



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting - September 25, 2018
Convened: 7:25 p.m. Adjourned: 8:40 p.m. 20 attendees

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

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- Welcome to the new residents on 3800 Utah!

- **Neighborhood Reports**

- **15th Ward Aldermanic report** - Alderperson Megan Green (megan@meganellyiaagreen.com / 314-591-9587)

- Utah has been repaved; speed humps will be installed in about two weeks. There will be two on each side of the 3600-3700 block.
 - In about six months, vehicular speeds will be monitored on streets where humps have been installed to gauge their efficacy.
 - The initial voting on this year's participatory budgeting items has been completed and the top ten vote getters will be presented at the polls during the November election for final approval by residents. But before that, the final projects will be presented for review at the October neighborhood association meeting.
 - The Board of Alderman is still gathering info about privatizing the airport. A vote is not likely to happen for a year.
 - In response to a resident's question about why she opposes privatization, she stated Chicago did not get money they expected and the City will lose control over meters, streets, and it is problematic for the unions.

- **SLMPD 2nd District update** - Liaison Officer Ed Slade (edslade@slmpd.org)

- Robberies are down; larcenies are up especially on S. Grand, Chippewa, and in the wedge and Home Depot.
 - Officer Slade recently received approval to provide us with weekly reports such as crime reports.
 - There are foot patrols on S. Grand from 6 p.m. to midnight on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

- **Speaker: Kyle Juvers, Better Together (kyle@bettertogetherstl.com)**

- Better Together began in 2013 to look at the relationship between the City and County and services that get delivered.
 - They have done six studies which show that there are 113 governing bodies in the region costing \$2.3 billion per year. There are 90 department heads (mayors, county executives) none of whom report to each other. Costs are going up while population is going down in both the City and the County. There are gross disparities in services delivered.
 - In response to a question about how likely it is that a merger will happen, Kyle said that over the past few years, conversations about merger have shifted from "What is the problem?" to "How could this be accomplished?" He also said that, while small municipalities may be resistant to a merger, cost inefficiencies may push them in that direction.
 - More information at <https://www.bettertogetherstl.com/>

- **Speaker: Jessica Freiburger, STL City Recycles <http://stlcityrecycles.com/>**

- The biggest problem is contamination: wrong stuff is being put into the recycling bins and this may cause a change in services.

- Do not put cartons from the freezer in the recycling bins.
- The city may get rid of the recycling dumpsters and replace them with another collection method because the current dumpsters allow in large objects such as boxes that have not been broken down.
- 70% of our recycling goes to U.S. companies so don't be concerned if you hear that China is not accepting U.S. recycling.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Safety Committee – Ryan Barry (safety@towergroveheights.com)**
 - The committee is looking into security cameras and will have a proposal soon.
 - Members of the Shaw Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) attended our last meeting with information about what is going on there.
- **Block Captains – Debra Knox Deiermann (blockreps@towergroveheights.com)**
 - In Debra's absence, Ann reported that the last TGS-TGH Block Captain meeting featured a physician from Washington University Medical School who provided a "Stop the Bleed" training to help save lives. More info at <http://www.stopthebleedstl.org/>.
- **President – Vicky Dean (president@towergroveheights.com)**
 - TGHNA Board elections for 2019 will be discussed at the October meeting.
 - Autumn Fest, Tower Grove Heights' signature event, (a progressive dinner-type occasion), will be held on October 13, 5:00-8:30 p.m. at three neighborhood homes including the new living quarters of Dave and Sally Difani above Black Thorn Pizza and Pub. Metra Mitchell and Nick Taylor's house will again host the after party event. Registration/tickets can be purchased through our website, www.towergroveheights.com. [See current issue of the Gazette for all location/details.]
- **Membership – Jean Iezzi (membership@towergroveheights.com)**
 - Jean absent - no report
- **Social Committee – Patrick Weber (social@towergroveheights.com)**
 - Thanks to everyone who attended our last Heights Nights event of 2018 at Civil Life Brewing Co.
 - National Night Out – Tuesday, October 2. Beer wagons will be cruising the neighborhood and the Stoop Spirit Contest judging will take place.
 - October 13 – S. Grand Chalk Walk
 - October 28 – Hallowganza [this event has been cancelled]
 - Congratulations to our latest Matt-the-Cat (good neighbor) Award, Dave Difani, owner of Black Thorn Pub and Pizza.

- **Announcements**

- Next TGHNA meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 7:15 p.m. at Center for Divine Love
- Next TGSNA meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,
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