

**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – March 24, 2015**  
**Convened: 7:24 p.m. Adjourned: 8:35 p.m. 38 attendees**

TGHNA President Kelly Stout chaired the meeting.

- **Neighborhood business/announcements:**
  - One first-time attendee introduced himself and was given a Welcome Packet
  - **Mardi Gras fundraiser** earned TGHNA about \$1600.
  - **SAGE Metro St. Louis** (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) located in the neighborhood is sponsoring “Friends of Toto: A Canine Contest” on Saturday, April 18. For more information: [sagemetrostl.org/friends-of-toto](http://sagemetrostl.org/friends-of-toto)
  - **TGHNA’s 2015 Membership Competition** will take place between April 1-June 30. We are soliciting ideas for a token of recognition for the winning block. To join: [towergroveheights.com/who-we-are/membership-registration/](http://towergroveheights.com/who-we-are/membership-registration/). Email ideas for the token of recognition to: [president-elect@towergroveheights.com](mailto:president-elect@towergroveheights.com).
  - **Proposed changes to bylaws:** Copies were available at the meeting and will be posted to the website for member review. We will vote on the proposed changes next month.
  - **Heights Nights:** Tuesday, April 15 at The London Tea Room, 3128 Morgan Ford Road, 6-8 p.m. 10% off. LTR gift cards were given out. [www.thelondontearoom.com](http://www.thelondontearoom.com)
  - **Crime update:** Second District police liaison, Ed Slade, updated us on burglaries in area. He suggested taking a photo of the serial number on the back of flat-screen TVs, etc. for future reference. Cell phones have been a popular object of theft.
  - **Aldersperson report:** Megan-Elliya Green reported Tower Grove Neighborhood Community Development Corporation (TGNDCC) bought a former nuisance property at Bamberger and Gravois. After rehabbing the property, one unit will become a police substation.
    - **Fifteenth Ward Participatory Budgeting Committee:** 150 projects have been submitted by residents. Projects can be reviewed on April 4, 3-5 p.m. at Carpenter Branch Library, 3309 S. Grand 63118; April 8 and 16, 6-8 p.m. at Grand Oak Hill, 4168 Juniata 63116. Residents may vote for their favorite project during the week of April 20 – locations to be announced.
    - **Suburban Journals** have been contacted about discontinuing newspaper delivery to vacant properties.
  - **South Grand Business District:** Rachel Witt reported that LED lights will be added to the roofline of Rooster South Grand.
  - **South Grand and the Ritz Park** has a schedule of impressive events lined up including *Two Gentlemen of Verona* presented by Shake 38 on April 26, 12-1 p.m. and the Beatles tribute band, Pepperland, on May 21, 6-8 p.m. in conjunction with International Dine Around, 5-10 p.m. For more information: [www.southgrand.org](http://www.southgrand.org).
    - **TerraCycle** provides free waste collection programs for hard-to-recycle materials that are turned into green products and may collect refuse on South Grand and recycle it. [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)
  - **Proposed Community Improvement District (CID) Expansion:** from Arsenal to Hwy 44. There will be an Open House at the Stupp Center in Tower Grove Park on March 31, 5-6:30 p.m. for Commercial Property Owners and 7-8:30 p.m. for Residential Property Owners. Rachel has asked for a contribution from surrounding neighborhoods to help defray some outreach costs. An advantage for TGHNA is that the expansion would maintain the medians on South Grand and the Association would no longer be asked for a regular contribution for their upkeep. Residents were asked for feedback to help the Board make an informed decision about a contribution.
- **Better Together (St. Louis)** representative, Kyle Juvers gave an update about the work of the organization. More information can be found at [www.bettertogetherstl.com](http://www.bettertogetherstl.com).
- **City of St. Louis Board of Education:** President David Jackson introduced board candidates in attendance who later made themselves available for questions after the meeting. He encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election on April 7.