



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – November 27, 2018

Convened: 7:15 p.m. Adjourned: 8:20 p.m. 36 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Vicky Dean (president@towergroveheights.com)

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- *Welcome to the new attendees from 3900 Parker, 3600-3700 Wyoming and 3600-3700 Arsenal!*

- **Neighborhood Reports**

- **15th Ward Aldermanic report** - Alderperson Megan Green(megan@meganellyiaagreen.com /314-591-9587)

- *No report – Alderman absent.*

- **Neighborhood Improvement Specialist/ NSO, Katie Wolf** (wolfk@stlouis-mo.gov or 314-657-1374)

- *Katie reports she has been doing an informal street light survey to check for lights that are out.*

- *Please report out street lights to Citizens’ Service Bureau. Report out alley lights to Ameren – be sure to note pole number.*

- *She has noticed some residences have motion detector lights in the alley that light up when any motion is detected and she encourages the use of this type of lighting.*

- *She also wants to make sure any vacant homes are boarded up.*

- *Report to Citizens’ Service Bureau any yard waste, recycling or trash bins that are still full after they should have been emptied.*

- *She reports that the Forestry Department has hired six new permanent tree trimmers.*

- **SLMPD 2nd District update** - Liaison Officer Ed Slade (edslade@slmpd.org)

- *There has been “an influx of burglaries” in Tower Grove South as well as reports of copper being ripped out of vacant houses. Most of these incidences are happening during evening hours. Prior to this, most of the numbers have been driven by crime occurring in the “wedge” area of TGS.*

- *P.O. Slade is aware of Rachel Witt’s (S. Grand CID Director) concern about increased panhandling on S. Grand. There are a couple of officers dedicated to finding resources for them, however, most of the time, offers of resources have been rejected.*

- *If anyone is approached by panhandlers at an ATM, this is considered “aggressive begging” and should be reported to 911.*

- *There are also reports of individuals sleeping in Ritz Park or in doorways along S. Grand. These incidences should be reported to police via the non-emergency phone number, 314-321-1212.*

- *See attachment for crime stats.*

- **Speaker: Bill Reininger, Director, Tower Grove Park** (www.towergrovepark.org)

- *They have received almost 1300 survey responses on their Master Plan.*

- *There is an interactive map, powered by GPS, on their website which maps all 6800 trees in the park.*

- *About 15,000 tulips have been planted and 2000 lbs. of grass seed have been sown on the fields throughout the park.*

- *They now have a part-time employee focusing on volunteers and educational programs.*

- *The Gate House at the Kingshighway entrance will be turned into an education center.*

- *Improvements have been made to the Stupp Center which can be rented out.*

- *An anonymous donor gave \$485,000 for improvements to the horse stables.*

- *In response to a resident's question about spraying chemicals near trees, he stated that the areas around trees are sprayed only once per year, in the spring. He encouraged the resident to call him to discuss the matter further.*
- *In response to an inquiry about a dog park, he stated that many of the survey responses were against creating a dog park because the necessary fencing would detract from the park's aesthetic and there are restrictions to maintain the park's historical district status.*
- **Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Board Election for 2019**
 - *Per TGHNA bylaws, board position elections for the following year were voted on by the membership. The following individuals were voted for with no dissensions:*
 - *President-Elect: Ryan Barry*
(President-Elect is a three-year commitment. During Year One, the President-Elect attends board meetings, is entitled to vote on board motions, and shadows the current president. This position automatically advances to President during Year Two. In Year Three, the individual serves as Past-President, attends board meetings in an advisory capacity but does not have a vote on board motions.)
 - *Secretary: Melissa Barry*
 - *Membership Secretary: Jean Iezzi (reelection)*
 - *Rick Stein: Treasurer (reelection)*
 - *Bylaws can be viewed on our website at <http://towergroveheights.com/wp-content/uploads/Bylaws-4-28-15.pdf>.*
- **2018 TGHNA Neighborhood Hero: Susie Gudermuth**
 - *Longtime resident and early promoter of Tower Grove Heights, Susie Gudermuth, was presented by inaugural award recipient, Rich Iezzi, with this prestigious award in recognition and appreciation of her outstanding service and lasting contribution to the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood. Congratulations, Susie! (see website)*
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Safety Committee – Ryan Barry (safety@towergroveheights.com)**
 - *Many thanks to everyone who attended, donated to or volunteered to help with the Safety Committee's well-attended "Pizza for Cameras" fundraiser on November 4 which earned over three times the initial goal. (Details to follow.) The fundraiser was the culmination of two years' work by the committee. Our plan is to install cameras on houses whose owners have volunteered them on intersections along S. Spring and Gustine. SLMPD Cadet, Andrew Ladage, has volunteered to help with the installations. We are leaning towards purchasing Arlo Pro2 cameras with a solar panel. These cameras have 2-way audio and are cloud-based (no local storage). Passwords do not have to be shared. We hope to start installation after the first of the year. Barbara Gilchrist has volunteered to write Memos of Understanding (MOUs) for homeowners outlining expectations.*
 - *We also raised \$170 for the family of retired SLMPD officer, Sgt. Ralph Harper, who was recently killed in a carjacking incident in Tower Grove South.*
 - **Block Captains – Debra Knox Deiermann (blockreps@towergroveheights.com)**
 - *We are happy to report that we again have a full complement of TGH Block Captains but more Block Captains are needed for the larger Tower Grove South area. For more information, check out the Block Captain tab on www.towergroveheights.com.*
 - *The official annual Block Captain training on November 12 was postponed due to inclement weather. The training will be rescheduled at a later date.*
 - *Reminder: TGHNA will reimburse for a street closure permit (one per year) for any TGH block party. (No fee for permits for block parties on National Night Out, the first Tuesday in October).*

- **Communications Report – Debra Knox Deiermann** (communications@towergroveheights.com)
 - We have 641 subscribers to our TGHNA notification list via MailChimp. To keep up with the latest neighborhood news, sign up for this low-traffic list by contacting communications@towergroveheights.com. If you have already signed up but are not getting monthly notices, please check your spam or junk folder.
- **President – Vicky Dean** (president@towergroveheights.com)
 - As has been done previously, we will continue to archive TGHNA materials with the Missouri History Museum.
 - 100 Neediest Cases: Barbara Gilchrist reported we have chosen two families to support this year. We need volunteers to help deliver flyers to each household in Tower Grove Heights. December 14 is the deadline to donate and there will be a wrapping party at the home of Ellen Wilson, 100 Neediest Cases Chair. Donations can be made through our website.
- **Membership – Jean Iezzi** (membership@towergroveheights.com)
 - There are 348 TGHNA members. To join for as little as \$10 per year go to <http://towergroveheights.com/membership-registration/>. Members receive the annual Buzz Book and are entitled to vote at meetings.
 - Beware of “porch pirates” who steal delivered packages from porches.
 - Porch lights should be kept on overnight. The cost for this easy, effective crime deterrent is minimal (\$.88-.90/month).
- **Social Committee – Patrick Weber** (social@towergroveheights.com)
 - There will be a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 1, 3-6 p.m. at Aesh Design (northeast corner of Connecticut and S. Spring). There will be a holiday decoration exchange so bring any decorations you care to swap. Donations for the 100 Neediest Cases can also be dropped off. Everyone is welcome!
- **Treasurer’s Report – Rick Stein** (treasurer@towergroveheights.com)
 - The net worth for October 2018 is \$12,762.44.
 - See attachment for October 2018 Treasury Report.
- **Announcements**
 - Grinchmas event will be on Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ritz Park (in case of rain, the event will take place at the comic book store on S. Grand).
 - Next TGHNA meeting: Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 7:15 p.m. at Center for Divine Love, 3617 Wyoming. Everyone is welcome to attend!
 - 2019 TGHNA President, Ann Stanley, announced the January meeting will feature a panel to discuss homelessness. At the following meeting, she plans to discuss gardening since some plants need pruning as early as February. Please forward any program suggestions to president-elect@towergroveheights.com.
 - Next TGSNA meeting: Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,
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Part I Crime for "November" Coding Month

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Years: 2017 & 2018

	Total Coded In Nov 2017	-- Coded Thru Nov 26 M-T-D --			Total thru Nov 2017	----- Coded Thru Nov 26 Y-T-D -----				
	2017	2017	2018	Chg.	% Chg.	2017	2018	Chg	% Chg.	
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	4	2	100.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	4	2	100.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Rape	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	5	5	4	-1	-20.0 %
Forced Rape	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	5	5	3	-2	-40.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	1	1	NA
Total Robbery	6	6	5	-1	-16.7 %	63	63	46	-17	-27.0 %
Highway	5	5	4	-1	-20.0 %	45	45	29	-16	-35.6 %
Business	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	17	17	9	-8	-47.1 %
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
* Weapon	3	3	3	0	0.0 %	48	48	30	-18	-37.5 %
* No Weapon	3	3	2	-1	-33.3 %	15	15	16	1	6.7 %
Carjacking	0	0	1	1	NA	0	0	8	8	NA
Total Aggr. Assault	3	2	4	2	100.0 %	48	47	80	33	70.2 %
Firearm	2	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	20	19	34	15	78.9 %
Knife	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	8	8	8	0	0.0 %
Other	1	1	4	3	300.0 %	17	17	32	15	88.2 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	3	6	3	100.0 %
# Simple Assault	4	3	2	-1	-33.3 %	74	73	75	2	2.7 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	10	9	9	0	0.0 %	118	117	134	17	14.5 %
Total Burglary	5	3	6	3	100.0 %	88	86	89	3	3.5 %
Residence - Day	1	1	2	1	100.0 %	30	30	19	-11	-36.7 %
Residence - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	11	11	14	3	27.3 %
Residence - Time Unknown	2	1	3	2	200.0 %	30	29	39	10	34.5 %
Business - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	5	2	-3	-60.0 %
Business - Night	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	7	6	9	3	50.0 %
Business - Time Unknown	1	1	1	0	0.0 %	5	5	6	1	20.0 %
Other - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	2	1	5	4	400.0 %	50	49	47	-2	-4.1 %
* No Force	3	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	32	31	36	5	16.1 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	6	6	6	0	0.0 %
Total Larceny	31	25	22	-3	-12.0 %	462	456	361	-95	-20.8 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Purse Snatch	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
Shoplift	7	6	3	-3	-50.0 %	115	114	44	-70	-61.4 %
From Motor Vehicle	10	8	4	-4	-50.0 %	101	99	122	23	23.2 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	6	4	7	3	75.0 %	96	94	67	-27	-28.7 %
Bicycles	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	8	8	5	-3	-37.5 %
From Buildings	1	1	4	3	300.0 %	75	75	58	-17	-22.7 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	7	6	4	-2	-33.3 %	65	64	64	0	0.0 %
* Attempt	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	16	16	27	11	68.8 %
Total Vehicle Theft	11	9	4	-5	-55.6 %	87	85	78	-7	-8.2 %
Auto	9	8	4	-4	-50.0 %	64	63	64	1	1.6 %
Truck/Bus	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	11	10	8	-2	-20.0 %
Motorcycle/Other	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	12	12	6	-6	-50.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	10	10	8	-2	-20.0 %
* Joy Ride	3	2	3	1	50.0 %	20	19	27	8	42.1 %
Total Arson	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	4	2	100.0 %
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	47	37	32	-5	-13.5 %	639	629	532	-97	-15.4 %
TOTAL CRIME	57	46	41	-5	-10.9 %	757	746	666	-80	-10.7 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line.

- These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

VOTE: Data collection for Carjackings began in January, 2018.

TGHNA October 2018 Treasurer's Report

Expenses

Month	100 Needst: Incoming	100 Needst: Outgoing	Buzz Book	Autumn Fest / Full-Neighborhood Block Party	Highlights Nights and other** events	Gazette (printing, design, supplies/postage)	Insurance	Rent/Donations*	P.O. Box Rental	Website	Fees / PayPal Commission	Miscellaneous*	Monthly Total	YTD
Jan	-\$2,300.00	\$2,668.45	0	0	0	\$788.00	0	0	0	0	\$2.07	0	\$1,158.52	\$1,158.52
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$4.29	\$258.83	\$263.12	\$1,421.64
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	\$952.50	0	\$900.00	0	0	\$8.76	0	\$1,861.26	\$3,282.90
Apr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$275.00	0	0	\$2.07	\$142.74	\$419.81	\$3,702.71
May	0	0	0	0	\$62.44	0	0	0	0	0	\$4.14	0	\$66.58	\$3,769.29
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	\$933.75	0	\$250.00	0	0	\$5.77	0	\$1,189.52	\$4,958.81
Jul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$3.40	0	\$3.40	\$4,962.21
Aug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$464.64	\$20.66	0	\$485.30	\$5,447.51
Sep	0	0	0	0	0	\$952.50	\$1,154.00	0	0	0	\$10.27	\$92.00	\$2,208.77	\$7,656.28
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$296.00	0	\$27.23	\$20.00	\$343.23	\$7,999.51
Nov														
Dec														
Total	-\$2,300.00	\$2,668.45	0	0	\$62.44	\$3,626.75	\$1,154.00	\$1,425.00	\$296.00	\$464.64	\$88.66	\$513.57		

Camera Initiative Fund balance (which is part of Acct. Balances, and Net Worth, listed below): \$390.00	Street Sign Fund balance (which is part of Acct. Balances, and Net Worth, listed below): \$582.27
Acct. balances as of 10/31/18	
Commerce checking	\$7,233.66
ING (Capital One) savings	\$4,735.38
PayPal	\$793.40
Total Assets	\$12,762.44

Year-to-Year Notes:

- Net worth as of 12/31/2017 was \$11,133.04
- The heading for Autumn Fest was modified to reflect this year's sponsorship approach, as well as the lack of block party this year.
- As of October 2018, the income category for "Events" was changed to "Camera Initiative"; no income had been reported under "Events". A box for this fund's balance was added at the top.

Income

Month	Membership Dues -- Cash or Check	Membership Dues -- PayPal	Gazette Advertising	Sales (Greeting Cards, etc.)	Autumn Fest (tickets / sponsorships)	Camera Initiative	Interest	Other**	Monthly Total Income	YTD Income	YTD Expenses (copied from above)	YTD Income minus Expenses
Jan	\$10.00	\$40.00	\$636.00	0	0	0	\$1.94	\$3.66	\$691.60	\$691.60	\$1,158.52	-\$466.92
Feb	0	\$85.00	\$306.00	0	0	0	\$1.75	\$12.24	\$404.99	\$1,096.59	\$1,421.64	-\$325.05
Mar	\$125.00	\$155.00	\$196.00	0	0	0	\$1.87	\$4.29	\$482.16	\$1,578.75	\$3,282.90	-\$1,704.15
Apr	0	\$50.00	0	0	0	0	\$1.55	\$2.88	\$54.43	\$1,633.18	\$3,702.71	-\$2,069.53
May	\$110.00	\$80.00	\$196.00	0	0	0	\$1.60	\$17.40	\$405.00	\$2,038.18	\$3,769.29	-\$1,731.11
Jun	\$35.00	\$115.00	\$510.00	0	0	0	\$1.55	\$6.50	\$668.05	\$2,706.23	\$4,958.81	-\$2,252.58
Jul	\$255.00	\$65.00	\$636.00	0	0	0	\$1.60	\$3.01	\$960.61	\$3,666.84	\$4,962.21	-\$1,295.37
Aug	\$220.00	\$100.00	\$546.00	0	\$1,018.39	0	\$1.60	\$7.80	\$1,893.79	\$5,560.63	\$5,447.51	+\$113.12
Sep	\$135.00	\$45.00	\$110.00	\$20.00	\$225.68	0	\$1.55	\$7.17	\$544.40	\$6,105.03	\$7,656.28	-\$1,551.25
Oct	\$50.00	\$330.00	0	0	\$2,744.00	\$390.00	\$1.61	\$8.27	\$3,523.88	\$9,628.91	\$7,999.51	+\$1,629.40
Nov												
Dec												
Total	\$940.00	\$1,065.00	\$3,136.00	\$20.00	\$3,988.07	\$390.00	\$16.62	\$73.22				

Net Worth over Time (as of the last day of each month)	
Jan	\$10,666.12
Feb	\$10,807.99
Mar	\$9,428.89
Apr	\$9,063.51
May	\$9,401.93
Jun	\$8,880.46
Jul	\$9,837.67
Aug	\$11,246.16
Sep	\$9,581.79
Oct	\$12,762.44
Nov	
Dec	

Discrepancy with Acct Balances	
Jan	1 uncleared check
Feb	2 uncleared checks
Mar	1 uncleared check
Apr	1 uncleared check
May	1 uncleared check
Jun	1 uncleared check
Jul	N/A
Aug	N/A
Sep	2 uncleared checks
Oct	N/A
Nov	
Dec	

***Expense, Income, and Transfer Notes:** **January:** \$620 was transferred from PayPal to the Commerce account. The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program. **February:** The *Misc.* expenses were \$164.88 for the purchase of sign holders (for announcement monthly meetings and other events), \$75.00 for vendor-fee contribution to Tower Grove Pride, and \$18.95 for a plaque for the 2017 Neighborhood Hero. The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program. **March:** \$115 was transferred from PayPal to the Commerce account, and \$1000 was transferred from Capital One to the Commerce Account. The *Donations* were \$650 to South Grand Cultural Alliance and \$250 to Tower Grove Farmers Market. The *Other* income was a donation (\$1.00) and the Schnucks eScrip program (\$3.29). The *Membership Dues via PayPal* reflect that \$10 ended up being refunded in April. **April:** The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program. The *Rent/Donation* was our annual contribution to the Center for Divine Love, for our membership meeting space. The *Misc.* expenses were for a cable for our projector, copies of the Gazette that were missing from our website, and printed signs for our sandwich boards. The *PayPal commission* reflects that \$0.59 of the commission from March was refunded in April. **May:** \$185 was transferred from PayPal to the Commerce account. The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program (\$12.30) and Amazon Smile (\$5.10). **June:** \$105 was transferred from PayPal to the Commerce account. The *Donation* was to Friends of Tower Grove Park (sponsoring a Progressive Pavilion Party fundraiser event). The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program. **July:** The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program. **August:** \$700 was transferred from PayPal to the Commerce account. The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program. **September:** The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program. The *Misc.* expense was for a TGHNA banner. **October:** \$300 was transferred from PayPal to the Commerce account. The *Misc.* expenses were for a plaque for the Neighborhood Hero award and a block party permit for 3800 Hartford. The *Other* income was from the Schnucks eScrip program (\$3.10) and Amazon Smile (\$5.17).