



TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting

August 2, 2022

6:30 pm

Alpha Brewing

In Attendance (Presence indicated by ☑ - Absence indicated by ☐):

- ☑ Deborah Pratt (President)
- ☑ Leah Sweetman (Vice President)
- ☑ Robert Boggs (Treasurer) - left 745
- ☑ Rose Moller-Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary)
- ☑ Joe Mazzola (Reporting Secretary)
- ☑ Thomas Pratt (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☐ Mark Abbott (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Adam Mizes (Northwest Quadrant Director) - left 735
- ☐ Joe Grailer (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Hope Wyss (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Karen Strombach (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☐ Liz Tegart (Southwest Quadrant Director) - made it 7:25
- ☑ Suzanne Chisum (Southwest Quadrant Director)

President Deborah Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

## **1. Introductions**

Everyone present introduced themselves to Suzanne, our newest board member.

## **2. Secretary's Report**

Hope made Motion to approve July board meeting minutes Karen seconded, approved.

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

Robert reported July Balan \$1,893.45. No new deposits, no expenses, moved Paypal to our bank account. Upcoming expense, annual filing / agent fee for remaining compliant with 501c3 \$200.

## **4. Committee Reports**

### **a. Website / Digital Media - Rose**

- i. Website is up and running

### **b. Programming - Debi**

- i. Provided survey for review, will send in advance of meeting, will have paper at meeting, and will send out after meeting so that people can have opportunities.

### **c. Membership - .Hope**

- i. July 26th, first meeting, during floods, only Debi and Hope
- ii. Came up with ways to get people involved; such as creating list of small tasks that people can do (short term list like 1 hr on garden cleanup, 30 minutes on thank you cards, etc)
- iii. Hope sent notice to folks who expressed interest.
- iv. Possibly develop a simple code of conduct to be read at the start of every meeting. Include no official connection between us and Megan / the police department.
- v. Try to have our general agenda ready week beforehand, so it can be disseminated to the membership.
- vi. Hope wants to respond to all communications
- vii. Request from Rebeka for data on alley study, suggest pointing her to Megan. Hope wanted to respond, will forward on request to Debi for response.

### **d. Dog Park - Leah**

- i. Waiting on response from city
- ii. Ready to build the dog park into the website!

### **e. Development - Leah**

- i. The Development Committee met on July 6 to discuss a request for a variance to rezone a first floor property at 3728 Gravois from commercial

to residential. The owner is requesting a letter of support. (The Board voted by email to approve the letter of support that was drafted)

1. Will Liebermann who owns the warehouse on Beck is interested in developing 13 single family homes on his property. Homes will face Tholozan. He also presented his preliminary plans to the Development Committee on July 6.
  2. The Committee has invited him to present to the closest neighbors on Tholozan and Holt. The meeting will be held Tuesday, August 23, at a nearby location. (Note: the meeting was held at St. Johns Lutheran Church, just a few blocks from the site.)
- ii. The Development Committee also met on July 26 and discussed the process for proposals and presentations and requests for letters of support.
  - iii. Met on July 28th (karen & tom) presentation on Gravois and Spring. Board voted by email to approve a letter of support for variance, and the letter went out.
  - iv. A letter of support was sent to Crunchies (Sophie Dinh) for her variance, after her presentation at the General Meeting in July.
- f. **Connections (formerly Good Neighbors) - Adam**
- i. Happy hour at civil life upcoming in 2 weeks, Thursday August 18th 630 pm
  - ii. Finding site for national night out event, possibly mcdonald park.
- g. **Beautification - Tom**
- i. Still having "cleanup" parties on martis garden and roger and tholozan.
  - ii. Working to try to restart, soliciting brightside to provide plants and what it takes to get updated. Need to have commitment from people, may need to show it's a community effort.
  - iii. Sprinkler system put in at Martis garden!
  - iv. Trash haters working on another date / location.
- h. **New Committee development**
- i. Safety Committee - Robert
    1. Some people have pulled out,
    2. Still working on some problem properties, as a success story for more involvement.

## 5. Brainstorm Quadrant Director Roles

- a. Not to supplement city responsibilities
- b. What do quadrant directors & block captains do?

- c. Only 13 of us, all busy, finding ways to get others involved is our goal
- d. Bylaws don't specify the quadrant director role,
- e. Do we want to make something outside of / inside the bylaws
- f. Block captains meet with blocks, directors funnel up to quadrant directors to bring up to board.
- g. We do not have a block captain group. Tower Grove Heights has a list for their blocks.
- h. Would like to set up a process for how we meet & greet new neighbors.
- i. Suzanne shared her experience regarding block captains. She was a former block captain, fell away, and came back, wanted to know neighbors, went and met with neighbors. She had to complete an 8 page application, and found out someone else was already block captain. Took own initiative, coordinated a local block, Made 85 flyers, and had a block get together. Setup 4th monday of month, had Katie Wolf as presenter, next time Megan, another one for Solar Panels, and Mobot. Moving inside to Friendlies for cold months, coordinating national night out events for their block. More social activities. Dutchtown does movie night every week in summer, might be good
- j. [725-230 slight break for me]
- k. We should reach out to TGH as an offer, here to help, work with their block captains. TGH has been around, goal to not take over, but work together. TGH is more focused on maintaining historic districts. Located physically within boundaries in TGSNA.
- l. Need to empower block captains, identify block captains and provide virtual training on how.
- m. Debi plans to reach out to TGH president, Jennifer Florida, to identify the block captain chair. Will discuss more next meeting.
- n. Continue to emulate Suzanne on what she does.

## **6. Proposed Bylaw Changes**

- a. Define quorum as simple majority
- b. Define how neighbors become member
- c. Will vote at the next board meeting, and will also need to bring membership afterwards.

## **7. Roosevelt Football Requests**

- a. Upcoming Breakfast, should we sponsor? Whole breakfast is ~\$300
- b. Outreach event, Kids who normally wouldn't have a nice breakfast
- c. Can also volunteer,
- d. Debi to collect send vote out email
- e. Can also post on social media pages.
- f. How in future do we decide sponsoring event
- g. If we have been involved, and / or bring a case to board.
- h. Envision once we have block captains, more donations, can have \$ stipend to help block captains.

## **8. General Meeting Agenda, Sign Placement**

- a. Rachel Witt; South Grand Business
- b. MOBOT; Therapeutic Horticulture
- c. Suzanne provided signage, to place.
- d. Rose; "I am a board member, ask me for more" sign? (instead modify sign with printout)
- e. Maybe Quadrant Director Meet & Greets?

## **9. Open Discussion**

- a. We as a board should not get in the middle of political debate, need to be more cognizant about, small code of conduct announced at the beginning of meeting, include in agenda, exclude connections to board of aldermen, police, etc. Plan for Debi to include on the meeting agenda, not the meeting invite.
- b. May include in sign in, the possibility of questions during sign in, without running over time, and not respecting our neighbors time. (not overrunning the meeting). Possibly Adjourn meeting before sidebars.
- c. Man from StLouis Post Dispatch contacted Debi to see how the Grand special business district works for us. Pointed to Megan and Katie wolf. Want to add to the holly hills neighborhood. Not relevant to TGSNA.
- d. Sent a letter to schnucks and city health department about the conditions around schnucks. Health city department responded, letter read. Action taken from the director of health.

## **10. Announcements-Reminders**

- a. None

Debi adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Submitted by Joe Mazzola, Reporting Secretary

### **Upcoming Events**

TGSNA General Meeting, August 20th at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.

TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, September 6 at Alpha Brewing.