



Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – February 23, 2016

Convened: 7:15 p.m. Adjourned: 8:20 p.m. 23 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President Stephen Gregali

• **Neighborhood business/announcements**

- **15th Ward Aldermanic Report:** Megan Green reported that Wards 27, 20, 15 and 6 will be involved in Participatory Budgeting simultaneously and will take place at the same time as the Presidential election. Ten volunteers are needed to be on the steering committee. Last time, 450 residents participated and one of the approved projects was washroom renovation in McDonald Park. She stated that she had heard from many residents who want to do more in McDonald Park. In response to a request, she stated she would include TGHNA meetings in her weekly newsletter.
- **Crime Report:** Officer Ed Slade (edslade@slmpd.org), SLMPD 2nd District liaison, distributed copies of the "District 2 Property Crime Report" and "Crime Comparison by Date of Occurrence." He reported that crime is down, specifically, robberies are down significantly.
 - Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) report: He encouraged residents to go to court to support neighbor victims when appropriate so that a message of neighborhood solidarity to reduce crime is sent to the presiding judge.
 - ATM skimming has been happening in our area. Be cautious of skimming devices attached to ATMs.
 - Citizens on Patrol training on March 1, 6:00 p.m., Carpenter Branch Library.
 - Police substation Open House on March 5, 10:00 a.m., 3600 Bamberger
 - Two women recently attacked in Tower Grove Park.
- **Stephen Gregali,** President (president@towergroveheights.com) announced the first Heights Nights event will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. at Hodak's Restaurant and Bar, 2100 Gravois 63104. Mention Tower Grove Heights Nights for 10% off.
 - The next TGHNA meeting will feature local filmmaker, Bill Streeter (www.billstreeter.net), who will discuss his recent, highly acclaimed film, "Brick by Chance and Fortune: A St. Louis Story," a documentary on the history of brick in St. Louis featuring many south city brick structures. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrTAKgLGupw>
- **Tricia Heliker,** Membership Secretary (membership@towergroveheights.com) reported TGHNA Buzz Books (directories) have been delivered.
- **Barbara Gilchrist,** President-elect (president-elect@towergroveheights.com) announced that TGHNA will be donating \$500 to the Arnold Food Pantry to provide relief for area flood victims. They will use our donation towards gas cards, etc., for affected residents.
- **Rachel Witt, Executive Director, South Grand CID** not present.

• **Featured Speakers**

- **Darlene Green, Comptroller**
Spoke in favor of the City Earnings Tax which will be on the April 5 ballot.
- **Carolyn Compton, Central West End Neighborhood Safety Initiative**
Spoke about their program to address crime in the CWE and Forest Park Southeast neighborhoods. She showed the bag and informational materials that are provided to residents. Other things they are doing: creating a database to track cases; neighborhood watch signage; dog walker watch program; and a passive monitoring camera system.

Respectfully submitted,
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