

June 22, 2021 TGHNA monthly meeting: via Zoom

7:20 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Patrick Weber, 2021 TGHNA President.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker: Discussing the crime report from last week and the first part of this week: there have been larcenies, auto thefts and catalytic converter thefts. She received an email about illegal fireworks and said that police get a lot of calls about those. She said to call police if you see who is doing it and can provide a name or where that person lives. If you notice abandoned cars parked on the street, please call it in.

She will be on vacation from June 24th until July 19th. (Her audio went out at this point).

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: She was just notified today that the speed humps will be going in on Spring and Gustine. There will be a total of 16 humps in the entire 15th Ward.

Locations on Spring: between Juniata and Connecticut, Utah and McDonald, and Potomac and Gravois.

On Gustine: between Connecticut and Wyoming, and Utah and McDonald.

The Forestry department will continue to take out trees. The City of St. Louis will be getting some new department heads.

Question: Will Forestry trim the tree if branches are hitting your house? Answer: send photos and Green will pass it along.

Question: Why is trash collection still worse than ever? Answer: There are still staff shortages. There are not enough drivers.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf: NA. on vacation.

Guest Speakers: Local Authors Erin O'Reilly (TGH resident) and Dea Hoover (The Hill resident)

Dea: Her book is entitled "St. Louis Scavenger: The Ultimate Search for St. Louis' Hidden Treasures". It's published by Reedy Press, LLC and it has been a success. As a professional Tour Guide, she was asked to write it and it was perfect timing for the pandemic. An armchair book, It covers many neighborhoods in the St. Louis metro area and Tower Grove South is one of them.

Erin: Her book is entitled "The Recpe for Breastfeeding Support in America". It is self-published. Erin, who has a background in public health nursing, says our health care system and our society are not giving breastfeeding mothers the attention, recognition, and support that they deserve. If babies are breastfed, the incidences of obesity and diabetes can be reduced.

Questions:

Why publish and why publish now?

Dea: It was very market-driven. It was a matter of “right time, right place”.

Erin: I felt these issues needed to be addressed, because they hadn’t been in enough meaningful ways.

President’s Report: Patrick Weber: There will be a TGH Block Party this year on Spring September 26th, in the afternoon. The International Institute will be hosting their Last Friday (of the month) Concert series on the patio at Rooster’s.

Hartford resident Nigel Holloway has received this quarter’s Matt the Cat Award. Nigel has organized an Alley Blitz, block parties, and contributed to the Gazette, among other good deeds. Nigel thanked the TGHNA for the Award.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: May: Expenses were \$275 to the Center for Divine Love for the rental of our meeting space. The goal is to resume meeting in person in September. We took in \$85 in memberships, \$9 in Amazon Smile, and \$910 more in the Officer Bohannon memorial fund. Our net worth as of May 31 was \$20,911 (that figure includes all the Bohannon donations).

Last week Rick dropped off the check for \$5,000 for the memorial bench.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: We currently have 417 members.

Social Committee: Ryan Barry is our new Chair. He said that the first Heights Night of 2021 will be at the Blackthorn on Tuesday, July 13th, 6-8 PM.

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: Block Captains now have the stickers for the dumpsters re: recycling and trash.

Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman: We have 753 on Mail Chimp email. Please check your junk mail if you signed up but are not receiving emails.

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks: The sidewalk survey will be done soon and the committee will provide a series of summer safety tips.

Old Business: NA

New Business: Erin O’Reilly wanted to bring our attention to the use of herbicides in parks. She has formed a “No-Spray Coalition”. She and the coalition are most concerned with Tower Grove Park.

Upcoming dates: TGHNA Board meeting Thursday July 1, Heights Nite Tuesday July 13th 6-8 PM at the Blackthorn, and Tuesday July 27th next TGHNA monthly meeting 7:15 via Zoom.

Adjourn: 8:37

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