

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

August 28, 2012 7:17 p.m. 25 attendees

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association (TGHNA) meeting was chaired by President Rich Seifert. First-time attendees were introduced and welcomed. Rich discussed the creation of the Recollection Collection, a collection of neighborhood memories—please share any stories you have by e-mail to president@towergroveheights.com. Oct 21st is the Rock `n' Roll Marathon but since it won't come south of Magnolia, we won't be as affected as last year.

The film Sherlock Holmes will be shown on Sept. 21st, at the [Back Lot Film Series](#).

Amanda Doyle, author of a book called Finally! A Locally Produced Guidebook to St. Louis, By and For St. Louisans, Neighborhood By Neighborhood, discussed her book about St. Louis neighborhoods—"a love letter to St. Louis". She has lived almost 15 years in the Tower Grove South neighborhood and is originally from Memphis. As the Associate Editor of Where magazine, Amanda is familiar with the standard places that visitors might be shown. However, the book, on which she worked for over two years, covers the various interesting and unique shops, restaurants and other areas found in St. Louis neighborhoods. Amanda has produced a video trailer for the book that she played for us (<http://www.stlguidebook.com>). Organized by groups of neighborhoods, the guide covers the area from Wentzville across to Edwardsville/Belleveille. The book is published by Reedy Press and it is available at [Dunaway Books](#). There will be a 2nd edition next fall with updates.

Jennifer Florida, 15th Ward Alderman, noted that the Green Alleys Phase 2 will start in mid-March 2013. Bids have been awarded to start the lighting work on Grand. Work on the Great Streets Phase 2B (the rebuild of the intersection of Utah and Grand) will start in Sept. Crime is down 23% year-to-date; burglaries are down 50%; assaults are down 27%. Capt. Leyshock has created a robbery detail that is out from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. to try and apprehend the criminals involved in local burglaries.

Rachel Witt, South Grand Community Improvement District (CID) Executive Director, had brochures on the Rock `N Roll Marathon. The rain garden grants will be awarded soon for the Great Streets gardens on Grand. Rachel will host a group of local concierges to show them all the attractions they can share with visitors to Grand. The King and I restaurant will open their extension by Friday, with their new patio area. [Rocket Century](#), a vintage furniture store, has now opened. The old Comp & Soft building is under construction for Bikrum Yoga, a juice bar and a wellness center. Commerce Bank will be selling the old Roosevelt bank building to an upscale grocery store; there may be a TIF involved. Gelateria is expanding upstairs for additional seating and a conference room. Oct. 26th is the Creepy Crawl, which is a Halloween party spread out over the pubs on Grand. On the 2nd Saturday of every month, Dunaway Books will have live music.

The next TGHNA meeting will be Sept. 25th and will feature Elizabeth McAdam from the City Recycling Division. Stacy Reliford, from the American Cancer Society, will also speak about the tobacco tax campaign.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m.

Claudia Seifert, Secretary