

July 27, 2021 TGHNA monthly meeting: via Zoom

7:17 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Patrick Weber, 2021 TGHNA President.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker: There have been quite a few larcenies, car-break-ins, license plates taken off cars, and catalytic converter thefts. Some of the thieves have been caught.

There was a question about a previous Liason, but I didn't hear the name.

There was a question about a problem property at 3869 Juniata. It seems to be a flop house. It is a single family home but the owners have taken in boarders. How to proceed? Officer Walker will forward the info to "Nuisance Property." She asked if anyone had called it in, and said that it needed to be done.

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: The Board is on break until after Labor Day. There is a stalemate over Board Bill #2. They may be called back in for that.

For the next few weeks, trash and recycling will be picked up together. There are 15 new people being trained and plans to hire 25 more. There is a \$1500 sign-on bonus now for open jobs.

All of the approvals are done for the speed humps.

Question: Two million dollars have been set aside for Intentional Homeless Encampments. We have been named "non-exempt". Will those encampments happen in our ward and if so, when? Answer: Opting out is illegal. But we don't have a space in our Ward for these. However, we should be opening our doors.

Question: Re: Dog Park funding: How many more years will that funding be held up? Answer: We need to get back together and get back to that.

Question: Re: The Tower Groove Concert Series: What can be done about the excessive noise from these concerts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights impacting residents on Arsenal and Hartford? Answer: Green said she talked to Bil Reninger, The TG Park Executive Director. She told him to move the speakers away from houses. She told him to bring together a group of residents.

Question: But this is not in the Park's Master Plan, is it? And the speakers cannot be re-positioned because the sound bounces around. The City should take more action. For example, should the City stop contributing to the Park? Area residents are clear that they don't want the concerts. It is noise stress.

Answer: some residents like it. There is a solution here.

Comment: But it's not the appropriate location. Answer: I will work with the Park for a solution.

(At this point, President Weber ended this discussion. He said that he had requested a meeting with Bill Reninger, but had not yet gotten a response from him).

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf: Alley weeds: City won't do anything unless they impede the alleys. In August, the City will cut grass at vacant buildings.

Ameren is the contact if an alley street light is out. Call police if there is alley parking.

Re 3869 Juniata: They could be turned in for Occupancy, and also turned in to the Citizen Service Bureau.

Guest Speaker: Missouri Botanical Garden: Catherine Martin could not make the meeting so Liz Fathman, from Marketing spoke to us.

Highlights:

The Jack Taylor Visitor Center construction is complete for Phase 1. It will be a large event center. Phase 2 will be complete in Summer 2022. Phase 3 will be complete late 2022. There will be a new entry garden. There will be a new glass conservatory. There will be new south garden landscape.

Connecting to the Community: Virtual tours are every Monday. Home gardening help is available in the Kemper Center. There are classes online and outdoors.

Events: Origami in the Garden runs through October 10. Origami After Hours is every Thursday and Friday evening through the summer. All the festivals and Garden Glow will be held this year.

Question: Is the Corpse flower going to bloom? The answer is hope so! The Chihuly is moving into the ClimaTron.

Question: The conifers are looking good in Mo Bot but seem to be suffering in Tower Grove Park. Can Mo Bot help? Answer: There is collaboration, but she doesn't know much. The Park is supposed to be natural, so if trees and plants die, they die.

President's Report: Patrick Weber: There will be a TGH Block Party this year on Spring on Saturday September 25th, in the afternoon.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: June: Expenses were \$5,000 for the memorial plaque, \$1035 for the *Gazette*, \$61 misc. We took in \$590 in memberships, and \$196 in *Gazette* ads. Our net worth as of June 30 was \$15,753.14 (that figure includes all the Bohannon donations beyond the \$5,000 for the plaque and bench).

Thank you to all the Officer Bohannon Memorial donors. We met and exceeded our \$5,000 goal.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: We currently have 420 members.

Social Committee: Ryan Barry: NA

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: NA

Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman: We have 756 on Mail Chimp email. Please check your junk mail if you signed up but are not receiving emails. Spotlight: Nigel Holloway

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks: The sidewalk survey will be done soon

Old Business: NA

New Business: NA

Upcoming dates: TGHNA Board meeting Thursday August 12, Heights Nite Tuesday August 10th 6-8 PM TBA, and the August TGHNA monthly meeting will hopefully be the last via Zoom.

Adjourn: 8:21

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