

## **January 28, 2020 TGHNA meeting:**

7:15 Welcome

Introduction of new members and first time attendees

**SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison: Officer Slade:** There have been calls for shots fired in the last few weeks. Cars on patrol have been trying to deal with this problem. There was a question about larceny on print-out report. These were at Home Depot, Shoe Carnival, Gravois Plaza. There was a question about any shell casings being found. Slade said if found they are tested to see if they match other crimes. Said to always call in if we hear something. The graffiti on dumpsters in the 3600 block of Hartford was not gang related.

**Guest Speaker: new Captain Christi Marks, 2<sup>nd</sup> District SLMPD:** She talked briefly about her background. She has a SLU MBA. Her motto is "Be the Change You Want to Be." She says she's a business manager, but everyone has a voice. She wants to collaborate with the community for "real world solutions" The number one crime in the City is car crimes. She's worked a lot with "Crime mapping." She says that cameras are a good thing. They are very valuable. She also loves NOMs, however they may work for each different neighborhood. There was a question: "Are you planning any community meetings?" she said she doesn't see a lot of value in that but is open to the idea. There was a question: "Do foot and bike patrols cut down on panhandling?" The answer was yes and no as these are typically crimes of opportunity. There was a question about camera registry: does it exist? Yes, if police are given the info they will compile it and keep a record. There is a list of residents with cameras.

**15<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report:** She is working on a B of A bill to make it harder for domestic abusers to own firearms. There is another bill about asbestos abatement. There was a question about appointments to the Board of Freeholders. Answer: still stuck in committee. Question: "Is participatory budgeting coming up?" The answer was March. There was a question about Megan's campaign finance ethical problems. She cited a "clerical error" and also that things "fell through the cracks." She was asked why she wasn't charged late fees on rents while her neighbors were charged late fees. She denied that this happened. There was a question about her recent blocking of streets with SEIU downtown and her arrest. She replied that the janitors were unfairly paid and that they had tried negotiating with their employers but it didn't work. Megan was asked why she blocked traffic deliberately impeding other people. She was also asked why she didn't work for a legal solution. Her reply was that "civil disobedience has a long history in this country." Megan was asked "How long will you sit on the Dog Park money before it is reallocated. Her answer was "summer."

**Neighborhood Improvement Specialist report: Katie Wolf:** She said to call in potholes and cracks between the sidewalk and the street. She's been checking rehabs and vacant properties. There was a question about 3853 Humphrey. Katie replied that she doesn't know much about it. She will ask the CDC. Question: "is there a way to get someone to clean up graffiti on their property?" Katie said she would check into it. There was a question about trees being cut down here as they are in Benton Park West. Katie didn't know. There was a question if the City will do something about water under the sidewalks. Katie said maybe they will if you ask.

**Treasurer Report: Rick Stein:** Rick discussed the printout of the 2019 financial picture and gave explanations.

**Membership report: Jean Iezzi:** Membership is at an all-time high! 377 members

**Social Committee:** none currently. We are looking for a Chair.

**Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman:** We are looking for new block captains for 36-3700 Humphrey. If you notice new residents let your block captain know so they can deliver a welcome packet. If you signed up, you should be receiving mail chimp emails.

**Safety Committee Report: Ryan Barry:** the committee tracks crime cases. The main objective right now is cleaning up the area around the Schnucks at Grand and Gravois.

Adjourn: 8:35 PM