

April 27, 2021 TGHNA meeting: via Zoom

7:16 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Patrick Weber, 2021 TGHNA President. Brief introduction of himself and the other board members for 2021.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker: She sent off the crime report this week: there were quite a few in TGS and Shaw. The area is still having Catalytic Converter thefts. There have been more burglary and auto thefts recently. Roll-out trash cans are also being stolen.

Question: Any info on the shooting on S. Grand by Schnucks? Answer: there was an altercation that resulted in a shooting. Can't comment further.

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: The City is getting a 'once in a lifetime' infusion of Federal money: \$517 million. The STL School District and StL CC are getting millions too. The total will be close to \$1 billion. Green is on the Stimulus Advisory Committee. All meetings will be live-streamed. The first meeting will be April 30th. A form for feedback is in the Zoom chat.

FEMA is still vaccinating at the Americas Center from 8 AM to 6 PM every day. They are now doing walk-ins, and the vaccine is Pfizer. Vaccine rates must stay high to combat the pandemic. FEMA is now vaccinating at only half its capacity at this location.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist report: Katie Wolf: She has seen a lot of recent progress on issues like buildings, cars, trees and trash.

Please let Katie know (email her) if you know of anyone who is homebound and needs a vaccine. Shutles, wheelchairs and free parking are all at the FEMA event. Contact Brightside about alley clean-up.

Forestry has cut down some dead or dying trees. The stumps will be removed later. Red Xs are placed on trees slated for removal. If you are unsure about the validity of the red X contact Katie via email or contact Forestry.

Question: Does the tree removal include planting a new tree? Can one request a particular type? Katie is not sure; she will ask Forestry. One can also contact the Citizens Service Bureau (CSB).

Guest Speaker: Catherine Martin from the Mo Botanical Garden was scheduled but cancelled just this morning. Hartford resident Nigel Holloway kindly offered to talk about his recent experience organizing and participating in an "Alley Blitz" on Saturday, April 17th in the alley between 36-3700 Hartford and Juniata.

Kids ride bikes in alleys and they need to be free of debris and clean. Also, loose nails get into car tires. About ten neighbors participated and it was good to get people from the two streets together. The section of the alley around S. Grand was not good due to restaurants dumping garbage. Since that area took up so much time, the alley clean-up only got to one third or fourth of the length. Nigel said he would "love to have another go at it". On the following Monday, participants were dismayed to see more

trash dumped in the alley again from the restaurants. They contacted Rachel Witt and she was very responsive. Restaurant workers said the “didn’t know” but promised to not do it again. Brightside STL supplied the supplies for the event, and then the supplies were returned after. Brightside has a form to fill out to “rent” the supplies.

Wyoming resident Rick Stein then discussed his own efforts cleaning up his alley between 3800 Wyoming and Connecticut. He thinks that alley needs another recycling bin.

Question to NIS Katie Wolf: Can we request another recycling bin for an alley? She said she would ask.

President’s Report: Patrick Weber: Sunday May 16th from noon to four there will be a TGH “Family Meet-up in Tower Grove Park, in the small pavillion. The idea is the welcome some new neighbors who moved in during the pandemic, and to just give people an opportunity to socialize again.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: March: Expenses were \$1,185 for the *Gazette* , \$200 to Roosevelt High School, and \$250 to the TG Park Farmer’s Market. We took in \$960 in memberships, and \$920 in *Gazette* ads. Our net worth as of March 31 was \$11,664.46. To date we have taken in \$7000 for the Officer Bohannon Park Bench fundraiser. The extra funds will go to his family.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: We currently have 410 members.

Social Committee: none currently. We are looking for a Chair.

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: They are still delivering Welcome Packets to new neighbors. Please let them know if you have new neighbors.

Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman: We have 752 on Mail Chimp email. That is a good number!

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks is the new Chair. Congrats Erica!

Old Business: NA

New Business: Proposed By-law amendments: we are presenting these now and then will conduct a vote next month during the TGHNA monthly meeting.

In Article 7 of the By-laws we did not have accommodation for virtual meetings or for the Board to vote virtually. In Article 5 there is a proposed change for Lifetime Business memberships. They will follow the business if the business is sold.

If there are any questions about these proposed changes please email President Patrick Weber any time within the next month.

Adjourn: 8:12 PM

Submitted by Sharon Angle