



TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting  
January 13, 2022  
6:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting, Via Zoom

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

- ☑ Tony Parise (President)
- ☑ Deborah Pratt (Vice President)
- ☑ Robert Boggs (Treasurer)
- ☑ Rose Moller-Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary)
- ☑ Leah Sweetman (Reporting Secretary)
- ☑ Adam Mizes (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Thomas Pratt (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Mark Abbott (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☐ William Fogus (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Rene Vega (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Liz Tegart (Southwest Quadrant Director)

Vice President Deborah Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

### 1. Secretary's Report

Rose made a motion to accept the minutes from the December Board Meeting. Tom seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

Robert reported that the TGSNA has an account balance of \$2007.41. Our current yearly charges include Go Daddy website, Zoom Pro Account, and our insurance policy.

### 3. Committee Reports

- a. Development-The Fanning developer is presenting at our January 19 TGSNA General Meeting. To collect feedback from the neighborhood, the Development Committee is hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30pm on Zoom. The Development committee will then vote to recommend or not recommend that TGSNA support the project. Tony announced that we will have a special TGSNA Board meeting on Thursday, January 27 at 6:30pm on Zoom.
- b. Fundraising-Debi shared a 2022 fundraising plan, including events where we can table and sell items. The committee will follow COVID. We could spend money on local TGS Tshirts and stickers or magnets. We could make a basket for a trivia night and have our brochures at the table. We could bring our trivia night back. Other ideas include a yard sale and a beer/wine walk.

- c. Good Neighbors-Adam reported that they met in January. They are waiting to see what COVID does and will pick up activities later in spring. We could do virtual happy hours.
- d. Website/Digital Media-Rose reported that the next meeting is at the beginning of February. Adam made a QR code for the TGSNA website.
- e. Beautification-Tom reported a troubling area in the wedge area as he toured some alleys. He is following up with Katie Wolf and working with Brightside for planting and mulch for the wedge area.
- f. Membership-Tony asked about approving the brochure. Adam added QR code. Board should make a final review and approve the brochure. Debi can get it printed at InkSpot and will get pricing for printing in color and black and white on colored paper.
- g. Programming-Debi gave an update on upcoming General meeting themes:
  - February-Love in Bloom, Joseph and Amy Graler are presenting.
  - March-Rachel Greathouse will be invite to present on recycling, and the Dog Park group will be invited.
  - April-Elections. Hopefully Mayor Jones will be able to present.
  - May-Spring CleaningA neighborhood visioning session will also take place to discuss the neighborhood plan.

#### **4. New Business: Dog Park Presentation**

Bob Nelson, Megan Green and Katie Wolf attended the meeting to give an update on the planning of the McDonald Park Dog Park. 20 neighbors have been participating in the planning committee over the past 4 months. As a reminder, the dog park was a part of the 2016 Participatory Budget Process. It was a "top 5 item" approved by voters in the ward. The committee has looked at other dog parks locally and nationally, including Shaw, Benton Park, and Fox Park. For example, in Shaw, the Neighborhood Association (SNIA) manages the park. We are consulting with them on dog park surfaces and overall management of members and the space. The City has provided an estimate of the construction costs. The surface material is still in question. It will be a small park with a lot of traffic which would make grass difficult to grow and maintain. Maintenance upkeep will be an ongoing expense. The full project budget is in an account managed by Alderwoman Megan Green. The planning committee will do outreach nearby, including across Utah. The dog park will be constructed along Utah, near the water feature and concession stand building. It will not be constructed on the fields. Water will be required for the dogs, so a drinking fountain will be required.

The Board continued to discuss after the presentation ended. To submit the application to the City of St. Louis, the dog park needs a letter of support, signatures, insurance, budget, guidelines, and membership fees/plan. The committee is seeking an organizational sponsor.

Robert offered to help figure the insurance out. Rose has offered to help with a website, mailing list, and a payment link. Based on other parks, a website presence should be completed before

the park opens. Leah suggested that we could create a Dog Park subcommittee and appoint a Board member as Co-Chair. The 20 neighbors who are currently involved could be invited to be members of that subcommittee. We will need to see their financial plans. Will will invite them to the March TGSNA General meeting for a marketing presentation to generate interest.

Tony adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Submitted by Leah Sweetman, Reporting Secretary