

February 22, 2022 TGHNA monthly meeting: via Zoom

7:16 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Jennifer Florida, 2022 TGHNA President. Intro of other Board members. Thanks to Committee chairs, Block Captains and Gazette managers.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker: Catalytic Converter thefts are still going on. There are not as many now but they can be any brand—not just a Prius or an Element. There have been five last month and two this month. There was a carjacking in the 3800 block of Juniata.

Question: Re: the recent carjacking in the 3800 block of Juniata; were the victims residents or were they just visiting? Not sure about that.

Question: Could she keep us informed about this so that we can reach out and help them (if they are residents). Answer: yes.

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: Recycling: We still don't have a start date. The City has now contracted with a company called Rubican. They helped Kansas City become more efficient with trash collection. They streamlined their system. St Louis is hoping they will now have to hire fewer workers. They are still looking to hire workers who will stay. Maybe by Spring recycling will be back.

The City has volunteer vacancies on Boards and Commissions. You can search the City portal for one that might be a good fit. You can apply on the portal. Please reach out to Megan with questions or if you need help.

Question: Could you please provide more information on what is happening with the Fanning School development?

Answer: The TGS Development Committee looked at the survey results and noted that there was support for the project (apartments) but there were concerns about adequate parking and also about not enough affordable housing. They then asked the Developer (Screaming Eagle) to make the project 30% instead of 20% affordable housing. They also asked for more community space in the building. The Developer has not yet responded. After their response, there will be another community meeting.

Question: (More of a comment): I don't agree with your survey and your summary.

Answer: Get involved with the TGS Development Committee and contact their Chair—Mark Abbott.

Question: Were all four entities in the area informed, involved and engaged in this process? (The four entities are TGS, TGH, S. Grand Business District and Tower Grove Concerned Citizens).

Answer: Yes. (A neighborhood participant then responded that actually only TGS and TGH had been informed and engaged).

Question: Will this project provide tax dollars into the district?

Answer: Yes, this project will provide tax dollars into this district.

Question: Were there other development proposals for this property?

Answer: Yes. There is a contingency offer. It is from a group in Atlanta who wants to put in gallery space and artist live/work space.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf: NA

Guest Speaker: Cordell Whitlock, Vector Communications Corporation:

He spoke about the Forest Park Forever project to develop the Steinburg Ice-skating Rink into a year-round venue.

Steinburg has been an Ice-skating rink since 1957. (This writer learned to skate there when she was four or five). Forest Park Forever's Master Plan of 1995 included a plan for Steinburg to be operational year-round. They are now trying to make that part of the plan a reality and would like to have as much public input as possible. He has given about 40 presentations so far. One idea is to add a second floor to the existing building and perhaps have a restaurant there so patrons can look out on the skating.

By June or July of this year, all the feedback will have come together and there will be one design format. In the meantime, please provide feedback on what you would like to see added to that venue. There is a hotline and comment forms will be available for another month. There will be public meetings both virtual and in person and he will send us those dates and times.

Question: What is the parking situation there like?

Answer: It is not good. That is something the Design Committee will have to address.

President's Report: Jennifer Florida: TGHNA sponsored the Tower Grove Park Farmer's Market again this year for \$250. The TGHNA Safety Committee provided doughnuts and pizza to the 2nd District police on Valentine's Day. If you have requests for future speakers for meetings, please let Jennifer know.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: In January, we spent \$7,939.39 on the 100 Neediest Cases campaign (which included the copying of the flyers, paying for some gifts, and distributing \$2,550 to each of the three families). We spent \$112.42 on our Zoom account, and \$12.03 on PayPal commissions. We took in \$260 in membership dues, \$683.95 in 100 Neediest Cases donations, \$0.34 in interest, and \$0.86 in donations. Our net worth as of 1/31/22 was \$10,914.77.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: There are 426 members. We just added two new members.

Social Committee: Sharon Angle: We will have Heights Nights again this year, beginning in April, either inside or outside, depending on the safety level. Stay tuned for more info at the March meeting.

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: We are still looking for a Block Captain for 36-3700 Wyoming.

Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman: We have 748 on Mail Chimp email. We keep adding new people as they join.

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks: We are doing an inventory of people in the neighborhood who have cameras. With this info, we can check the cameras if crimes occur. With the money we have left in our Camera funds, we are ordering new cameras and getting them placed. We will be doing an inventory of alley lighting after Daylight Savings Time begins.

We are looking for a new Chair for 2022 and beyond.

Old Business: NA

New Business: NA

Upcoming dates: TGHNA Board meeting March 3 at 7 PM. The next Membership monthly meeting is March 22 at 7:15. Both via Zoom.

Adjourn: 8:00

Submitted by Sharon Angle