

February 27, 2024 TGHNA monthly meeting: at CDL

7:16 Welcome: Greeting and intro from Joyce Reese, TGHNA Board President. Introduction and welcome to first time attendees.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Nicola Walker: We will have a new District Captain: Tom Zach. He has over 20 years experience. Crime update: not a lot of crime but there have been burglaries. There have also been accidents.

Her number is 314-444-0107.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist: Christian Saller: Not many updates. He works on code enforcement, and he drives alleys. The Forestry department has been "closing out a lot of tickets" which means they have cut down dead trees. They will remove the logs and debris soon.

6th Ward Alder: Daniela Velazquez: She introduced herself and discussed several Board Bills that are currently under review at the BoA.

Question: What about the red light camera bill? Answer: Thank you for reminding me. It has its first hearing on February 28. She presented both sides of the argument. She said she would vote for it.

Question: What about the Drake concert accident? Answer: Doesn't know.

Next Thursday there will be a meeting about gun violence at Shaw neighborhood's St. Margaret of Scotland church. She did not give a time.

There is ARPA money for 2 murals in each Ward. Only artists who live in the City will be considered.

Soon the Ward's third dog park will open: McDonald. We will have the most in the City.

Guest Speaker: S. Grand Community Improvement District Executive Director Rachel Witt: She briefed us on new restaurants: a Philippine restaurant on Juniata, a poke and bubble tea restaurant at Grand and Arsenal, and Eat Today, which will be African Fusion in the old Lulu's space. Eat Today is hoping for a spring opening. There is also Lighting work going on on S. Grand which involves lighting on buildings. Lighting is quite expensive and a firm called Lighting Associates is doing the work. They receive an AARP grant for improved bus shelters. Hopefully this will be done in May.

The Grone Agency (above Edward Jones) is now doing their branding work. SWT Design is helping with the raingardens.

The first event this year will be a Cocktail Crawl on Saturday, May 18, from 4-8 PM. They are still trying to raise funds for the medians. Please donate. Sponsorships are needed for the S. Grand Cultural Alliance. With a Sponsorship, you can use Ritz Park at no charge.

Question: When will Pho Grand open?

Answer: They are waiting for the contractors. When she knows, she will let us know.

Question: Is Fall Fest happening this year?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Is your organization involved with Morganford?

Answer: No, and they do not have a CID.

Compliment: Your Instagram presence is great!

President's Report: Joyce Reese: Thanks to all 100 Neediest donors! The new total is \$4,680. The City is planting new trees in the neighborhood. Tags have been put on trees saying "hi, I'm new and I need your help!" The trees need to be watered during dry spells. The tags refer readers to the City's website. You can sign up for emails reminding you to water.

March 6 is the deadline to register to vote. There are two Propositions on the April ballot.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: Now reporting quarterly.

Membership report: Ann Stanley: There are approx. 400 members. Given changes in housing over the years, this is roughly consistent with 1987. Ann gave a persuasive speech about the benefits of membership.

Social Committee: Open position: NA

Block Captain report: Jennifer Florida: Block Captains meet the second Monday of every month. They are working on a new Mission Statement, they are doing BC training, and are having conversations about Ward Capital. Many streets have not yet been paved. They are having a yard sale on May 4.

Communication Committee: Shannon Heffernan: NA

Safety Committee Report: Adam Murray and Frank Hatstat: They are currently meeting bi-monthly on Zoom. The next meeting is in March.

Old Business: We are still looking for a President Elect. It can be a fun and rewarding experience together with other committed Board members. You can make a real positive difference in our community!

We still have our camera registration program and if you have cameras they can be registered. Also we still have neighborhood owned cameras which you can have quickly installed externally on your alley. Adam Murray will install. We also have more money in the camera fund. See Erica Westbrooks for more information.

New Business: NA

Upcoming dates: next Safety Committee meeting is Monday March 18 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Next TGHNA Monthly meeting is Tuesday, March 26th at 7:15 PM at CDL.

Adjourn: 8:03 PM

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