



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – April 25, 2017
Convened: 7:16 p.m. Adjourned: 8:14 p.m. 23 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Barbara Gilchrist (president@towergroveheights.com)

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

Three first-time attendees were recognized and given Welcome Packets. Welcome to all!

- **Neighborhood business/announcements**

- **Aldermanic report** given by Barbara Gilchrist in Megan Green's absence:

- *Laclede Gas is repairing the collapsing gas line on 3900 Hartford. It may take several months to complete repairs.*
- *Board of Aldermen return to work this Friday to discuss the city budget.*

- **SLMPD 2nd District Liaison Officer, Ed Slade** (edslade@slmpd.org) (see attachments below)

- *There have been four robberies in the larger neighborhood since our last meeting including one during business hours at Gustine Market on Good Friday in which a gun was used. A knife was exhibited in a robbery at the Tiny Bubbles Laundromat on S. Grand (the suspect was apprehended). Other incidents include a robbery of individuals who were talking around 3:30 a.m., after leaving a bar on S. Grand and a purse snatching in which a gun was used.*
- *Lt. Col. Lawrence M. O'Toole is the acting SLMPD Police Commissioner following Chief Dotson's recent retirement. Reportedly, he is experienced and well-liked by the rank and file officers.*
- *2nd District Captain, Mike Deebe, plans to hold a Community Outreach Meeting in early June. Location TBA. Officer Slade will keep us informed as details are available.*

- **Featured Speaker: Jessica Freiburger, Recycling Program Specialist, Saint Louis City Recycles** (Jessica@brightsidestl.org) (see attachments below)

- *Since we have the best rate of recycling in the city, Jessica's presentation included ways to reduce and reuse.*
- *Jessica provided a Power Point presentation which will be made available to us.*
- *Their website, www.stlcityrecycles.com, provides a complete overview of their program including collection schedules and a link to opt out of junk mail.*
 - *The organization can provide a template for stickers to put on dumpsters reminding neighbors to flatten their cardboard before placing it in the recycling dumpsters. Permission from Refuse may be required.*
- *It was noted that Jessica's presentation was made on TGHNA's new projector.*

- **Committee Reports**

- **TGH Safety Committee**

- *The Committee is exploring lighting and camera options for the neighborhood. Barbara has attended recent meetings and reported that she is very excited by the efforts various other members are making toward making the neighborhood safer.*

- **Social Committee**
 - *Heights Nights: Pizza Head, 3196 S. Grand 63118 on Tuesday, May 9, 6-8 p.m.; June 13 Heights Nights will be at the King & I, 3155 S. Grand 63118 instead of VP Square, 3609 Juniata 63116, which is now scheduled for August 8.*
 - *Saturday's event at the Tower Grove Park playground was cancelled due to weather conditions.*
 - *The next Matt-the-Cat Award nominations are due by June 5 and can be made on our website, www.towergroveheights.com under the "Neighborhood Association" tab. Nominate someone for being neighborly!*
 - *Tonight's SOCIAL HOUR will be held at the home of Carey & Jeff Morgan. Refreshments will be provided – everyone is welcome to attend!*

- **Block Captains**
 - *The April 10 meeting featured TGS-TGH Block Captain, Jeanette McDermott, who discussed the transformation of Mt. Olive Church into a community center in Shaw. (See attached "Summary of Vision.")*
 - *We need a Block Captain for 3800 Wyoming! For more info, contact blockreps@towergroveheights.com.*

- **Treasurer Report**
 - *Rick Stein reported on recent expenditures and income and that our net balance for March 2017 is about \$14,000.*

- **South Grand Cultural Alliance**
 - *TGH Representative to the SGCA Board, Myrinda Grantham, announced upcoming events including: 9th annual International Dine Around; Fall Fest; and movie nights at the Ritz Park. See attachment for dates of all events.*

- **TGHNA 30th Anniversary Block Party**
 - *Save the date! Saturday, September 23, early afternoon until about 6 p.m. A Bike Parade, among other events, is planned.*
 - *If you have photos, articles or other ephemera that you would be willing to share for the event, please contact president@towergroveheights.com. Thanks!*

- **New/Old Business/Announcements**
 - *Due to the renovation of the TGHNA meeting location, there is a possibility that we will meet in the upstairs sanctuary next month or in June. We will keep you updated.*
 - *The next TGHNA meeting on Tuesday, May 23 will feature Bill Reininger, Director of Tower Grove Park.*
 - *Next TGSNA meeting: May 17, 6:30 p.m., Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.*

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association values and seeks a diverse membership. The TGHNA Board recognizes and values the importance of diversity.

SUMMARY OF CRIME CODED DATA

Tower Grove South

Run on: 04-25-2017 18:17

For Crimes Occurring In:Starting Date: **03/28/2017**Ending Date: **04/24/2017 #**

Option: District/Neighborhood/Beat

Crime Group	Crime Description	NET CRIME RECORD COUNTS			Net Total
		Crimes	Unfoundeds	Adjustments	
03	Robbery	4	0	0	4
04	Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	2
05	Burglary	8	0	0	8
06	Larceny	24	0	0	24
07	Vehicle Theft	1	0	0	1
08	Arson	1	0	0	1
09	Simple Assault	4	0	0	4
10	Forgery	1	0	0	1
12	Embezzlement	1	0	0	1
14	Destruction of Property	4	0	0	4
15	Weapons Offense	2	0	0	2
17	Sex Offense	1	0	0	1
18	VMCSL	3	0	0	3
25	Loitering/Begging	1	0	0	1
26	Other Crimes	12	0	0	12
	Grand Totals	69	0	0	69

- Data for Month "04-2017" has not been approved and may change before this month is finalized.

Part 1 Crime Comparison By Date of Occurrence Tower Grove Park | District - 2

Week: Mar 23 thru Apr 19 Years: 2016 & 2017

Year-To-Date Includes Data for "January 1 thru April 19"

	----- Mar 23 thru Apr 19 -----				----- Year-To-Date -----			
	2016	2017	Change	% Chg.	2016	2017	Change	% Chg.
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Forced Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Robbery	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Highway	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Business	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Weapon	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* No Weapon	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Total Aggr. Assault	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	1	1	NA
Gun	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	1	1	NA
Knife	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Simple Assault	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	2	0	-2	-100.0 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	0.0 %
Total Burglary	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Residence - Day	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Residence - Night	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Residence - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Business - Day	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Business - Night	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Business - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Day	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* No Force	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Larceny	1	1	0	0.0 %	3	3	0	0.0 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Purse Snatch	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Shoplift	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
From Motor Vehicle	1	1	0	0.0 %	3	2	-1	-33.3 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Bicycles	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
From Buildings	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	1	1	NA
* Attempt	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Total Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Auto	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Truck/Bus	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Motorcycle/Other	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Joy Ride	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Arson	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	1	1	0	0.0 %	3	3	0	0.0 %
TOTAL CRIME	1	1	0	0.0 %	4	4	0	0.0 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line.

- These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

RECYCLING 101

WHAT GOES IN YOUR BLUE BIN



Paper



Flattened
Cardboard



Plastic Bottles &
Containers



Glass Bottles &
Jars



Metal Food &
Beverage Cans



Food & Beverage
Cartons

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AND WHAT DOESN'T



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Film



Styrofoam



Sharps & Needles



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Did You Know?

- 🗑️ You can recycle pizza boxes and paper plates as long as they don't have grease or food residue spots bigger than your hand.
- 🗑️ Clean aluminum foil is recyclable.
- 🗑️ You can recycle plastic caps and lids by keeping them attached to your plastic containers.
- 🗑️ Plastic bags and Styrofoam are NOT accepted for recycling in the City's blue bins.

Why Recycle?

- 🗑️ Recycling right helps keep our city clean, green and healthy!
- 🗑️ Recycling helps keep alleys clean, which reduces crime, deters illegal dumping and improves public health!
- 🗑️ Recycling creates jobs and boosts our economy! Our local recycling industry contributes \$639 million in St. Louis payroll.

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- 🗑️ Report dumpster problems (e.g. recycling overflowing) to the Citizens' Service Bureau: 314-622-4800
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- 🗑️ Become a Recycling Ambassador for your block. Simply sign up on our website.
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Block Captain Report to TGHNA General Meeting
4/25/2017

- The Block Captain meeting on April 10 featured Jeanette McDermott who is spearheading the transformation of Mt. Olive Church into a community center in the Shaw neighborhood that will include a multi-use, non-residential, community-oriented space for art, culture and environment.
- We are still recruiting for a Block Captain for 3800 Wyoming. Attendance to every BC meeting is not required and there are lots of resources and a training packet to get you started. Thanks!
- The Citizens Service Bureau has still not yet named a permanent Neighborhood Improvement Specialist (the position formerly known as Neighborhood Stabilization Officer) for Ward 15.
- We meet on second Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut (at Oak Hill) 63116.
- The complete and updated list of all TGS-TGH Block Captains is found on our website, www.towergroveheights.com and all BCs can be contacted directly through it.
- Any questions can be directed to www.blockreps@towergroveheights.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Knox Deiermann
TGS-TGH Block Captain Coordinator

MT. OLIVE PROJECT
SUMMARY OF THE VISION

April 2017

Founding vision of the project

A group of creative initiators is converting the underutilized Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at 4246 Shaw Blvd. into a multi-use, non-residential community-oriented space for arts, culture and environment. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and Bigger Mission, LLC, govern the project administratively and financially. Jeanette McDermott, co-founder of Sustainable in St. Louis, and public artist Rusty Conklin are building out the programmatic arm of the project. We plan to run pilot programs in June to help us evaluate our goals and clarify our vision.

Our targeted focus is Shaw and surrounding neighborhoods in the Tower Grove Park community. We are in the early stages of project development and are building the project from the ground up — conducting research and engaging community members in helping us identify resources, partners, stakeholders and investors in the project. We are leveraging the power of collaboration to make Mt. Olive a hub for community engagement.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is a place where community members have met for social, spiritual and educational activities for 90 years. It is a place where generations of neighbors have created a culture of caring and collaboration. Through this project, Mt. Olive will continue to be a place where neighbors join together to learn from, uplift and inspire each other through life-giving opportunities.

Initial considerations for use of the space

Initial considerations for use of the space are varied and include the following possibilities:

- offer studio space and offices for artists, environmentalists, healing practitioners and community-based organizations who are seeking tenancy in a creative placemaking venue
- conduct after-school programs for children who are enrolled in neighborhood schools
- conducts classes, workshops, symposiums, seminars, concerts, roundtables, etc.
- conduct activities that allow community members to come together for collective action to rethink problems and scenarios and respond to immediate needs while allowing space to dream about the future of neighborhoods in the Tower Grove Park area
- exhibit art and host eco-film series
- develop a community-based podcast
- run programs in the arts, culture and environment (fee-based and non-fee based). Instructors include:
 - volunteers
 - artists who receive grants
 - teachers (school/student-based programs)
 - tenants, as part of their creative business
 - neighbors
 - trained facilitators
 - freelance programmatic contractors
 - Pastor Gary Lampe (spiritual classes and coursework)
 - staff eventually (when we are fully operational and able to hire staff)
- help young adults build skills in arts advocacy and leadership (Youth Advisory Council)
- hold culinary arts classes and food demonstrations in the commercial kitchen and dining room, partnering with International Institute to feature ethnic cuisine and help make people from other countries feel integrated and welcomed to the community
- Provide free community dinners every Wednesday evening from 5-6 p.m. (already in place and will continue the practice)
- Distribute food every Tuesday to low-income neighbors through a food pantry (already in place and will continue)

Timeline

The project has four phases:

1. Visioning/project development
2. Cleanup and refurbishment
3. Programming
4. Maintenance/Sustainability

We are in the visioning/project development phase of the Mt. Olive Community Center project. We are simultaneously engaged in the cleanup/refurbishment phase, and will begin programming before these two phases are complete in order to clarify our vision, evaluate our goals and obtain community feedback about directions we are taking. We will begin conducting a few pilot programs in June with volunteer instructors, artists, neighbors and teachers.

Contact information

We invite all interested people to contact us to discuss how they might want to get involved in the project. Anyone interested in helping to shape the future of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church as a community center may feel free to call Jeanette McDermott at 314-620-9158; jeanette.communitybuilder@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS ON SOUTH GRAND!

- May 6, 9AM-12PM Health Seminar, followed by a cooking class at Rooster
- May 6, 12PM-6PM National Comic Books Day, Ritz Park
- May 18, 5PM-10PM 9th International Dine Around; tickets \$30 in advance
- May 19, 7PM-9:30PM Missouri Coalition for the Environment Movie Night in Ritz Park
We the People 2.0 documentary with Q&A to follow
- June 16, 9PM-11PM Movie Night in Ritz Park - Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure