

November 23, 2021 TGHNA monthly meeting: via Zoom

7:17 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Patrick Weber, 2021 TGHNA President Intro of other Board members.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker: She hopes you all looked at the crime report from last week. She asked for comments about that: there were none. Catalytic Converter thefts are still going on. There are not as many now but they can be any brand—not just a Prius or an Element. Cars at gas pumps are still being stolen. There have been a couple of burglaries in the neighborhood. Get motion detector lights, lock everything, and don't leave weapons in cars. There will be more crime during the holiday season. Put packages in the trunk after shopping, lock your car and be on the lookout for porch pirates.

There are now some hot spot areas for ticketing, which are the areas of more accidents. Kingshighway and Manchester is a current one.

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: NA

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf: She doesn't know when recycling will be back. She will try to get more info next week, after the holiday.

It is leaf time. They can be swept into the street the night before street cleaning, put into the green bins in the alley, or into yard waste bags and call CSB.

Questions: None.

Guest Speaker: Kelly Moore from the International Institute:

She's an eighteen year employee there and would like to thank the neighborhood for all the support over the years. The Institute has a new President: Arrey Obenson. He has been there since January 2021. They are moving in the direction of being more of a Welcoming Center and being more inclusive. There was a much shortened Festival of Nations this year, but they are planning to have it again in TG Park in 2022.

They have already gotten some Afghan refugees and are expecting more. The community has been very supportive and they received many donations. The first arrivals came in November and they are expecting 500 total. In 2022 they are expecting 1000. They are in need of affordable housing, preferably along a bus line. They have some large families coming in and are looking for apartments or houses with 4-5 bedrooms.

Needs are: lamps, coats and kid's coats, landlords with apartments located along bus lines, and volunteers. Volunteer opportunities are on their website. They are open from 8:30-4:30 week days for drop-off donations, and you can email Kelly about large donations.

Question: What are the areas for resettlement? Answer: They would prefer to have places only one bus line away from their office. South City is the preferred area but they are open to looking further.

President's Report: Patrick Weber: TGHNA is again involved in the 100 Neediest cases. This year, we are adopting 3 families. There will be more info in the upcoming Gazette and the flyer which will be distributed soon.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: October: We spent \$388 renewing our P.O. Box and \$11.86 on Pay Pal fees. We took in \$230 in memberships, \$738 in Gazette ads, \$10 in donations and \$0.47 in interest. Our net worth as of October 31 was \$11,808.45.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: There are 417 members.

Social Committee: Ryan Barry: NA

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: Thank you to all the Block Captains for their work this year. Debra acknowledged each Block Captain by name as an extra thank you.

Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman: We have 750 on Mail Chimp email. We keep adding new people as they join.

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks: All the neighborhood sidewalks have been surveyed and the results given to the City. The repairs might not be completed for a couple of years. The safety cameras have been inventoried. The Safety Committee has been active in dealing with problem properties, and participated in the fundraising for the Bohannon Memorial in TG Park.

We are looking for a new Chair for 2022.

Old Business: NA

New Business: TGHNA Board elections for 2022. The voting results are as follows:

President Elect: Erica Westbrooks

Treasurer: Rick Stein

Membership Secretary: Jean Iezzi

Recording Secretary: Sharon Angle

Upcoming dates: There is no December TGHNA membership or Board meeting. Happy Holidays to all!

Adjourn: 8:06

Submitted by Sharon Angle