

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association March 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

President Jennifer Florida welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Zoom Meeting no longer has a waiting room. It allows auto entry but does require authentication- Zoom Account.

SLMPD Officer Nicola Walker, Community Liaison Officer reported that catalytic converter crimes are up. She is hosting a community meet and greet April 21st, 11-4, most likely will take place at Bamberger and Gravois. Officer Walker's contact info: 314-444-0100, ncwalker@Slmpd.org.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf, wolfk@stlouis-mo.gov, (314) 657-1374 reported that the Sidewalk Program has a new manager, more on that in the future. Brightside has a very user-friendly website. No real news on the status of trash.. Alderwoman Green was unable to attend our meeting.

Lewis Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen, guest speaker presented on: Redistricting- the new map went into effect this past January. We are now Ward 6. President Reed resides in Ward 6 as well. Their process followed Federal Law, 1965 Voting Rights Act (based on one person one vote) Draw in such a way that minimum amount of deviation. They also followed State Redistricting Guidelines: Compact/ Contiguous. The map was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen

Covid Relief Funds-.Board Bill 82 Vetoed by Mayor Jones, earlier this year. Investment in impoverished underdeveloped areas is a priority, growing the tax base and investing in public safety, education including corridors of north St. Louis. The US Treasury has deemed projects appropriate in qualified census tracts. The contracts were in place for rental assistance etc..now requires allocation of funds. President Reed is optimistic and thinks it a priority to get all funds allocated and spent. City is sitting on millions of dollars. Money in every category, he is pushing to get the funds through the door, no matter the politics.

Reform St. Louis-

- It is already a violation of State Law for Aldermen to take action on policies of conflicts of interest personal or financial which includes degree of sanguinity(family members)
- State Law already requires Political Officials/Aldermen to file Financial Disclosure.

President's Report- Jennifer Florida: TGHNA Executive Committee authorized a donation of \$150 to Friends of S Grand Median Initiative and \$100 to the South Grand Cultural Alliance sponsoring Sidewalk Chalk Event...As these requests flow in we may attempt fundraising-Please let me know if you have any ideas...

Tower Grove South Development Committee

I met with the Chairman, Dr Mark Abbott, who also serves as our liaison to TGS, an umbrella organization for TGS.neighborhoods. They have a draft of development guidelines that they would like to share. These guidelines were not applied to the Fanning proposal.

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The Committee has decided to provide a support letter for the Screaming Eagle Proposal 62 units, 57 parking spaces if they increase low mod units and include a space that can be used for community meetings and or voting.

Screaming Eagle will meet with Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens, the Special Business District, which includes the area around Fanning Middle School.

The Committee is agreeable to including TGHNA and TGSCC representation on the committee going forward. I hope this improves connectivity, inclusion and getting information out. It is important to recognize that there are so many new people and they may not know how to get plugged in...

We hope to kick off Heights Night in May...More to follow from Sharon Social Committee Chair...Happy Birthday shout out to our Treasurer Rick Stein!

Treasurer's Report- Rick Stein- Our net worth: \$11, 861.00, Safety Account \$2230.55
Expenditures Donuts and Pizza Valentine's Day 2nd District : \$221

Membership Committee, Jean lezzi not able to attend. -(423 last meeting)

Safety Committee- Erica Westbrooks on Vacation-Summary: The Committee has agreed to purchase 5 solar powered cameras. There have been 5 requests for cameras...

Social Committee Report, Chair Sharon Angle:(given by Jennier F..Sharon had difficulty w Zoom authentication. List of probable Heights Night locations begin in May- for 2022:

Padrinos (they have a private event space in their basement, but their proposed outdoor seating will only be 2-3 tables which is not enough)

The Gelateria (the outdoor patio). This would be a dessert event

Riley's (not in the neighborhood but they have a great new outdoor patio and the owner's live in the neighborhood)

The new tenant in VP Square

Back up plans could include The Blackthorn and Cafe Mochi. They do have plenty of outdoor seating.

Communications Committee- Chair Debra Knox Deiermann- 761 Mail Chimp Subscribers
Meeting Adjourned. Meeting Minutes submitted by Jennifer Florida, Recording Secretary, Sharon Angle was not able to access the Zoom Meeting.