



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting - May 28, 2019  
Convened: 7:17 p.m. Adjourned: 8:30 p.m. 31 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Ann Stanley ([president@towergroveheights.com](mailto:president@towergroveheights.com))

Welcome - Recognition of first-time attendees

Announcements - Thank you to Aletto Construction for hosting this month's Heights Night. Roosevelt Community Council fundraiser was very successful over the weekend. Congratulations to Past-President Vicky Dean, she and her wife are moving to Denver for a new job opportunity.

#### Neighborhood Updates

- 1) SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison - Officer Slade
  - a. Officer Slade reported there have been new homeless people panhandling near the Carpenter Library branch. Recommended calling 911 if there is aggressive begging. Suggested documenting your property in case of garage theft, more episodes recently.
  - b. Court date for Chasnick Higgins is now tentatively set for June 24th. (Person charged with carjacking)
  - c. See attached crime report for latest stats.
- 2) Neighborhood Improvement Specialist - Katie Wolf, not able to attend
- 3) 15th Ward Alderwoman - Megan Green, not able to attend

#### Board and Committee Reports

- 4) Treasurer - Rick Stein
  - a. Net worth as of 4/30/19 \$12,744
- 5) Membership Secretary - Jean Iezzi
  - a. 360 members currently
  - b. June 30th is deadline for member's information to make it into the Buzz Book
- 6) Social Committee - Ann Stanley
  - a. Heights Night: July and August are still pending. Awaiting new restaurant to open in MeKong location or new CDC location.
- 7) Safety Committee
  - a. Camera Initiative - Ryan Barry
    - i. Looking for homes at the corners of intersections with strong wi-fi, outdoor power, comfortable using app for camera. Looking for places to put cameras in the alley.
  - b. 3619 Humphrey - Barbara Gilchrist
    - i. Homeowner has until May 17th to meet requirements before we move forward with lawsuit. It was decided that as long as the scaffolding comes down by the deadline, we will not move forward with lawsuit.
- 8) Block Captains - Debra Knox Deiermann
  - a. Next meeting is planned for June 10th at 630pm at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church (2nd Monday of the month)
  - b. Next speaker is Jesse Sieger-Walls, new Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association President
- 9) Events
  - a. Tower Grove Pride, June 29th. THGNA will have a booth in the park

b. *Block party update: Party in the Heights, September 7th 4-8pm*

*Guest Presentation: Sean Spencer, Executive Director, Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation (TGHCDC)*

- *TGHCDC works with Tower Grove South, Shaw and Southwest Garden*
- *Much of their recent work has been done in the “Wedge” area (surrounding by Grand Ave, Chippewa, and Gravois)*
  - o *They are buying and rehabbing problem and nuisance properties to name rentals available that are affordable and some are owner occupied. Stabilize neighborhoods and streets.*

*Guest Presentation: Rachel Witt, Executive Director, South Grand Community Improvement District (SGCID)*

- *Update given regarding flyers on South Grand: Community Power Network versus Patriot Front. Police are aware and flyers have been taken down.*
- *New rentals: Alta Calle, Mexican cuisine moving into old Mekong location (early June). Urban Matter, retail in old Avon store (early July). The old Rocket Century location has been rented out as well as space formally used by Hot Yoga Studio.*
- *Working with Alderwomen Green and Rice with Human Services regarding homeless issues in St. Louis.*
- *Sign Overlay District to limit size of signage along South Grand. Special Use District in order to restrict types of business and number of similar stores. Focus group to form soon.*

*Adjourn*

*Upcoming Events*

- *05/13/19 - 6:30 pm TGS/TGH Block Captain Oak Hill Presbyterian*
- *05/14/19 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm Heights Night - Aleto*
- *05/20/19 - 6:30 pm TGH Safety Committee meeting - Gelateria on South Grand*
- *05/15/19 - 6:30 pm TGSNA General Meeting, Oak Hill Presbyterian Church*
- *05/26/19 - Roosevelt High School Football Fundraiser, 12:00 - 6:00 pm at Riley's Pub*
- *05/28/19 - 7:15 pm TGHNA General Meeting, 3617 Wyoming, Center for Divine Love*