

September 22, 2020 TGHNA meeting: via Zoom

7:15 Welcome

President Ryan Barry's statement: This is our first TGHNA monthly meeting via Zoom. The TGHNA Board has been meeting monthly on Zoom since March. All of our plans for 2020 have been put on hold. Welcome to new neighbors, members and first time attendees.

On Saturday August 29, 2020 STLMPD Officer Bohannon was shot and killed in the line of duty near Hartford and Spring. He was responding to an incident in the alley behind Hartford and at Steve and Mimi Haag's home. Another Officer was shot and wounded in the leg. There is a link on the TGHNA website for donations to Steve and Mimi since their home suffered extensive damage. The TGHNA made a donation to Backstoppers in memory of Officer Bohannon.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Slade: The STLMPD will beef up patrols on Halloween. Recent incidents have been shots fired on the 38xx block of Wyoming, and a burglary on S. Grand. Officer Slade's contact info is on Chat. (Zoom). Question: What happened in the incident in which Officer Bohannon was killed? Answer: Officer Bohannon, responding to a call, was getting out of his patrol car. He was shot from a 2nd story window of the Haag's home. The other Officer was coming to his aid, and was shot and wounded.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf's report: Please let her know what we would like her to work on. There will be no National Night out this year. Maybe we can have something in the Spring. October 6 is the next tax sale for properties. She put her contact info on Chat.

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green: not present.

Guest Speaker: Missy Kelly, President and CEO of Downtown St. Louis: There is a ten year plan for Downtown and Downtown West. The last plan was in 2000. Downtown now has 10,000 residents. Zoning laws for Downtown need to be changed. Missy presented seven strategic priorities but obviously Covid has impacted all planning and activities. There is now a plan for the first 100 days. Questions and Answers: (note: I had a problem hearing some of these. I think someone was not muted and had their TV on for a period of time). There were Chat questions about the rate of murder and about crime. Missy stated that there must be more police resources and secondary forces for late night times when more crime occurs. There should be better lighting. Also, there are gaps between attractions. These gaps must be filled so that more people feel safe.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: For the year overall expenses have been down. We have paid for and published two issues of the *Gazette*. We have had our audit this year. Our net worth is currently \$12,111.54. The Haags would like to thank everyone for the donations.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi via email: Membership is at 379 members.

Social Committee: none currently. We are looking for a Chair.

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: The Block Captains have not been meeting due to Covid. They did a clean-up at 4200 Wyoming

Communications Committee: 729 signed up for Mailchimp emails.

Safety Committee Report: Ryan Barry: We are still tracking car- jacking cases from last year.

Adjourn: 8:10 PM

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