

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
January 28, 2014 7:16 p.m. 64 attendees

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association (TGHNA) meeting was chaired by President Mike Newsham.

David Bailey, TGH resident and restaurateur, talked about the new Rooster restaurant that will go in the old Hamiltonian Trust building at Juniata and South Grand. The existing building has 3000 sq. ft. and he will be adding another 3000 sq. feet with a hidden dock for deliveries. The plans include seating for 215 inside, a patio that will seat 100, and a bakery in the lower level that will eventually serve all the restaurants he owns. Plans are for construction to be finished in May, and the restaurant to open in June of this year. Hours will be from 8:00a.m.-10 or 11:00p.m. 7 days a week. The daytime menu will be similar to the original Rooster restaurant. The evening menu will be French-inspired.

Anita Barker and Diego Abente of the International Institute talked about the plans of the Institute to move from their current location to the former St. Elizabeth Academy on Arsenal by the end of October. Diego is part of the Institute's Community Development Corporation, which helps immigrants and refugees start and retain businesses in Saint Louis. Anita distributed flyers on the Institute and on Saint Louis Mosaic Project, which hopes to make STL the fastest growing U.S. metropolitan area for immigration by 2020. Learn more about the institute and its programs at www.iistl.org and about the Mosaic project at www.stlmosaicproject.org. Volunteers are a huge part of the institute's work in helping immigrants become part of our community. Volunteer!

Lt. Mark Burford of the newly-formed Saint Louis Police District 2 stopped by to introduce himself and to ask for our patience as the relocated police become familiar with our area.

Sean Spencer, Executive Director of the new Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation talked about the new CDC, formed from the union of three Housing Corporations-- Grand Oak Hill, Shaw, and Southwest Garden. Their goal is responsible development and affordable housing, and a current focus is on tenant screening. There will be a meeting at 4168 Juniata (formerly the Grand Oak Hill HC) Wednesday, January 29th, from 6:30-7:15p.m on the Neighborhood Ownership Model and from 7:15-8:00p.m on the Better Block Program. Learn more at www.towergrovecdc.org.

Rachel Witt of South Grand Community Improvement District said the 14 empty areas on South Grand will be planted rain gardens soon. The already-installed oversized benches will be modified. A sign will explain the art installation on South Grand, and six signs will explain some of the South Grand green features now in place. Preview the six signs at www.southgrand.org.

Jennifer Florida, 15th Ward Alderman, said that Tower Grove Heights Green Alley work between McDonald and Utah will restart in the next week. The plan is to finish the third alley by March and start the fourth, with a completion date for the entire project on or before July 15th, 2014.

President Mike Newsham called for volunteers to serve on any of three committees:

Activities and Engagement – Planning activities and events residents will enjoy.

Outreach – Organizing volunteer efforts to work in the neighborhood and the city.

Communications - Communicating important information and events that will impact TGH.

Go to our website at www.towergroveheights.com to send one of us an e-mail, e-mail Mike at mnewsha@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page at Tower Grove Heights-Community Group to let him know you'd like to be involved.