



TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting

June 7, 2022

6:30 pm

Alpha Brewing

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

- ☑ Deborah Pratt (President)
- ☑ Leah Sweetman (Vice President)
- ☑ Robert Boggs (Treasurer)
- ☑ Rose Moller-Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary)
- ☒ Joe Mazzola (Reporting Secretary)
- ☑ Thomas Pratt (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Mark Abbott (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Adam Mizes (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Joe Grailer (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Hope Wyss (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☒ Karen Strombach (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Liz Tegart (Southwest Quadrant Director)
- ☒ _[vacant]_ (Southwest Quadrant Director)

President Deborah Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

1. Introductions

Everyone present introduced themselves. Rose recommended the book "This is Where You Belong: The Art & Science of Loving Where You Live"

2. Secretary's Report

No Secretary's Report.

3. Treasurer's Report

Robert reported that the current account balance is \$1801.83. This does not include the payment to Wix to host our website.

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Beautification** - Tom reported that he has been caring for Marti's Gardework and the garden at Roger and Tholozan. He is working with Brightside. Aaron Donohue reached out for a city-wide cleanup event on 6/18 @McDonald Park from 9-11 AM. Board participation needed. Digital copies of flyer will be sent, physical copies to be put at select locations.
- b. **Development** - Mark will give an update on the design guidelines and process during the June TGSNA General Meeting. He is proposing 3 information meetings for them with Tower Grove Heights, TGSNA general, and the Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens. Stakeholder interviews took place during the spring, and a survey and office hours will be coming soon. This will help engage the neighborhood in the process.
- c. **Fundraising** - Robert reported that fundraising ideas to start now with the new board in place.
- d. **Connections (formerly Good Neighbors)** - Adam provided a description and update. They are planning on a cornhole tournament on June 16th from 630 to 8pm. Adam shared results from a recent survey. Adam proposed rebranding good neighbors to the connections committee, it was decided no vote was needed for this
- e. **Membership** - Hope expressed interest in joining the membership committee to help get renters involved. She agreed to chair the committee.
- f. **Nominating** - Debi reported Susanne Chisholm wants to apply to be on the board and has attended general meetings this year. She was referred by Alderwoman Green. Rose made a motion to nominate Susanne and Liz seconded. The motion tabled until Board members can meet Susanne.
- g. **Programming** - Debi provided update for future General meeting ideas
June-Mark will lead a Development discussion & Katie Wolf will talk about what she does for TGS and the City.

July-Voting in Primary Elections?
Tower Grove Park representative
Tenants' rights organization to come to meeting?
September: Invite a school (Mann)

- h. **Website / Digital Media** - Rose asked the Board to send any recurring meeting schedule and any other calendar events to her. Use large bold letters if doing a calendar event. WIX costs \$408 for 2 years for the new website. Rose motioned to pay for 2 years, Leah 2nded. Board approved with no objections. Liz, Mary Dang, and Whitney Hess are on the committee. Hope will help out with communications too. Send events to tgsneighborhood@gmail.com. Attach flyers to email and put a copy in the shared Google drive as PDF or image.
 - i. **Safety** - Due to time and technical issues, the conversation will be tabled until a future meeting.
5. **Dog Park** - Bob Nelson, TGS resident and committee member, attended and gave an update on the proposed Dog Park in McDonald Park. 6 months ago, Alderwoman Green asked for volunteers to steer the dog park. They have held monthly meetings to organize and plan the dog park. Volunteers are currently canvassing for signatures of immediate neighbors to show community support and have met the City's requirement for 25 signatures. In addition, the group has investigated surface materials, worked budgeting, as well as benchmarking with other dog parks and turf providers. The construction will be paid for with money approved by voters through the Ward's Participatory Budgeting Process. The Dog Park needs a sponsoring organization. Robert made a motion for TGSNA to sponsor the dog park and create a standing Dog Park Committee. Leah seconded the motion. Board voted in favor of the motion, 7-2, with one abstention. The committee should add at least 10 people to the TGSNA and will continue to work on fundraising, memberships, budgeting to accommodate inflation estimates, and planning with the City Parks Division.
6. **Open Discussion** - The Board discussed the fact that Greg Michaud sent another letting to Board members concerning the Fanning School Development. With the new website updates, meeting minutes will be posted.

Debi adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Submitted by Joe Mazzola, Reporting Secretary
Meeting notes taken by Adam Mizes and Leah Sweetman

Upcoming Events

TGSNA General Meeting, June 15 at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church
McDonald Park Cleanup Saturday June 18th from 9-12
TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, July 5 at Alpha Brewing.

