

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
January 27, 2015 Convened: 7:19 p.m. Adjourned: 8:35 p.m. 79 attendees

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association (TGHNA) meeting was co-chaired by Past-president Mike Newsham and President Kelly Stout.

Mike Newsham, TGHNA Past-president

- First-time attendees were recognized.
- The Board appointed former President-elect, Kelly Stout, to the office of President after Metra Mitchell-Taylor stepped down. This appointment opened up the position of President-elect which was filled by the appointment of Stephen Gregali.

Kelly Stout, TGHNA President

- Everyone is encouraged to attend the hearing for the Assault/Carjacking on the 3700 block of Juniata scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2 p.m. in the Carnahan Court House, 1114 Market Street, Division 19 – Judge Jimmy Edwards.
- There will be a Block Captains' meeting on 2/9.

Kristan Nickels, Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation (TGNCDC) Community Development Activities Coordinator urged everyone to monitor towergrovecdc.org and their Facebook page, [facebook.com/pages/Tower-Grove-Neighborhoods-CDC/762171427144164](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tower-Grove-Neighborhoods-CDC/762171427144164) for any changes in the hearing schedule before heading downtown. Encouraging neighbors to attend such hearings is a component of the Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) to demonstrate support for victim(s) and show judges that the community is invested in the result of the trial.

Ed Slade, 2nd District Police Department liaison provided a brief account of crime statistics in the area including the following: Gun assaults are up 700% compared to last year.

Megan Ellyia-Green and Beth Braznell, candidates in the upcoming election for 15th Ward Alderperson

- The membership was addressed by each candidate and they took questions from the floor.
- Their websites are: meganellyiagreen.com and bethbraznell.com respectively.

Rachel Witt, Executive Director, South Grand Community Improvement District (SGCID)

- There was a huge outpouring of support to South Grand businesses after many suffered vandalism following the Grand Jury announcement in November. Support included cleaning up shattered glass from windows broken by protesters, painting murals on the boarded-up windows and continued patronizing of businesses by area residents.
- Two vandals from November have been arrested. They were caught on video by the new cameras that were installed at the corners of Grand & Arsenal, Grand & Hartford and Grand & Wyoming.
- T-Mobile and Guerrilla Street Food will go into the now-subdivided space formerly occupied by Sekisui, at the northeast corner of Grand and Arsenal.
- Proprietor Julia Griffin has opened Sweet Traffic Candy Bar at 3224 South Grand.
- Brasilia Restaurant will open on South Grand pending the acquisition of a liquor license.
- Starbucks will open a drive-thru at 2350 South Grand (at Sidney Street).
- Ruler Foods (a no-frills, warehouse store grocery chain/subsidiary of Kroger) will open in the ALPS location.
- The Event Schedule for the Ritz Park will be posted on the SGCID website (southgrand.org) soon. Rachel singled out Susie Newsham and Metra Mitchell-Taylor for thanks for helping organize efforts to install a sculpture which is tentatively scheduled to be unveiled at the Ritz Park on the first anniversary of its opening, September 19, 2015.
- Expanding the business district to Hwy 44 which would include the median planters is being explored.

Jennifer Florida, former 15th Ward Alderperson invited everyone to attend the [Tower Grove Neighborhoods Vision and Framework Community Open House](#) on Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. at 4168 Juniata (Grand Oak Hill Community Corporation's former location). The purpose of the open house is to present information collected through analyzing the service area and feedback from residents, businesses owners and other stakeholders. The result will be a neighborhood vision and framework plan. This plan will help TGNCDC design future work programs and provide valuable information to help other entities make our area stronger. Additional public feedback will be collected at this meeting for inclusion in the final plan. TGNCDC works in Shaw, Tower Grove South (which includes Tower Grove Heights) and Southwest Garden neighborhoods.

Rick Stein, TGHNA Treasurer presented the annual financial report to the membership.

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