

**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – April 28, 2015**  
**Convended: 7:15 p.m. Adjourned: 8:20 p.m. 36 attendees**

TGHNA President Kelly Stout chaired the meeting.

- **Neighborhood business/announcements:**
  - Three first-time attendees introduced themselves and were given Welcome Packets.
  - **Audit of TGHNA financial records** was successfully completed.
  - **Proposed Bylaws changes:** Members voted to approve changes that were proposed at last month’s meeting.
  - **Conditional Use Hearing:** will take place on Thursday, May 7, 8:30 a.m., City Hall, Room 208. There has been a request for a permit for “South Grand Mart,” a grocery store with full package liquor at 2300 S. Grand. Although early in the process, it is easier to have resident input at this point, according to the Alderperson. Residents are encouraged to attend the hearing, if they have concerns. We will pass on further information as it becomes known via the TGHNA notification list and Facebook.
  - **Dining Out for Life:** Many of the restaurants on South Grand will be participating in this annual event for St. Louis Effort for Aids on Thursday, 4/28/2015. Participating restaurants will donate at least 25% of sales to EFA. More info at [www.diningoutforlife.com](http://www.diningoutforlife.com).
  - **Sentencing hearing:** The second perpetrator involved in the carjacking/assault case last summer on Juniata will have a sentencing hearing on Friday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. at the Civil Courts Building, Division 11, 12 N. Tucker 63101. Residents are encouraged to attend to show support for our neighbor and to send a message to the judge that crime will not be tolerated in the neighborhood.
  - **2015 TGHNA Membership Competition:** Residents were reminded of the competition and urged to offer suggestions for a token of recognition for the winning block.
  - **Sustainable Backyard Tour:** A free event designed to encourage sustainable practices in yards and gardens. Those who would like to host a tour can apply until May 5. Tour takes place Sunday, June 14. [www.sustainablebackyardtour.com](http://www.sustainablebackyardtour.com).
  - **Heights Nights:** Dunaway Books, 3111 S. Grand 63118, Tuesday, May 12, 6-8 p.m. TGHNA will provide complimentary wine and cheese; 10% off purchases. Gift certificates will be given out over social media and at event. [www.dunawaybooks.com](http://www.dunawaybooks.com)
  - **Crime update:** Police Department liaison, Ed Slade, reported an increase of bicycle thefts. He reminded residents to secure bicycles and to close unattended windows. There were about 10 calls for service on Hartford. After a particular suspect was arrested, burglaries decreased about 50% and he expects more to be attributed to this suspect after DNA tests are completed. Report postal thefts at 911. For questions/information about burglaries in Tower Grove and Forest Park Southeast contact [mcmisell@slmpd.org](mailto:mcmisell@slmpd.org).
  - **Alderperson report:** Participatory Budgeting: Megan-Ellyia Green reported 430 voters decided how \$100,000 of the ward’s budget will be spent over the next two years on infrastructure projects. The “Street Lighting” project came in first place with 283 votes: Long-lasting LEDs will replace street lights on Arsenal to Utah, one block west of Grand and on Bamberger and Hydraulic, off Gravois. Other funded projects include “McDonald Park Restroom Repair & Restoration,” “Crosswalks,” “Sidewalk Repair” (\$15,000 will be added to the 50/50 Sidewalk Program - presently there is an 18-month waiting list) and “Clean Streets” (pending contracting with area volunteer stakeholders to empty trash cans).
    - **Traffic Study:** Will be implemented mid-summer.
    - **Transportation Town Hall:** Thursday, April 30, 5:30 p.m., at Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal 63118. Street closures off Gravois to make Gravois safer for cars, pedestrians and cyclists will be discussed.
    - **Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation:** is hosting a Texas Hold ‘Em fundraiser on Saturday, May 9, 6 p.m. [www.towergrovecdc.org](http://www.towergrovecdc.org)
    - **Civilian Oversight Board:** Passed in a special session of the Aldermanic Board. Alderpersons will recommend individuals to mayor to sit on board.
    - **Canister at City Hall:** A carbon dioxide canister was left outside of City Hall and a marshal left his bag at an exit, triggering an evacuation of City Hall. Video footage will be reviewed to identify who left items.
    - **New Committee Assignments for Alderperson:** Housing, Urban Development and Zoning; Legislation; Parks and Environment; Public Safety; and Public Utilities.
    - **Questions/Comments from residents:** One resident inquired about arrests following the Grand Jury decision late last year. Megan replied that there were 21 arrests but video footage has not yet been reviewed to identify responsible individuals because of a lack of capacity. She suggested contacting Captain Michael Deeba. Another resident suggested that it shouldn’t be difficult to review the footage for the specific time period in question. President Kelly Stout brought the discussion to a close stating, “It’s in our best interest to be our own advocates.”
  - **Fire Alarms:** A resident announced that the Fire Department will supply and install residential fire alarms to those who can’t afford them.

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