest Speakers: Tara Morton (Volunteer Coordinator) and Kevin McIntyre (Forestry Supervisor) from Tower Grove Park:

The Park has 7,000 trees and not enough people to take care of them. Suckers on trees can be a problem. They can make the tree look like a bush. We need volunteers to help remove suckers. If we get a group from the neighborhood together, Kevin can instruct us on what to do, and then we can go out on our own time to do the work. After the hot weather ends would be a good time to start. They might keep the tools that need to be used in a tool box. Kevin prefers the training to take place during business hours, but work can be done on the volunteers own time.

Note: This was resident Steve Haag's idea and he and Mimi have volunteered as well as Jennifer Florida. If you would like to volunteer too, contact Tara Morton at volunteer@towergrovepark.org.

Question: Why have so many plants and bushes been cut down recently?

Answer: They were very overgrown and hadn't been maintained. We wanted to rejuvenate.

Question: Do plants get stolen in the Park?

Answer: Yes, it happens every year.

Guest Speaker: Carron Johnson: American Federation of Teachers local 420: Prop S is on the ballot August 2nd. It doesn't involve a tax increase. It's a \$160 million bond issue for school safety, lead paint abatement and better ventilation..

President's Report: Jennifer Florida: The Primary is August 2nd. Check your card: plan your vote.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: In June our only expense (other than PayPal commissions) was \$1,058 spent on Gazette printing and layout. We took in \$185 in membership fees, \$196 in Gazette ads, and \$0.39 in interest. We had the Audit of our 2021 finances and it went smoothly, with no discrepancies or recommendations. In May we moved our savings account from Capital One to Commerce (where our checking account is), so now other than the small amount in our PayPal account our banking is all local. Our net worth as of 6/30/22 was \$11,221.36.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: There are 410 members. The Buzz Book is at layout.

Social Committee: Sharon Angle: We will have Heights Night again this month, on the 2nd Tuesday in August, the 9th. Time: 6-8 PM. The venue is TBD, but it will have outside seating. The date for the Block Party is Sunday September 18th 2-6 PM. There will be food, music, activities for kids, the fire truck, and FUN!

We still need volunteers both for the day of and in planning. The next planning meeting is Monday, August 15th, 7 PM at Patrick Weber's backyard (Spring and Connecticut).

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: We are still looking for a Block Captain for 36-3700 Wyoming. We have a new Co-Captain for 36-3700 Hartford.

Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman: We have 759 on Mail Chimp email. Check your spam and junk if you are not receiving them.

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks: Please register your cameras! It could end up being very helpful. The Safety Committee meets every 3rd Monday of the month on Zoom. All are welcome!

Old Business: NA

New Business: NA

Upcoming dates: TGHNA Board meeting August 11 at 7 PM. The next Membership monthly meeting is August 23 at 7:15.

Adjourn: 8:20 PM

Submitted by Sharon Angle