

May 23, 2023 TGHNA monthly meeting: at CDL

7:16 Welcome: Greeting and intro from Erica Westbrooks, TGHNA Board President

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Nicola Walker: Tonight we had a special guest: Acting 2nd District Captin Zarrick. Captain Zarrick introduced himself and outlined his lifetime history with our neighborhood. Both Officer Walker and Captain Zarrick discussed ways to deter property crime.

Question: Are carjackings a TikTok challenge? Answer: No, they steal a car and then use it for a night of crime.

Question: Can one still get Club from City Hall? Answer: Yes. They are \$15. (There was a suggestion that we as a neighborhood purchase some).

6th Ward Alderperson Daniela Velazquez report: She briefly discussed the Ward reorganization. The Alders are currently discussing the budget. She mentioned that applications are open for City Boards and Commissions. She also discussed the Charter Commission; stating that nothing had happened with the Charter for over 100 years. But one of our residents pointed out that there have been previous Charter Committees (in fact she was on that committee in 2007).

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist: Christian Saller: He is on vacation and another Christian (Didn't hear last name) briefly presented for him.

Guest Speaker: Sean Spencer: Executive Director Tower Grove CDC:

Sean has been in his job for fourteen years. He pointed out that our own Jennifer Florida was instrumental in establishing the CDC. Eighteen months ago they expanded their service area further south and west. They focus on housing and stabilizing buildings and neighborhoods. They do real estate development; going in where other investors won't yet go; with the goal of attracting market rate investment later. For the next 3 years they will be focusing on the Dutchtown neighborhood. They are taking on some tough projects. Sean showed us a variety of before and after slides. Many of these homes were in the "wedge" area of TGS. The CDC has also been working on the Crossroads Senior Living project in the Bevo neighborhood.

Question: How many properties do you work on each year? Answer: Each year is different. There are 6-7 this year.

Question: Situation with Fanning School? Answer: He doesn't know. But the developer can re-apply for tax credits.

Question: Do you develop commercial properties too? Answer: Yes.

President's Report: Erica Westbrooks: The City is seeking applications from youths ages 12-18 for the City Youth Council. There will be one young person selected from each Ward. Applicaions are open through June 2nd.

Thanks to everyone who came out for the first Heights Night of the season at Riley's Pub. Thanks to Jean and Rich Iezzi for organizing it.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: In April, we spent \$100 on our donation for the South Grand Fall Fest, \$150 for the South Grand Median Project, \$11.12 in PayPal fees, and \$3.15 in postage stamps (this was to keep our PayPal debit card active). We took in \$165 in membership fees and \$2.67 in interest. Our total net worth as of 4/30/23 was \$8,330.93.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: There are 403 members. Membership sign up is available tonight!

Social Committee: Sharon Angle: We will have Heights Nights this year on the 2nd Tuesday of every month; during the warmer months. The next one this year will be in June: location TBD. Hours 6-8. We still really need a Social Committee Chair or Co-Chair for 2023! Please volunteer.

Block Captain report: Jennifer Florida: We have a new volunteer on Wyoming.

Communication Committee: Interim Chair is Jennifer Florida and we are searching for a new Chair for this committee.

Safety Committee Report: Jennifer Florida: The Safety Committee is now meeting only once every two months, on the second Monday of the month via Zoom. We still have two cameras available for installation. Adam Murray is installing our cameras. Let us know! We are considering investing in convex mirrors for our alleys.

Old Business: Revised Bylaws are now ready for review. Go to the TGHNA website to read them. During our June meeting, we will vote on them, with a voice vote. Beginning in July we will use the new voting rules (if approved).

New Business: We need volunteers for all committees!

Upcoming dates: next meeting is Tuesday June 27th at 7:15 PM at CDL.

Adjourn: 8:26 PM

Submitted by Sharon Angle