

March 28, 2023 TGHNA monthly meeting: at CDL

7:16 Welcome: Greeting and intro from Erica Westbrooks, TGHNA Board President

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker: NA

15th Ward Alderperson report: NA.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist: Christian Saller: The house at 3627 Utah has been condemned. The owner never rehabbed it. The City is doing everything it can. The owner never returns calls.

Guest Speaker: Rachel Witt: Executive Director S. Grand CID:

Rachel outlined what her organization does. Recent news: There will be two new businesses opening soon. One will be a vegan restaurant and the other will be a diner (in the former City Diner building). Other restaurants have applied for liquor licenses. Lulu's will be re-opening this Spring, after a remodel.

The Urban Land Institute did a recent conceptual and exploratory study on the District. Can a new anchor be created? The bank will have a new building and will stay in the neighborhood. The District applied for a grant from AARP for a new bus shelter.

Coming events: Beer Crawl, Dine Around, Fall Fest (already 50 vendors signed up!), Grinchmas, Tree Lighting (check website for dates).

Question: What's going on with TG Creamery? Answer: There is a lawsuit.

Question: Situation with Pawn Shop? Answer: for sale but the price is too high.

Question: What's going on with the two houses near the Optometry shop? Answer: One is being rehabbed and the other is owned by the Vine Café. They will make it into a restaurant.

Special guests: Connect Community Center: The three business owners who were in attendance have leased the space at 3892 Wyoming, which has been empty for over a year. They focus on wellness services with a community orientation. They will offer diverse classes, and do bodywork. They would like to do quarterly evening special events (non-alcoholic) such as poetry readings. For this the property will need two variances. The hearing for the variances is April 5th. Connect Community Center would like the TGHNA to recommend them for the two variances they will need. They have gotten signatures of support from residents who live near 3892 Wyoming. This is important since one of the variances is for parking. Their landlord also wrote a letter of support which was shared with us.

They stated that many of their existing clients live in our area. They feel that there is a long strip of parking on Gustine that can be utilized. They shared their brochures with our group and offered to answer questions.

President's Report: Erica Westbrooks: The City needs lifeguards for summer. There is also a youth employment program available.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: In February our only expense was \$16.47 in PayPal fees. We took in \$265 in membership dues, \$0.02 in interest, and \$13.63 from Amazon Smile (note: the Amazon Smile program will be ending sometime this spring). Our total net worth as of 2/28/23 was \$8,141.46.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi: There are 400 members. The goal is 500!

Social Committee: Sharon Angle: We will have Heights Nights again this year on the 2nd Tuesday of every month; during the warmer months. The first one this year will be May. We still need a Social Committee Chair or Co-Chair for 2023! Please volunteer.

Block Captain report: Jennifer Florida: NA

Communication Committee: We need a new Chair for this committee.

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks (for Jennifer Florida): The Safety Committee will begin meeting only once every two months, on the second Monday of the month. We still have two cameras available for installation. Adam Murray is installing our cameras. Let us know!

Old Business: The Exec Board is in the process of reviewing the Bylaws.

New Business: Annual City-wide trash pick-up. This is different from what Brightside does.

Upcoming dates: next meeting is Tuesday April 25th at 7:15 PM at CDL. Kevin from Metro will be the guest speaker.

Adjourn: 8:15 PM

Submitted by Sharon Angle

Note: Immediately after the meeting was adjourned the Exec Board took a vote to recommend the two variances for Connect Community Center. Erica Westbrooks moved to take a vote and Sharon Angle seconded it. The first variance was for more people to occupy at a time and the second was for parking. The "Ayes" won for both variances. (This vote needed to take place before the April 5 deadline).