



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting - July 23, 2019
Convened: 7:16 p.m. Adjourned: 8:40 p.m. 28 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Ann Stanley (president@towergroveheights.com)

Welcome - Recognition of first-time attendees

Neighborhood Updates

- 1) *SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison - Officer Slade, not able to attend*
- 2) *Neighborhood Improvement Specialist - Katie Wolf, not able to attend*
- 3) *15th Ward Alderwoman - Megan Green*
 - a. *Park access improvements along Arsenal are delayed due to rain. The repaving of Arsenal will begin once completed.*
 - b. *Board of Alderman is on summer break*
 - c. *Plans to introduce Charter Amendment to protect city's assets against privatization. Goal to have public vote required for any privatization*

Board and Committee Reports

- 4) *Treasurer - Rick Stein, unable to attend. Report given by Ann Stanley*
 - a. *Net worth as of 6/30/19 \$13,577*
- 5) *Membership Secretary - Jean Iezzi*
 - a. *360 members currently*
 - b. *Email membership secretary if questioning status of membership (membership@towergroveheights.com)*
 - c. *Online membership forms can be found at www.towergroveheights.com*
- 6) *Social Committee - Ann Stanley*
 - a. *Heights Night: Next up- August 13th 5:30-8:00 at Cafe Natasha*
- 7) *Safety Committee - Ryan Barry (safety@towergroveheights.com)*
 - a. *Camera Initiative - Three more Arlo cameras to install. Next up is Gustine/Wyoming and South Spring*
 - b. *New initiative - Schnucks location at South Grand and Gravois. Reach out to Schnucks to clean up immediate area surrounding their store.*
 - c. *Clearing trees obstructing stop signs at intersections throughout the Heights.*
- 8) *Block Captains - Debra Knox Deiermann*
 - a. *Next meeting is planned for August 12th at 630pm at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church (2nd Monday of the month)*
 - b. *Discuss survey results for topics of interest for future meetings.*
- 9) *Party in the Heights, September 7th 4-8pm*
 - a. *SAVE THE DATE!!*

Guest Presentation: Great Rivers Greenway - Chouteau Greenway

- *Chouteau Greenway is meant to connect the Gateway Arch with Forest Park from east to west and Fairground Park to Tower Grove Park from north to south.*
- *Currently in Recommendation Phase: Stoss Landscape Urbanism Design Team makes recommendations for implementation of plan.*
- *Virtual Open House is available until August 2nd to voice your comments prior to next step which will be the strategic planning of the implementation.*
- *Two pros of the Chouteau Greenway: Connectivity and Attraction for the City.*
- *Two concerns of the Chouteau Greenway: Cost and maintenance.*
- *Please see attached documents for more details.*

Update on Tower Grove Park Access Improvements and Arsenal repaving

- *Sidewalk improvements and concrete flatwork expected to be completed by mid-August*
- *Signal work expected to be completed in September (awaiting equipment)*
- *Paving and striping of Arsenal is expected to be completed by mid-September (weather permitting)*

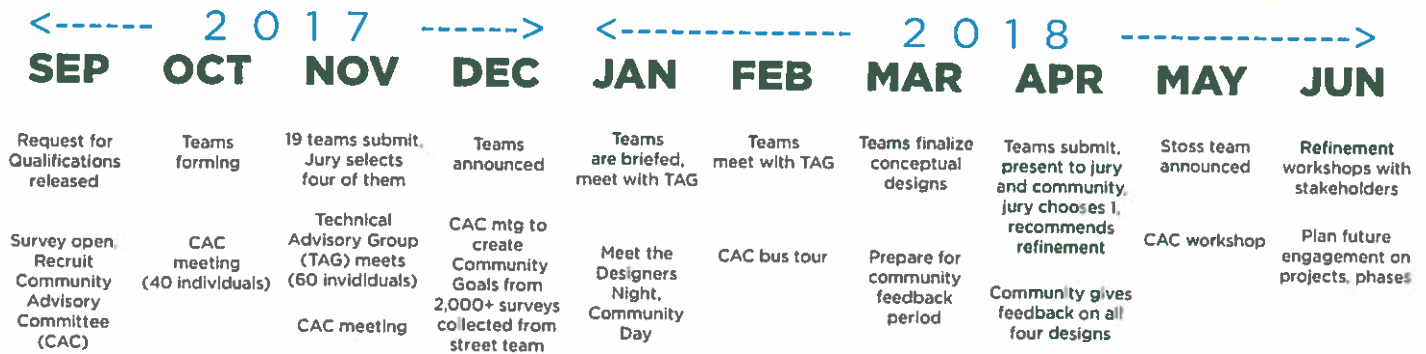
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Upcoming Events

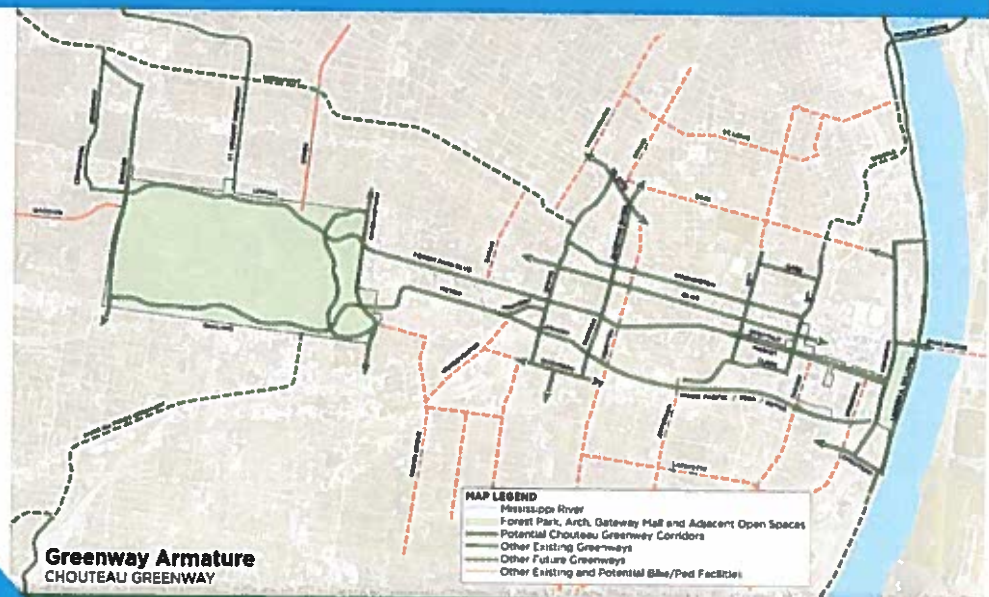
- *08/12/19 - 6:30 pm TGS/TGH Block Captain Oak Hill Presbyterian*
- *08/13/19 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm Heights Night - Cafe Natasha*
- *08/19/19 - 6:30 pm TGH Safety Committee meeting - Gelateria on South Grand*
- *08/21/19 - 6:30 pm TGSNA General Meeting, Oak Hill Presbyterian Church*
- *08/27/19 - 7:15 pm TGHNA General Meeting, 3617 Wyoming, Center for Divine Love*

WHERE WE'VE BEEN: Chouteau Greenway International Design Competition

Public and private partners came together to fund an international design competition in 2017 and 2018 to generate bold ideas and new perspectives on the idea of connecting Forest Park to the Gateway Arch, with connections north and south. With community input from start to finish, teams from around the world submitted their qualifications, a jury chose four to compete and then selected the Stoss Landscape Urbanism team, made up of several local and national firms/individuals with a wide range of expertise.



The working map diagram from the competition shows all possible routes to explore. Key piece of feedback from St. Louis residents - "connect neighborhoods north and south into this project."



WHERE WE ARE: Working Groups

During the competition, we had a Community Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Group and Design Oversight Committee. Moving forward, we'll have an overall **Steering Committee and four Working Groups** for the project.

Critical to this work is having **many voices at the table**; all five groups will support and inform the design team's work. We expect that members subscribe to consensus and value-based decision-making processes to benefit the region as a whole. This effort not only includes representation from the 19 city neighborhoods that lie within the project area, but also technical experts, community leaders and other stakeholders.



The Steering Committee and Working Groups had orientation this morning!
Please welcome to the Chouteau Greenway Team:

STEERING COMMITTEE

Yemi Akande-Bartsch

Rodney Boyd

Cindy Brinkley

Rodney Crim

Alison Ferring

Steven Harris**

Erica Henderson

Lesley Hoffarth

Derek Laney

Katie Lappe

Jim Mann**

Linda Martinez

Adnan Omeragic

Deborah Patterson

Gregory Patterson

Melissa Paz

Brian Phillips

Gilberto Pinela

Emily Pultzer

Don Roe

Will Ross

Jonathan Smith

Lisa Suggs

Hank Webber

Mike Whittle

Otis Williams

Lester Woods

DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION WORKING GROUP

Pacia Anderson

Urana Ballard

Matt Bernstine

Arjun Bhat

Tracy Boaz

Rich Bradley

Mary Chandler

Lols Conley

Paul Fendler

Michelle Forneris

Chris Goodson

Imran Hanafi

Ametra Harris

Lesley Hoffarth**

Nicholas Hoffman

Gavin Kroeber

Michael Lucido

Ronaldo Luna

Lisa Melandri

David Newburger

Adnan Omeragic**

Deborah Patterson

Melissa Paz

Don Roe

Felicia Shaw

Steve Sobo

Brian Temple

Jay Watson

GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Merelyn Becker

Michael J. Browning

Bill Carson

Ken Franklin

Ed Hassinger

Phil Huise

Bill Kuehling

Linda Martinez**

Stephanie Mickles

Marian Nunn

Steve O'Loughlin

Sheila Rendon

Steve Smith

Lucie Springmeyer

Jason Terry

Monique Williams

Rosie Willis

Lester Woods**

EQUITY WORKING GROUP

Yemi Akande-Bartsch**

Tamar Brown

Charles Bryson

Glenn Bureleigh

Jenny Connelly-Bowen

Andy Crossett

Nerishka Cruz

Darren Jackson

Ro Kicker

Vin Ko

LaShana Lewis

Ryan McClure

Kimberly McKinney

Bradley Naert

Rudy Nickens

Ralph Pfremer

Gilberto Pinela**

Alex Roberts

A.J. Sander

Lucas Signorelli

Julianne Stone

Rikki Takeyama Menn

Katy Thomas

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Abdul-Kaba Abdullah

Dustin Allison

Kevin Bryant

Audrey Ellerman

Liza Farr

April Ford Griffin

Brooks Goedeker

Karl Guenther

Karin Hagaman

Garrick Hamilton

Erica Henderson**

Mike Holmes

Brian Hurd

Missy Kelley

John Langa

Karen Levernez

Dennis Lower

Sal Martinez

Brian Phillips**

Carolyn Seward

Esther Shin

Otis Williams

** = CO-CHAIR



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WHAT'S COMING NEXT: Framework Plan

The next step will be to create an overall framework plan, studying the entire project area within the four topics of:

LOOK AND FEEL (the brand, the identity, the amenities)

ALIGNMENT (feasibility of possible routes)

EQUITY (exploring how to achieve equitable outcomes in project and process)

ECONOMIC GROWTH (exploring how this project can be a catalyst for opportunity)

When the framework is complete in Summer 2019, pieces of geography will be studied in projects called “labs” to test the framework and further design specific greenway segments.



The areas to be studied stretch from Washington University and Forest Park through our city to downtown and the Gateway Arch, north to Fairground Park and south to Tower Grove Park, connecting our city's vibrant neighborhoods, parks, business and arts districts, employment centers, transit and dozens of cultural and educational institutions.

Could connect up to 19 city neighborhoods:

Carr Square	JeffVanderLou
Central West End	Midtown
Covenant Blu-Grand Center	Shaw
Compton Heights	Skinker DeBaliviere
DeBaliviere Place	St. Louis Place
Downtown	Tiffany
Downtown West	Tower Grove East
Forest Park Southeast	Vandeventer
The Gate District	Wydown Skinker
Greater Ville	



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| CHOUTEAU GREENWAY: Mission, Vision, Intended Outcomes

MISSION & VISION:

Chouteau Greenway will transform St. Louis by connecting people and our City's most treasured places, creating inspiring experiences and equitable opportunities for growth.

INTENDED OUTCOMES:

Exceptional Experience

Chouteau Greenway is a series of dynamic spaces where vibrant activities are happening throughout the year. Chouteau Greenway is a regional gathering place where people linger, learn, and engage in memorable experiences that connect them to St. Louis and to each other.

Civic Well-Being

Chouteau Greenway is a transparent, accountable, and inclusive project that boosts civic pride, care, and consideration, leaving a legacy for future generations. Chouteau Greenway is a common ground that unites communities and strengthens relationships.

Connectivity

Chouteau Greenway connects St. Louis' iconic neighborhoods, institutions, transit, employment centers, business and arts districts, innovation hubs, and public spaces.

Economic Growth

Chouteau Greenway creates equitable opportunities for growth and inspires continued catalytic public and private investments by building places for people to come together to live, work, play, and visit.

Environmental Leadership

Chouteau Greenway is a model for excellence in ecology with engaged communities who are stewards of our natural resources.

Healthy Lifestyles

Chouteau Greenway is a network of accessible and inviting places and paths that encourage exploration, exercise, active transportation, and daily use that enhances physical and mental well-being for people of all ages and all abilities.



Images by: Rick K. Smith, Landscapes, Urban



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Take the Virtual Open House Survey!

The **Framework Plan for Chouteau Greenway** will guide how the greenway is equitably designed, operated and maintained, while also ensuring it will be a reflection of St. Louis and the various neighborhoods it connects.

Take the **Chouteau Greenway Virtual Open House Survey** to provide feedback on components of the plan at <https://bit.ly/2XYqxEL> or scan the QR code below



Visit www.ChouteauGreenway.org for more info

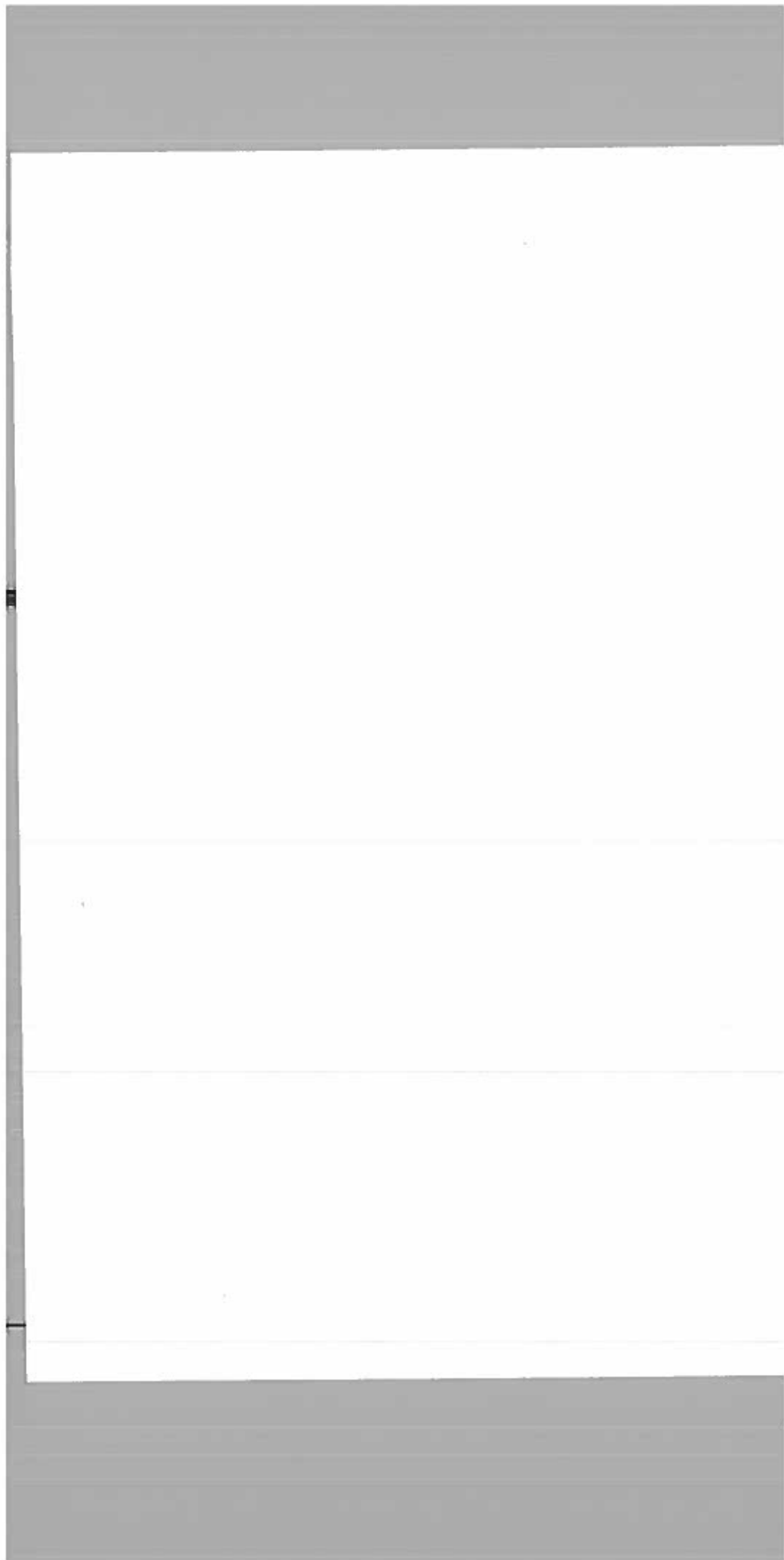


Chouteau Greenway Proposed Study Areas

MAP LEGEND

- Signature Projects
- Existing Greenways
- Proposed Greenways
- Study Areas





THANK YOU...

- » for voting to leave this legacy.
- » for investing your sales tax dollars.
- » for giving us feedback.
- » for visiting and volunteering.
- » for making our region a more vibrant place to live, work and play!

Donate to support the greenways:

www.GreatRiversGreenway.org/support



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LIVE LIFE OUTSIDE

Greenways (built & planned) in the St. Louis region



MISSION:

Great Rivers Greenway works with partners and communities to build, promote and sustain a network of greenways, making the St. Louis region a vibrant place to live, work and play.

WHAT IS A GREENWAY?

Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people & places.

Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects. Greenways can include:

Trails where you can take a walk, go for a run, ride a bike or just get some fresh air. These are mostly paved but can be natural surface.

Conservation projects to maintain healthy habitats & watersheds, such as rain gardens, native plants, restored prairies, wetlands & floodplains.

Amenities like restrooms, water fountains, benches, bike racks, signs & parking.

Connections to businesses, jobs, transit, neighborhoods, schools, cultural destinations, rivers, creeks, parks & conservation areas.



Great Rivers Greenway is the public agency connecting the St. Louis region with greenways. In 2000, a vote of the people created a sales tax to leave a legacy for future generations by investing in and connecting together some of our region's best assets – *rivers & parks*. Those funds allow us to collaborate with partners and communities, to build, care for and bring to life your network of greenways, creating healthy habitats and watersheds along the way.



LIVE LIFE OUTSIDE

Use the greenways to explore the St. Louis region in new and different ways. Whether you're commuting to work or school, exploring neighborhoods or businesses, exercising or connecting to nature, the greenways are a great way to discover all that our vibrant region has to offer.

We're committed to the long-term well-being of the St. Louis region – our people, our environment and our economy. Our network of greenways strengthens the health of all three. When our communities connect and grow together, the whole region thrives.



Find out about our active projects:
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