



TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting

July 5, 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 6:36pm.

## 1. Introductions

Everyone present introduced themselves.

## 2. Secretary's Report

Joe M made Motion to approve May / June board meeting minutes Robert seconded, approved. Debi would like to ensure those make it to the website

## 3. Treasurer's Report

Robert reported May \$1,801.83 no deposits, Wix expense (new website) leaving for godaddy for 2 year \$480. \$1393.83 along with \$499.62 in paypal. Upcoming expense, annual filing / agent fee for remaining compliant with 501c3 \$200. Joe G, previous treasurer for 15th ward dems, might have experience.

## 4. Open Board Positions

- a. Vote on SW quadrant Director, Suzane Chisum, 41xx Potomac; Attended last months meeting, active on block as block captain. Motion by hope, second by Tom, Approved as new quadrant.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a. **Beautification** - Tom/Joe G, no meeting date / time location, will come up with one once all others are established. Joe maintaining roster. 6 board members showed up at trash pickup at McDonald, no other members. 3333 pieces of trash were picked up. Cleaned inside & outside of McDonald, and cut outside grass. Mark Donahue reported totals, 43k pieces of trash 82 total volunteers 143.5 hours. Goal to get more members attending, how do we get more involvement from membership (posted on FB, and physical signs). Adam mentioned needs for other social media platforms (we do have Instagram and twitter account @TowerGroveSouth), and need to make more social media posts. Maybe partnering with other groups & businesses within the neighborhood.
- b. **Connections (formerly Good Neighbors)** - Adam, attendance was only board members for bags tourney. Alpha recommended to help promote & sponsor events, and could sell beer profits to TGSNA. Again goals being / making better partners with groups businesses we already have relationships with. (Circa - Dawn would be helpful in community engagement, and / or employees donate time for service time). Overall better partnering with other groups and businesses within the neighborhood.
- c. **Development** - Leah provided update
  - i. letter of support requested 3738 gravois & spring. Requesting a letter of support.. Trying to challenge the city with parking issues, is zone commercial, housing requires fewer spots than a business. Development committee meeting with the developer is tomorrow at 6pm at Patrick

Webber Architecture 3735 Connecticut . Mark and Leah will attend, pass along information, and plan to vote via email.

1. Need guidelines. Propose this be put together by the development committee, more to come in other notes below.
  - ii. Tomorrow 630pm meeting owner / developer 4161 beck warehouse by railroad tracks, near civil life, owner would like to do something with historic warehouse, and build 13 single family homes, no action no. Initial presentation.
- d. **Dog Park** - leah provided update
- i. Paperwork was submitted to the city parks department and public works., Listed TGSNA as owners. Dog park committee can help coordinate / cleanup McDonald. No additional insurance requirements for insurance. Since we have insurance, the company has agreed to absorb into existing underwriting. We will have requirements we will need to keep to meet insurance requirements.
  - ii. Working to get bathrooms to get unlocked and grass cut.
- e. **Fundraising** - robert provided update
- i. Overcommitted self, better at technology, not super successful with events. Looking to work with someone of the board / other businesses to partner and coordinate an event with (CPG/Amsterdam/Hartford/\_\_\_) to sponsor pride shirts (or something) to collect. Ask businesses to have one day a month to collect monies (e.g. happy hour, 10% of proceeds go to TGSNA) Trivia night. Membership / Connections partner with fundraising, and / or committees think about ways to raise money, promote / plan.

[7:15 - 30 Bathroom Break]

Liz made a motion Motion Hope Second. To eliminate the fundraising committee knowing that we will thoughtfully consider as part of all of our committees, approved.

- f. **Membership** - .Hope posted on FB and gained 7 new members to committee, next meeting on July 26th.
- g. **Safety** - Robert provided update
  - i. Want to partner with the heights safety committee, allows members to raise issues and work on ways.
  - ii. Robert gets emails / texts / etc about issues and around the neighborhood, (e.g. property on spring, building falling apart, off duty police officer almost car jacked, everyone fed up).
  - iii. Hard time to draw a line to avoid reporting "suspicious gangs of youth" or people who don't look like you. What can/cannot be accomplished by

something another committee. Not certain this group is the channel for this, suggest pointing to city services

- iv. Hope would like to ask 2 questions, what can we do as a neighborhood to effect change (if we create a committee) without having an ongoing complaint session where we have no power to make changes. Don't want to spread too thin.
- v. 2 major problems on crime and trash. Tom worked with homeless people to clean up the house. Always another way.
- vi. Flip so instead of erring difficulties (complaining) we are challenging to
- vii. Table until next week's meeting, go to other neighborhood associations (Shaw, heights) to see how / what they are doing, and if it's not already covered by what we are doing elsewhere (programming committee working with Megan, PO Walker, and Katie Wolf)..

h. **Nominating** - filled the last empty position! Suzanne Chisum

i. **Programming** - Leah and Debi met. planned survey for future topics, provide paper ones in general meeting, and digital as part of meeting invite.

j. **Website / Digital Media** - Liz

- i. Started work on new website, trying to get basics up ASAP
- ii. Need committee meeting and information and member Bios, details
- iii. Should be up and running next week

## 6. TGS Human Interest Stories

- a. Debi - RFT is looking at highlighting our neighborhood. See me after the meeting, or email to Debi.
- b. Joe G is already a story as south saint louis family farm.

## 7. Future Support Letter Procedure

- a. Need guidelines for letter of support,
- b. Remains committee; Tom, Karen, and Adam attended site visit, site purchased by new committee. Ensured no dangers (combustible dust / fire suppression system). No need to go through the development committee.
- c. How does this impact the neighborhood?
- d. Debi provided a letter of support to Remains (based on Tom & Adam) and Joe G (for farm), needing levels of support analysis.
- e. In other development decisions, okay.
- f. Should request to the development committee or to board, and then to etc.
- g. Debi to discuss further with development committee to see, what guidelines with
- h. Hope would like a process, to avoid issues. Would rather see guidelines / development committee, when we need escalation. Basics of what we should be asking, because projects vary. Cant have one size fits all. (Negative / positive impacts on community)

- i. Would like Mark to provide a master plan preview before presenting to general membership.
- j. Request of board would be for the development committee to provide guidelines for the process to review / approve requests for letters of support.
- k. Debi would like ALL requests to come to board, NOT development committee, in event.

[Adam & Robert had to leave]

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

- a. Upcoming requests
  - i. American federations of teachers
  - ii. Motbot has two request
    - 1. General garden update
    - 2. Therapeutic hordicutlruaists

## **9. Open Discussion**

- a. Contacted Jeremy about Schnucks, inside of the store is good, outside / parking lot is good. Mostly back side. Request to send a letter to schnucks. Debi writing letter, will be reviewed / approved by board before sending. May have to solicit other companies. Likely understaffed, but still have responsibility. Still need to have Tacobell/other businesses involved. Maybe have the beautification committee reach out before having cleanup days.
  - i. Leah would like to have letter go to Gravois plaza as well, would like to see
  - ii. Hope has the same issue with gray fox. Jaren says they try.
- b. Hope requested a future topic; do we have block captains and do they have responsibilities? Debi to reach out to block captains and coordinate bringing to the next board meeting. New board member is block captain, and will discuss with them at the next meeting.
- c. Need to confirm Robert is able to set up a zoom meeting, and what / who is bringing technology.

## **10. Announcements-Reminders**

- a. None

Debi adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Submitted by Joe Mazzola, Reporting Secretary

## **Upcoming Events**

TGSNA General Meeting, July 20th at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, August 2 at Alpha Brewing.