

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
March 25, 2014 7:20p.m. 35 attendees

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

City, Arch, River. Ryan McClure and Tom Nagel showed the plans for the Arch grounds and museum. Highlights include:

- a continuous greenway from the river to Fourth Street over the existing freeway
- elimination of the existing parking garage with utilization of other parking in the area
- raising the riverfront boulevard two and a half feet to mitigate flooding issues
- a large west-facing entrance to the Museum of Westward Expansion and Arch
- greater wheelchair and stroller accessibility
- bike paths connecting to existing ones in the area

The museum itself, as well as the Old Courthouse, will get new exhibits. Completion of landscaping should take place by the end of 2015, with museum renovation completed in 2016. More information and a slideshow of the changes can be found at www.cityarchriver.org

CLEAN. Kelly Stout and her husband Zach, both Tower Grove Heights residents, are owners of a green residential cleaning company that offers services within the city limits. They use all-natural handcrafted cleaning products, and cleaning methods generate as little waste as possible. Cleaning can be contracted on a regular basis or for tenant cleanouts or preparing a house for sale. For more information go to www.cleanstlouis.net

Mokabe's Coffeehouse. Owner Mo Costello talked about the evolution of the coffeehouse through the years. At various times the coffeehouse has been a haven for the LGBT community and for the recovering community. The coffeehouse now reflects the diversity of our neighborhood and of the city. Mokabe's has a history of giving back to the community and has served as a collection site for food drives and a drop site for blankets and winter clothes for the homeless.

Please join us at Mokabe's for **Heights Nights Tuesday, April 8th** from 6-8pm for great food and beverages. Support a business that has truly been part of the neighborhood for twenty years. Children welcome!

Jennifer Florida-Green Alleys construction is underway. The 3800 block between McDonald and Utah is scheduled to begin March 31st. IKEA is now a done deal. If all goes as planned they will be taking job applications in the summer of 2015, and will finish construction by October 2015. The new Kingshighway viaduct between Vandeventer and I-44 (no, not the bridge that's already been done) is currently in the design phase.

Mike Newsham asked for feedback on the advertising flyer/newspaper that is delivered to every house in the neighborhood by the Post-Dispatch. Proposed was a sign-up sheet posted on the website for those who wish to stop delivery, and fines for littering when the paper is delivered after a stop request. In the meantime, you can call 314-556-6407 or e-mail scustserv@stdist.com to stop delivery at your house.

We still need block captains for the 36-3700 block of Hartford and both blocks of Arsenal. If you would like to serve as a block captain e-mail Mike at president@towergroveheights.com.

Mike reminded us that Citizens on Patrol training will take place at 6:30pm Thursday, March 27th at 4168 Juniata (Grand Oak Hill building.) E-mail kristan@towergrovecdc.org if you will attend.

Anita Barker has organized a neighborhood-wide alley cleanup for Saturday April 5th starting at 9:00a.m. Tools and some garbage bags will be made available at an as-yet-undesignated place on Spring Ave. More information will be posted soon on our website at www.towergroveheights.com or call Anita at 314-776-1839. Please note that bulk pickup will not be part of this initial cleanup effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m.