

January 25, 2022 TGHNA monthly meeting: via Zoom

7:17 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Jennifer Florida, 2022 TGHNA President. Intro of other Board members. Thanks to Committee chairs, Block Captains and Gazette managers.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker: Catalytic Converter thefts are still going on. There are not as many now but they can be any brand—not just a Prius or an Element. Cars at gas pumps are still being stolen. There have been a couple of burglaries in the neighborhood. Get motion detector lights, lock everything, and don't leave weapons in cars.

Question: What about the nuisance property at 3869 Juniata? No information about that.

Question: Re: the recent carjacking in the 3800 block of Juniata; were the victims residents or were they just visiting? Not sure about that.

Question: Any resolution to the incident on Humphrey? No

Question: Any info as to when 911 will be improved and residents will be able to call without a wait? No. She doesn't know. Suggested to try calling the station if you can't get through.

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: Please get a booster shot. The numbers in the City are still low. Stay home from social gatherings as much as you can. Most emergency calls now are for Covid.

Screaming Eagle Development would like to develop the vacant (since April 2021) Rose Fanning school building. The TGS Development Committee is meeting via Zoom tomorrow night. They will decide on: a Variance, to support apartment units, federal Low Income Tax Credits (LITC) to support affordable housing, and a tax abatement (amount TBD later). There will be 62 one and two bedroom units. This developer's other projects include Lyon School in the Patch Neighborhood and Hawthorn School in U City. Eighty % will be 80-100% AMI and 20 % will be 50% AMI.

Question: What is the benefit of the tax abatement? To subsidize the affordable units and also provide some public common space. Perhaps voting might still be able to happen there.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf: Bulk trash has not been picked up yet. She will send out an email tomorrow. She has been busy in other parts of the ward with people living in vacant properties. Re: the problem property at 3869 Juniata: a meeting has been held and lawyers have been involved.

Questions: None.

Guest Speaker: Sean Spencer, Executive Director of the Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation (CDC):

He's in his 12th year with the CDC. Within the last 8-10 years there has been so much growth in Tower Grove South! Since 1971 they have been helping neighborhoods stabilize and thrive. Neighborhoods improve one property at a time.

Sean showed us a variety of projects the CDC has been working on in the Shaw, TGS, Bevo and Dutchtown neighborhoods. Since houses are smaller in Dutchtown it is easier to develop them and keep prices down. As the CDC moves south along Grand and into Bevo and Dutchtown the goal is to stabilize all the way down to Carondelet Park.

Speedhumps have been installed on Hydraulic and Bamberger. The annual Community Resource Guide will come out again in 2022. Other activities are Rental Assistance, Nuisance Properties and Lawsuits, Landlord and Rehabber Training, and Energy Projects.

The 2022-26 Business Plan will be available soon. Expansion will be into Bevo and Dutchtown to keep the growth wave going.

Question: What was the book mentioned earlier? (There was some noise and feedback earlier when he mentioned the book). The book is the "Divided City" by Alan Mallach.

Question: When will the Business Plan be released? January 26. It will be on their website and be released to all their neighborhood partners.

Question: Are they doing any work on Cherokee behind the Schnucks store? They work more west of Grand but Sean will look up the addresses and check.

President's Report: Jennifer Florida: TGHNA raised over \$7,000 for the 100 Neediest. Thanks to Ellen Wilson for organizing it again this year.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: First, recurring expenses and sources of revenue that we have every year: The Gazette: about \$4,460 in expenses (printing, layout) and about \$4,460 in revenue (ads). The neighborhood-wide block party—thanks to generous sponsors, expenses were only about \$189, and brought in \$46 from a 50/50 drawing. Things that are recurring costs only: Printing the Buzz Book—cost about \$287. Our annual donation to the Center for Divine Love for membership meeting space--\$275. Our P.O. Box--\$388. Our PayPal commission—about \$510. Our liability insurance policy: \$1,190. And misc. expenses (e.g. signs, copying, stamps, Zoom account)—about \$913. Things that are recurring sources of revenue: Memberships--\$4,680. Sales of greeting cards and t-shirts--\$120. Interest—about \$13. Amazon Smile—about \$8. General donations—about \$396.

100 Neediest Cases: Took in \$7,110 in donations as of December; we took in about another \$500 in January, and ended up (in January, so it's not on the 2021 Annual Report) \$2,550 to each of the three families for utilities and rent.

In-kind donations: Aesh Design sponsored the bands at the neighborhood-wide block party. Blackthorn Pizza donated a gift card as a thank-you/retirement gift for retiring Liaison Officer Ed Slade (we also purchased another gift card for Officer Slade), and Membership Secretary Jean Iezzi donated copying (membership materials and the flyers for the Officer Bohannon fundraising initiative) and door hanging bags.

Specific Funds: A Street Signs initiative from several years ago for the white signs in our neighborhood—money in the fund for repairs/replacements remained the same in 2021: about \$582. Fundraising initiative for Cameras from several years ago—money remained the same in 2021: about \$2,231, and we plan to purchase some more cameras this year. And a fund for other Safety initiatives: We received a donation of \$50 for this fund, so it went from \$250 to \$300.

Expenses and Sources of Revenue specific to 2021: We donated \$250 to the Tower Grove Park Farmer's Market. We donated \$200 to Roosevelt High School (\$100 for football breakfasts, and \$100 for girls' achievement). And we raised \$10,000 in memory of Officer Tamarris Bohannon, who lost his life saving a neighborhood family in 2020: \$5,000 for a bench in his memory in Tower Grove Park, and the other \$5,000 was donated to his widow.

Net Worth: As of 12/31/2020 was \$9,813.15 and as of 12/31/2021 was \$18,033.46, but the later includes the 100 Neediest donations that hadn't been distributed as of December but has since then, so without that and the change (\$50) to the Safety Initiatives fund, the rest of the increase for calendar year 2021 was \$1,060.31.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: There are 422 members.

Social Committee: Sharon Angle: Activities are very dependent on Covid. We hope to have Heights Nights again this year, either inside or outside, depending on the safety level. We hope to have a major event this year, again depending on safety. Stay tuned!

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: Block Captains delivered flyers for the 100 Neediest. Thanks to them!

Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman: We have 748 on Mail Chimp email. We keep adding new people as they join.

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks: We worked with other neighborhoods distributing anti-gun-firing doorhangers in preparation for New Year's Eve. No stats yet. We have been working for resolution with the nuisance property at 3869 Juniata. In the spring we will do an inventory of alley lights to make sure they are working.

We are looking for a new Chair for 2022 and beyond. Erica volunteered to co-chair this year but not next.

Old Business: NA

New Business: NA

Upcoming dates: TGHNA Board meeting February 6 at 7 PM. The next Membership monthly meeting is February 22 at 7:15. Both via Zoom.

Adjourn: 8:38

Submitted by Sharon Angle