

September 29, 2021 TGHNA monthly meeting: via Zoom

7:17 Welcome

Greeting and intro from Jennifer Florida, 2021 TGHNA President-elect. President Patrick Weber is traveling. Intro of other Board members.

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Walker: NA

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: The Board of Aldermen held their first meeting about re-districting. The Board will be reduced from 28 to 14 wards. The public will have opportunities to weigh-in both in person and via Zoom. The dates are not set yet.

Planning has begun for the McDonald Park Dog Park Committee. They are meeting via Zoom and would like to add more members.

Covid update: Numbers still remain higher than we would like. Our zip code has some of the highest in the City, given that we are so densely populated. Our vaccination rate is at 52% but needs to be at least 70%. Please continue to wear masks and socially distance.

Question: Where in the City can one get a gift card with vaccination? Are the gift cards given out with the third shot? Answer: At federally qualified health care centers. Green isn't sure if they are given out with the third shot.

Question: Is there a time limit on the funds for the Dog Park to be released if the Park never happens, because it has already been delayed for so long? Answer: It's not time yet to give up on it. By next summer full plans will be in place.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Katie Wolf: Not much to update. National Night Out is coming up on the 38xx block of Connecticut. Please turn on your porch light that night (and every night). The Safety Committee is still doing its Sidewalk Survey. There have been lots of calls lately about burglaries—mainly backyards and garages. Please call in anything suspicious.

Guest Speaker: Tower Grove Park: Director of Development David Lauber:

According to the 2017 Master Plan, the Old Playground and the Turkish Pavilions are now lit until 10 PM. The Park had a successful Pride event last weekend. An upcoming event is Pokemon (Nov. 12-13). There will be 15,000 people in the park each day!

Construction has halted on the east stream. It will start again soon. Some trees were not in the location the planners thought, and roots can't be moved. There are about three weeks of hard construction left. Carless days will continue into 2022. Over the past three years we have built a wonderful relationship with the Osage Nation. Park membership continues to grow.

Questions: None. Rick Stein thanked the Park for the bench and plaque honoring Officer Bohannon (this was not free, we paid the Park \$5,000 for the plaque).

Guest Speakers: City of St. Louis Zoning: Dylan Mosier and Cecilia Dvorak:

They discussed the proposed S. Grand Special Use District. This is part of their outreach to all the surrounding neighborhoods. A Special Use District (SUD) can provide limitations and flexibility and respond to issues of health and welfare. It can help an area become more pedestrian friendly. The zoning would be H Commercial.

There would be Prohibited Uses such as convenience stores, blood donor facilities, pawn shops, gas stations, rent-to-own, public storage facilities, open storage, laundries open after 11 PM or before 6 AM, and bars open after 1 AM and before 6 AM.

There would also be Conditional Uses such as B&Bs, second hand clothes shops, package liquor, electronics, beauty supply, barber and beauty, and laundries open 6 AM-11PM.

There would be Sign Regulations: all new proposed signage would use “F” neighborhood zone district regulations. Outdoor lighting would prohibit string or rope lights.

Questions: Would the lighting limitations eliminate the twinkle lighting we have now? Answer: No.

What are the next steps? Answer: Nothing now. They will present to other neighborhoods and business owners, and then have an “Open House.”

President’s Report: Patrick Weber: Thank you to everyone who came out for our events this month—the Officer Bohannon Memorial dedication on September 10th and the Neighborhood-wide Block Party this past Saturday September 25th. Both were well attended and a success due to those who contributed to the planning and all the neighbors who volunteered.

If you haven’t yet seen the Officer Bohannon Memorial I urge you to stop by the next time you are in TG Park. It’s located on Main Drive at the southeast corner of Cypress Circle between the Cypress South and Chinese Pavilions.

It’s that time of year again—elections for the 2022 TGHNA Board. I (Patrick Weber) will move to Past President and Jennifer Florida will serve as President on next year’s Board. Nominations for Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and the 3-year commitment of President-Elect (2022/President (2023)/Past President (2024) will be held at the November Membership Meeting on November 23rd. If you have questions about the roles or the commitment please reach out to any current Board member.

At this point the host lost her internet connection and the meeting ended early. We apologize for the tech glitch!

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: NA

Membership report: Jean Iezzi via email: NA

Social Committee: Ryan Barry: NA

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: NA

Communication Committee: Debra Knox Deierman: NA.

Safety Committee Report: Erica Westbrooks: NA

Old Business: NA

New Business: NA

Upcoming dates: NA

Adjourn: 8:12

Submitted by Sharon Angle