

TGENA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – NOVEMBER 26, 2019

7:05 PM: Welcome & Opening Katy Meier (TGENA President)

Katy's first meeting as President

7:06 PM: Ward Updates Ald. Christine Ingrassia (6th Ward)

Lots of activity at the Board of Aldermen, Christine will instead talk about subjects as raised by the neighborhood Eagle prep school traffic issue: 2 community meetings held concerning TGE traffic. CBB (?) contractors are performing traffic survey and will propose actions afterward. Eagle prep is in the 8th ward, not Christine's district. Any chance we'll receive no recommendations from traffic survey? Christine has never experienced a traffic survey without recommendations.

Follow up question: Todd Waelterman, dir of ops for mayor proposed reinstating red-light cameras. Previously ruled unconstitutional due to tickets issued to people who weren't driving the vehicle. 50-60% increase in traffic incidents since revocation, so some action is likely to occur.

Cars with paper tags: state preempts actions at local level. Representative Donna Beringer is taking action to address this. Possible solution for car taxes to be rolled into insurance or other state law currently in process.

Residency requirement override by governor: Christine says this is dangerous for state office to overrule local officials, and she voted in favor of putting residency requirement on voter ballot.

Illinois tags: many cars in TGE have Illinois tags owned by St Louis residents. Police is looking at installing cameras on Jefferson near I-44. Neighbor worried about tax evasion since cars are not registered in MO.

Top golf looking at opening near TGE: would be pared down version of Chesterfield location. It's a strong business, Christine says it's worthy of consideration. Possible location at Chotueau and Compton.

7:10 PM: Ald. Annie Rice (8th Ward)

Not present

7:15 PM: Neighborhood Crime Updates Officer Whittaker (Community Police Liaison)

Not present

7:16 PM: Guest Speaker: Rachel Witt (Executive Director, South Grand)

Tree lighting in Ritz park on Saturday 4:30 – 6pm, DIY smores provided by Rooster. Ignite theater carolers will also be present. Lights will stay up until first weekend of January.

Small business Saturday occurring this weekend. Grinchmas Dec 7 at Apotheosis. Benefits Shriner's hospital. \$5 donations. 9am-1pm Cocoa Crawl. 10% of sales during the Crawl will be donated to Shriners hospital. Window decoration contest and raffle.

Work ongoing with LEDs (Jay's, Treehouse).

In work homeless outreach pilot program in TGE, Shaw, Tower Grove South through City of St Louis Human Services office. Carpenter Library has offered to host social worker.

Why is this program being pursued: Downtown shelter closed, increased homeless population in and around TGE.

Anything going into the old pawn shop or massage luxe locations? Applications including a dispensary, actions not decided yet. Waiting until January until meeting with alderwomen to hold property owner accountable.

Dispensaries were permitted after the ballot initiative last election.

Jen K: Saturday Dec 7 new businesses Urban Matter and Bali are worth supporting.

Does South Grand extend to Gravois? South Grand CID stops at Church, though expansion is being reviewed.

CID activities include leaf collection, street sweeping, tree trimming, etc. and helps keep the infrastructure clean and functional.

Financial literacy classes available through St Louis Treasurer's office. Flyers available with more information.

7:27 PM: Treasurer's report Brian Kratz

First time for Brian to present report. Some outgoing checks being processed as he gets up to speed.

7:28 PM: TGENA Committee Updates:

Beautification David Rodgers

Not present. Two meeting held recently.

Communications Severyn Jarman

New chair. First TGE Adventures at Riley's last week. About 30 neighbors showed up. Raffle with prizes from Apotheosis. Next will be in December 19th location TBD, announcement through social media. Website updates in-work. Possibly option to pay dues thru website via Square.

Community Outreach Marilyn Lancaster

New Shenandoah creed recital. Posted throughout Shenandoah elementary. Go Tigers!

Kitchen House has donation box for shoes, coats, etc. Students need support from neighbors.

Magic Chef mansion gives luncheon every year for first responders, thanks to Ald. Ingrassia. Dec 13-14 5-8pm.

Development Patrick Moore

Not Present

Membership Erik Blomberg

No updates. Member totals in work.

Newsletter Alex Thomson

New chair. Restarted newsletter targeted for Q1 2020. Survey coming out in the next few days to give input on what you'd like to see from the newsletter. Ads may be present depending on inputs.

Safety Isaac Meier

No updates.

Social Zachary Ford

Not present. Winter social being planned for coming months. Potluck format.

Ways and Means Bill Gilbert

No updates.

Community Garden Mary Anne Pikrone

Not present.

Orchard on Virginia Susan Herzberg

Not present.

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Looking for volunteer to fill this vacancy.

Liaisons:

DeSales CDC Becky Reinhart

Successful fundraiser last weekend. \$24,000 raised. Giving Tuesday is Dec 3rd. Board had nominated 4 new members including David Rodgers. Vacant and problem properties: legal services of eastern Missouri entailed to assist. 3314 Sidney owners being located for lawsuit service under Abandoned Housing Act.

Tower Grove Park Larry McCarthy

No updates.

Last updates:

No December general meeting. Next meeting will be in January.

7:43 PM: Introduction of New Neighbors / 1st Time Attendees

No volunteers.

7:44PM: Adjourn to Social in Lobby