



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – April 24, 2018

Convened: 7:20 p.m. Adjourned: 9:00 p.m. 28 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Vicky Dean (president@towergroveheights.com)

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- Welcome to newcomers from 3600-3700 Juniata and 3800 Utah!
 - Welcome to our new Neighborhood Improvement Specialist, Michelle Boston-David! Michelle is a long-time NIS and has served in various wards around the city. She can be reached at bostonm@stlouis-mo.gov or 314-657-1358.

- **Neighborhood Reports**

- **15th Ward Aldermanic report**

- Alderman Megan Green (megan@meganellyiaqreen.com / 314-591-9587) announced that there are two companies that will provide bike sharing for St. Louis City: LimeBike and Ofo. Neither company requires a docking location so there was no cost to the city. More information at: limebike.com and ofo.com.
 - ✓ A resident commented that other cities are now having problems with dockless bike sharing programs because the bikes are sometimes left on sidewalks, impeding handicap access and neighborhoods are becoming littered with the bikes. She asked if the board had regulations. Megan stated she would take these concerns to the Mayor's Office.
 - There will be a charrette on Pedestrian Access to Tower Grove Park on April 25. Traffic planners will be available for questions. There is also information about it on Facebook.
 - Because of rain, construction of the traffic tables (humps) on neighborhood streets west of Grand has been delayed.

- **SLMPD 2nd District update**

- Liaison Officer, Ed Slade (edslade@slmpd.org), reports there had been a lot of illegal dumping in the 3600 block of Phillips but it has now been taken care of. This is in the "wedge" area of Tower Grove South, between Giles and Grand, alongside Aldi Supermarket.
 - Officers in South Patrol are being trained to fight the effects of heroin.
 - In response to a resident's question about whether or not officers are being pulled out of lower-crime neighborhoods areas to go to higher crime areas, he stated the Chief says no, they are not. He said there have been a lot of transfers but nothing that is affecting the beat cop.
 - Residents who would like to let SLMPD know they have cameras in the event of a crime in the area that may have captured footage that can be used in an investigation are encouraged to notify Det. Sgt. John Winter at jfwinter@slmpd.org or Det. Sgt. Karen Menendez at kamenendez@slmpd.org. (see attachment)

Speakers

- Michelle Forneris, Project Engineer, Missouri Dept. of Transportation (michele.forneris@modot.mo.gov) / 314-453-1799
 - As part of ongoing construction work to update six bridges in St. Louis City, Modot crews will close Tower Grove under I-44 for a month, starting Tuesday, May 15.

- Crews will close the roadway under the interstate between De Tonty and Lafayette on May 15 to construct the new eastbound I-44 bridge over Tower Grove.
- Detours will be marked. The roadway under the bridge will remain closed until mid-June.
- This work replaces interstate bridges at Kingshighway, Thurman and 39th Street and improves interstate bridges over Vandeventer, Tower Grove and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.
- Additional information can be found on their website: modot.org/stlouis

○ David Roither, Associate Circuit Court Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit

○ Matt Vianello, Attorney at Jacobson Press & Fields PC

- Described the Missouri Court Plan which does not allow for the election of judges. Instead, this system is based on a merit-selection process. More information can be found at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Missouri_Plan

• **Committee Reports**

○ **Treasurer – Rick Stein** (treasurer@towergroveheights.com)

- In Rick's absence, Vicky reported that the required annual audit was recently completed and there were no recommendations.

○ **Membership Secretary – Jean Iezzi** (membership@towergroveheights.com)

- No report.

○ **President – Vicky Dean** (president@towergroveheights.com)

- Reporting on the recent SLACO program, "Neighborhoods United for Change," Vicky stated that participants touring North Central and Tower Grove South/Tower Grove Heights discussed what communities mean to them.

○ **Safety Committee – Ryan Barry** (safety@towergroveheights.com)

- The porch light assessment is continuing.
- Barbara Gilchrist and Debra Knox Deiermann met with an electrician recommended by Rachel Witt to measure and assess the illumination levels of the new "enhanced" LED lighting versus the older lighting. (see attached report for details)

○ **Block Captains – Debra Knox Deiermann** (blockreps@towergroveheights.com)

- A speaker from Brightside STL will address the next meeting of the TGS-TGH Block Captains on May 14.
- We still need a Block Captain for 3600-3700 Hartford.

○ **Social Committee – Patrick Weber** (social@towergroveheights.com)

- In Patrick's absence, Vicky announced the next Heights Nights event will take place on May 8 at Crispy Edge, 4168 Juniata, 6-8 p.m.
- The first Playground Meet-Up will be Saturday, June 9, 9-10:30 a.m. at the east playground of Tower Grove Park.
- The next post-TGHNA meeting social hour will feature cookies. Please bring some to share.

○ **Engagement Committee – Vicky Dean** (engagement@towergroveheights.com)

- More volunteers are sought. Email for more info.

○ **South Grand Cultural Alliance – Myrinda Grantham, TGH/TGS Representative**

- May 4: St. Louis Public Schools presents performing arts in Ritz Park, 6-8 p.m.
- May 17: International Dine Around, 5-10 p.m.
- Check website for events: southgrand.org

- **Announcements**

- Next TGSNA meeting: May 16, 6:30 p.m., Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut
- Next TGHNA meeting: May 22, 7:15 p.m., Center for Divine Love, 3617 Wyoming
 - A Participatory Budgeting general assembly
- South Grand volunteer opportunity to replant rain gardens: May 5, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at 3500 Hartford.

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Knox Deiermann

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Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association values and seeks a diverse membership. The TGHNA Board recognizes and values the importance of inclusion.

Private Surveillance Camera Owners

For those residents of Tower Grove Heights(Tower Grove South) who own surveillance cameras and wish to supply the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department with any footage/access, please email the following Detective Sergeants with your email to include address, telephone number and location of hardware.

This is **completely** voluntary. We appreciate any assistance from citizens at anytime.

Det. Sgt. John Winter
JFWinter@SLMPD.ORG

Det. Sgt. Karen Menendez
KAMenendez@SLMPD.ORG

TGH Safety Committee
4-16-2018

Barbara reported she and Debra met with an electrician recommended by Rachel Witt to measure and assess the illumination levels of the “enhanced” LED lighting versus the older lighting in our neighborhood.

Measurements were taken on the north and south sides as well as the middle of the street along 3600-3700 Hartford where the new lights have been installed and then on the 3400 block in Tower Grove East, where the older lights are still in use.

The lighting, measured in foot candles, was highest in the middle of the street on 3600-3700 Hartford, as it was expected to be. However, the brightness of the light there causes pools of darkness between light standards as evidenced by the measurements.

The illumination was poor on the north side sidewalk and even poorer on the south side sidewalk on this street.

The illumination on 3400 Hartford was less bright in the middle of the street but was well-distributed overall, with no pools of darkness, even allowing enough illumination to see the house numbers on the south side from the north side sidewalk.

The electrician stated he could understand our concern for safety since the new lights actually decreased visibility on the sidewalks.

He stated there may be a different globe that could be used to increase visibility without the prohibitively expensive cost of getting new light standards and would research this for us.



RITZ PARK EVENTS

SLPS PRESENTS: PERFORMING ARTS IN THE PARK

Friday, May 4,
6-8PM

ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY



WITH FIRE DOG

Friday,
May 18,
6-8PM

Presented
by MO

Coalition for the
Environment



MOVIE NIGHT: RENT

Friday, June 15,
9PM



MOVIE NIGHT: JUMANJI

Friday,
August 17,
9PM

LECTURE: MICHAEL ALLEN PRESERVATION RESEARCH OFFICE

Friday,
August 24,
8PM



Ritz Park is located at
3147 South Grand.
Ritz Park events are free
and open to the public.



SOUTHGRAND.ORG

DISTRICTWIDE EVENTS

10TH SOUTH GRAND DINE AROUND: A RESTAURANT CRAWL

Thursday, May 17,
5-10PM

SOUTH GRAND 5TH FALL FEST

Saturday,
September
15,
11AM-8PM

**SOUTH GRAND
3RD CHALK WALK**
Saturday, October 13
10AM-7PM



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY 3RD TREE LIGHTING

CEREMONY

Saturday,
November 24,
4:30-6PM

SOUTH GRAND

**17TH
GRINCHMAS**
Saturday,
December 1,
9AM-1PM





SOUTH GRAND 2018 VOLUNTEER EVENTS



We Need Your Help!

Calling all gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts! The South Grand Community Improvement District is seeking hard-working volunteers to help us steward the native landscape areas located throughout the District.

We have events scheduled throughout the year that are open to small groups and individual volunteers. Check out the crew size below to see how many folks we need for each event. Experience is not required but enthusiasm is a must!

Volunteers will meet in the South Grand free parking lot at Hartford Street and Arkansas Avenue (3500 Hartford) at the beginning of each event.

DATE	TIME	PROJECT LOCATION	CREW SIZE
May 5	9AM — NOON	Plant landscape areas at Grand & Arsenal	6
June 4	9AM — NOON	Plant tree wells from Arsenal to Utah	6
August 7	6PM — 8PM	Weed Ritz Park and parking lot	6
September 8	9AM — NOON	Plant additional landscape areas	10-12
December 1	9AM — NOON	Prep landscape areas for winter	10-12

Free Food!

REGISTRATION:

Contact Angie Weber
at 314-583-0971 or
ecolandscapingstl@gmail.com

