

Tower Grove Heights General Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2023, 7:15 p.m.

- Our liaison police officer, Nicole Walker, did not attend the but sent the crime report to Jennifer Florida, chair of the Safety Committee.

- Our Board of Alderman, Daniela Velzquez, was unable to attend the meeting because of the State of the City address by Mayor Tishara Jones. Ms. Velzquez sent her report to Erica Westbrooks, president of the TGHNA. Erica shared the report with those in attendance.
 1. Applications for the city charter commission are now open.
 2. The new Board of Aldermen will have full board meetings on Fridays at 10 a.m.
 3. The Board will now have seven committees.
 4. Ms. Velzquez's contact information is: velazquezd@stlouis-mo.gov and 314-391-8862.

- A representative from New Earth Farm gave a presentation about a compost business that, for a fee, will pick-up food scraps from residents that will be returned as compost twice a year. This presentation was well received by those in attendance. For more information you can contact www.COMPOSTstl.com. Tower Grove Heights residents can get a free month of pick-up by registering on-line and use the on-line coupon of TGH.

- Christian Saller, the Neighborhood Stabilization Specialist, gave his report.
 1. The incident at the gas station at S. Grand and Humphrey was not a random act of violence. All the people involved knew each other. The owner of the station is cooperating with authorities and is willing to learn how to deter crime at the gas station.
 2. Three derelict cars have been removed from the area.
 3. The squatters at 3619 Humphrey have been removed and the doors have been boarded-up.
 4. No people should be in any building that has been condemned. Residents are encouraged to contact Mr. Saller at 314-657-1375 or SallerC@stlouis-mo.gov if they see people in any condemned building.
 5. Mr. Saller encourages residents to contact him about any problems in Tower Grove Heights such as potholes, trash, derelict vehicles, etc.

- TGHNA President's Report (Erica Westbrooks)
 1. The TGHNA general meetings will continue to be in-person. Any resident who is unable to attend the meetings can read the minutes on the website: towergroveheights.com.
 2. The Spring issue of the Gazette was cancelled because of a lack of articles and volunteers to help with the production of the Gazette. The Gazette staff hopes to put out a Summer issue. Volunteers are needed to write, proofread, handle advertising and do layout.
 3. A clean-up effort is scheduled for June 24 and 25, 2023. This is a city-wide project that is not part of Operation Brightside. You can contact Erica Westbrooks for more information.
 4. The TGHNA Board is working on making changes to the membership categories in the by-laws.
 5. The TGHNA is working on how to increase membership and volunteerism to support the committees.

- Treasurer's report (Rick Stein): \$8,427.53

- Membership Secretary's report (Jean Iezzi)
 1. TGHNA has 402 members.
 2. The goal is to have 500 members.
 3. The Board is considering increasing membership dues for 2024.

- Safety Committee Report (Jennifer Florida)
 1. The next meeting is May 15, 2023 via ZOOM.
 2. The committee will meet every other month.
 3. Two security cameras are available to residents.
 4. The committee is considering working with the Shaw Neighborhood of safety initiatives.

- Block Captain Committee and Mail Chimp Reports (Jennifer Florida)
 1. 743 people are signed in to the TGHNA Mail Chimp account.
 2. TGHNA Block captains continue to meet with the block captains of Tower Grove South (TGS).
 3. The two groups are working on increasing the number of volunteer block captains in
 4. TGS.
 5. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month.

- Social Committee report (Sharon Angle): Sharon Angle was unable to attend the meeting. She sent her report to Erica Westbrooks.
 1. Heights Night will resume in May. Details to be sent out at a later date.
 2. At the May Heights Night, a basket of summer skin care products worth \$150.00 will be raffled off to a lucky resident.
 3. The Board welcomes ideas of fund raising.
 4. This committee is seeking a chairperson or a co-chair and volunteers.

Before adjournment, Erica Westbrooks encouraged attendees to bring a neighbor to the May general meeting.

Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

