

February 26, 2019 -Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association General Meeting (agenda attached)

Called to order at 7:16 by Ann Stanley, the president of TGHNA.

Ann welcomed all and recognized the one first-time attendee.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison, Officer Slade, gave the crime report. His crime statistics handout is attached.

Katie Wolf, Neighborhood Improvement Specialist, gave her report. If you have a concern about potholes, speed humps, overflowing dumpsters, you should contact Katie. She will contact our alderperson, Megan Green. Katie reported that the task force to stop illegal dumping is working. In 2018 \$100 rewards were given out to people who turned in people dumping illegally. The total for rewards in 2018 was \$4000. So far in 2019, \$900 in rewards has be awarded. Since 2018, a total of \$51,000 has been collected in fines from those caught dumping illegally. The money from fines goes to the maintenance fund.

Treasurer Rick Stein was unable to attend the meeting. Ann Stanley reported that TGHNA has a balance of _____.

Jean Iezzi reported that the TGHNA has 353 members.

Ann Stanley reported that the Social Committee has planned an ice-cream social for March 12, 2019 at the Creamery located at Grand and Arsenal. The event is from 6:30-8:00 in the evening.

Ryan Barry of the Safety Committee reported that more detailed information about the camera initiative will be forthcoming. The next Safety Committee meeting will be March 18, 2019 at the Geletaria at 6:30.

Barbara Gilchrist gave her report on 3619 Humphrey. The owner, Nik Moon, is back in St. Louis. He has hired a lawyer. Nik's lawyer and the lawyer for TGHNA are in communication. Mr. Moon has 30 days to come into compliance. As of February 26, 2019, Mr. Moon has fixed one window but nothing else.

A report on Block Captains was given by Debra Knox-Deiermann. Block Captain meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month. Meetings are held at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.

Two events are being planned for 2019. Barbara Gilchrist and Debra Knox Deiermann are planning a Trivia Night to be held on April 27, 2019. Details will be forthcoming. A block party for the entire Tower Grove Heights neighborhood is being planned for late summer or early fall.

Two representatives, Coach Porter and Norah J. Ryan, spoke of an organization called Roosevelt High School Community Council. This council has been in existence since 2007. The brochure is attached.

Judge Edwards, St. Louis Director of Public Safety, was a guest speaker at the meeting. Judge Edwards said that he is responsible for keeping the citizens of St. Louis safe. He spoke of several initiatives that he has in place and of other programs he hopes to start to help reduce crime.

1. Wrote a Memorandum for Understanding to explain the job of the police department and to explain the role of the District Attorney's Office.
2. Expanding the "rectangle" to fight crime from North St. Louis to Downtown.
3. Working to get car jacking considered to be a serious crime not just robbery.

4. Working with special forces to reduce crime on Metro Link.
5. Judge Edwards wants more cameras all over the city to help with crime fighting.
6. Judge Edwards wants more shot spotters.
7. More police officers need to be hired. The city of St. Louis is down 144 officers.
8. Cooperation among SLMPD, ATF, DEA and FBI to form a partnership of undercover officers to fight crime.
9. Initiate Cease Fire to fight gun violence.
10. Judge Edwards encourages citizens to contact police when they witness a crime.
11. Expand a mentoring program to two years in the SLMPD between veteran officers and rookies.

Judge Edwards answered questions and listened to comments from the attendees.

Megan Green, 15th Ward Alderperson, spoke to us about....

1. There is an election for Aldermanic President on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.
2. Anyone who wants a speed hump placed in the 15th Ward should call Megan. Money for more speed humps will become available in July,2019.
3. The bill to regulate AirBnB's is back in committee.
4. Prop NS is also back in committee because of the problems found in the proposition.

The meeting was adjourned by president Ann Stanley at 8:45.