

## **August 24, 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:** There have been incidents going on in the 36xx block of Humphrey. (Didn't elaborate). In the last month, there have been 38 calls about 3869 Juniata. Last month, there was a robbery in the 36xx block of Wyoming. There have been a few garage break-ins. Don't leave valuables in your cars! 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.

Many people don't know that if you alert the police that you will be on vacation, they will check on your house while you are away. They will try to drive by once or twice during each shift.

**15<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report:** The Board is still on break until after Labor Day. There will be a special meeting next Monday to approve the mask mandate. Covid numbers are high. ICU numbers are high. We are at a 50% vaccine rate in the City and we must get that up to 70%. Please get the vaccine if you haven't already! Stimulus funds are through and approved. Watch the City website for updates.

Question: Any progress on the trash situation? Answer: they are still working on hiring people. Recycling can be taken to a recycling center.

Question: What is the situation with Fanning Middle school? Answer: It's under contract with a developer who also did Lyon school. Lyon school is now apartments. They are currently trying to build a fence around the school to keep people from dumping trash there.

Question: When will the hole be fixed in the 3600 Utah-Humphrey alley? Answer: Really soon.

Question: The Juniata-Connecticut alley also has a hole. What's being done there? Answer: That is a MSD issue. MSD is working on sink holes, and there are also more of them. This is a large issue.

**Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf:** Please let her know about any sink holes in alleys. This Friday and Saturday from 8-5 at City Hall there is a warrant forgiveness event and a vaccination event. There will also be food trucks and job info.

Please think about whether you want to participate in National Night Out.

In August the City has been cutting grass in vacant yards where the growth is 7 inches or taller.

Question: At the recycling center at Roger and Parker: are those items really being recycled? Answer: Yes, they are named as a Center. Megan Green added that since she lives nearby, she has actually witnessed it.

**Guest Speaker: S Grand Business District: Executive Director Rachel Witt:**

New business openings: Steve's Hot Dogs is moving into the former Mangia site, along with another I could not hear. Steve's also wants to do events in the pocket park. Parsimonia has re-opened above Steve's Hot Dogs but they are now by appointment only. There is no buyer right now for the pawn shop and the building is in deplorable condition.

Alta Calle is gone. The space will be leased out.

S. Grand is trying to bring events back safely. Sunday, Sept. 12, there will be a "Pop-up" event. There are more than 50 vendors signed up. Sunday Sept. 19 Metro will be in Ritz Park promoting the new electric buses. Sept. 11-12 will be the next S. Grand Eco crew. Please meet in Ritz Park.

S. Grand is now known as a Vegan Destination due to Treehouse, Pizzahead, Steve's, Lulu's and others. There will be an International Vegan Chalk Day in Ritz Park in September.

Question: When will Grand Spirits open? Answer: Probably October.

Question: Who is responsible for the upkeep of the medians going north on Grand? Answer: Alder Rice is on vacation, but TGE has had people out every Saturday doing maintenance. Rachel thinks we need a permanent solution to this persistent problem. Landscapping quotes have been expensive.

**President's Report: Patrick Weber:** There will be a TGH Block Party this year on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 2-6 PM. This will be at Spring and Connecticut. Please bring your own chairs. Bring your own snacks. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. The streets will be closed off. There will be live music.

Funds were raised for a memorial plaque by a bench in TG Park. The plaque has been installed. Once we consult with Officer Bohannon's family, we will let everyone know the date and time of the dedication ceremony.

There is a heat advisory through Thursday night.

**Treasurer Report: Rick Stein:** July: Expenses were \$19.25 for stamps for thank-yous. We took in \$435 in memberships, and \$50 in donations for the Bohannon plaque. Our net worth as of July 31 was \$16,206.50 (that figure includes all the Bohannon donations beyond the \$5,000 for the plaque and bench).

Our annual audit was done this month, and there were no issues, problems, or recommendations. Yay!

**Membership report: Jean Iezzi via email:** We currently have 416 members. The Buzz Book is in process.

**Social Committee: Ryan Barry:** We had another successful Heights Nite in August at Café Mochi. The next Heights Nite is Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 6-8 PM at Lulu's. There will be signs on the tables.

**Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman:** We have new stickers from Brightside with info about what goes in each dumpster.

**Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman:** We have 752 on Mail Chimp email. Please check your junk mail if you signed up but are not receiving emails.

**Safety Committee Report:** Erica Westbrooks: The sidewalk survey will be done soon. Could we please get the master list for the cameras?

**Old Business:** NA

**New Business:** NA

**Upcoming dates:** TGHNA Board meeting Thursday Sept 2nd, Heights Nite Tuesday Sept. 14th 6-8 PM at Lulu's, Block Party Saturday Sept. 25 2-6 and Sept TGHNA monthly meeting Sept 28 at 7:15 PM via Zoom.

**Adjourn:** 8:25

Submitted by Sharon Angle