

November 24, 2020 TGHNA meeting: via Zoom

7:17 Welcome

Welcome to new neighbors, members and first time attendees

SLMPD Neighborhood Liaison's report : Officer Slade: Crime has been down in general this month. There have been four larcenies from vehicles. There are new towers that pick up shots fired noises at Bent and Utah. If requested, SLMPD can provide more of these towers. There was a question about what could be done to ward off violent attacks with a knife or gun. Answer: use a confident walk, make eye contact. But is there is not time to plan ahead as is often the case, just cooperate with the robber.

15th Ward Alderperson Megan Green's report: TGS is a new hotspot for the Corona Virus. According to contact tracing, small gatherings in people's homes have been a major spreader. There is currently a backlog in testing of 5-7 days, and ICUs are at 90-95% capacity. Lots of hospital capacity has been taken up by people from rural MO. There was a question about how contact tracing works. Megan explained.

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist report: Katie Wolf: She said to call the Citizen Service Bureau if you see folks not following Covid rules and guidelines. She cited projects she is currently working on: neglected cars being ticketed and towed, vacant houses, excavation permits. Lots of sidewalk work is currently going on.

There was a question about a house in the 36xx block of Hartford with rehab problems. The rehab has been very slow, the sidewalk has been blocked off, and work stopped to obtain proper permits and architectural plans. There was an issue with phone service to the property being cut. Neighbors have been meeting and discussing these problems for the last several months. Question: Why did no one contact the TGHNA Board about these problems? The property is in our neighborhood. Instead, the TGS Development Committee was involved. Answer: Katie promised, in future, to let the Board know if a similar situation arises.

Guest Speaker: Sean Spencer from the TG Neighborhoods CDC: Six years ago these neighborhood CDCs combined. They are a 501c3 non-profit and employ six full time staff. The CDC now has 86 affordable rental units which are 20-30% lower than market rates. They have single family housing in Dutchtown and Gravois Park. In the Wedge area, they have 14 properties on Bamburger and Hydraulic. These are quality, affordable rentals. They are working hard to stabilize these blocks. The latest large project is a 53 unit senior housing project in the Bevo neighborhood, across the street from the Bevo Mill. Question: what is happening with the Melba building on S. Grand? Answer: the Garcia family bought it for re-development, but work has been delayed because it has taken two years to get approval.

100 Neediest; TGH is again sponsoring two families. See flyer or link on TGHNA website.

TGHNA Board Officer Elections 2021: all candidates ran unopposed. **President-elect:** Jennifer Florida, **Treasurer:** Rick Stein, **Recording Secretary** Sharon Angle, **Membership Secretary** Jean Iezzi, **Past President** is Ryan Barry. **President** for 2021 is Patrick Weber.

TGHNA President Ryan Barry thanks all 2020 Board members for their service to the neighborhood.

Treasurer Report: Rick Stein: We spent \$123 on the *Gazette*, a \$100 donation to Backstoppers in Officer Bohannon's memory, and \$326 to renew our PO Box. We received \$110 in memberships, and \$175 through PayPal. Our net worth as of November is \$10,014.12.

Membership report: Jean Iezzi via email: Membership is at 385 members.

Social Committee: none currently. We are looking for a Chair.

Block Captain report: Debra Knox Deierman: The Block Captains delivered flyers for the 100 Neediest. We have 756 signed up for MailChimp emails. We still need a Block Captain for 36-3700 Wyoming. Please sign up for Smile Amazon and escripts at Schnucks so the TGHNA can benefit.

Safety Committee Report: Ryan Barry: no report this month.

Adjourn: 8:45 PM

Submitted by Sharon Angle