

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

October 25, 2011 7:19 p.m. 21 Attendees

The TGHNA meeting was chaired by President Marilyn Browning.

Marilyn asked new residents to identify themselves and they were greeted by the attendees.

David Johnson, from [Dave Mason & Associates](#), presented information about the Green Alley Project – Phase II, along with Dan Buschmeyer, [Board of Public Service](#). Dave Mason is a minority-owned company that has been in business for 22 years. Phase I, which upgraded one block, is almost complete. Three blocks will be done in Phase II. The utility markings that we are seeing now are due to this process, since they are currently doing surveys of the area for gas, electricity, water lines, etc. They will start the design process in the next two weeks. They are using some brick salvaged from the existing cobblestones in the first 30 feet to retain the historical feel. Then, the permeable bricks with gaps between them will be used to allow water to flow beneath the bricks. The first part of project is to remove old bricks and then remove old substrate material down to about 27" to establish a deep bed for larger stones. Concrete is poured on each edge of the alley with the stone bed in between. Residue that might block up the bricks can be swept up by the street cleaning process. We published an article in the Gazette about the history of the alley project as part of the required educational effort relating to this process. Phase II design and approvals will be done during Feb. /Mar. and then will go out to bid. It will probably take 30 days from that time to receive bids. After the contractors are chosen, they will get started in approximately 60 days--late May/early June. For Phase I, ½ alley was done in one month.

As the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association has done for several years, we will be sponsoring families from the 100 Neediest Cases. Ellen Wilson organizes this event. TGHNA pays the expenses for things like the flyers, wrapping paper, etc. and collects the donations. Ellen organizes wrapping the presents and preparing them for distribution. Ellen is looking for volunteers to help distribute flyers. Contact her at 314-771-1732.

Jennifer Florida, 15th Ward Alderman, reported on another knockout incident on Friday. The Mayor drove by at that time and called 911. They are close to making arrests (shortly after the meeting, police [arrested six teenagers](#) in this attack.) Be aware of your surroundings and report any large groups of kids so that the police can make a field investigative report. This is a national problem. The South Grand Streetscape won another award, this one for 2011 Outstanding Local Government Achievement. Trees may be planted in November.

Judy Lane, [15th Ward NSO](#) (Neighborhood Stabilization Officer) discussed a [Sustainability Survey](#) that is being conducted by the Mayor's Office. Please complete the survey to give your opinions on what our neighborhood needs so that this information can be relayed to the Mayor.

[Mike Colona](#), State Representative for our District 67, reported on the special session which finished without resolving the issues under review. He said that no compromises could be found. The redistricting, due to losing one House Seat in the City, is now under litigation. We don't really know at this point what the redesign will look like.

President Marilyn Browning introduced the slate for the Board for 2011:

- Rich Seifert, President
- Claudia Seifert, Secretary
- Debby Ervin, Membership Secretary
- Marilyn Browning, Past President

The President Elect and Treasurer positions are open so please consider running or nominating one of your neighbors.

Marilyn has extra TGH bumper stickers, so contact her if you would like one. They will be available at the next meeting as well.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be November 22, 2011.

Claudia Seifert, Secretary