

# TGSCC

## **Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens Special Business District (SBD)**



**Annual Public Meeting  
October 26, 2017  
Carpenter Branch Library**

# ***Introductions & Agenda***



## **Board of Commissioners:**

- Kathryn Heitzenroeder
- Deborah Cohen
- Julien Marin-Couilloud
- Tonya Anderson
- Gary Newcomer

## **Agenda:**

- Purpose of the Special Business District
- History
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Special Business District Coverage
- How does SBD Security Coverage Work?
- Crime statistics
- Activity Reports
- Safety Tips
- 2018 Budget
- Questions & Answers



# ***Purpose of the Special Business District***

- To plan and implement specialized public safety services and improvements within the District as, in the judgment of the Commission, are needed by the District and are appropriate under the provisions of Ordinance 68038 (69292), specifically:
  - *“To provide special police and/or security facilities, equipment, vehicles and/or personnel for the protection (crime prevention/response) and enjoyment (nuisance control/abatement) of the property owners and the general public within the district.”*

# *History*

- Special Business District (SBD) taxes were first collected in 2009.
- Security (City Wide Security) patrols began April, 2010.
- Neighborhood Voted in March, 2013 to Renew the SBD
- St. Louis City Ordinance requires an annual public meeting.
- Upon the completion of this public meeting, the 2018 budget will be submitted to the St. Louis City Board of Alderman (Prior to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.)
- Per Missouri Statue ... Board of Commissioners should consist of 5 property owners and 2 renters within the boundaries of the District.

# ***Roles and Responsibilities***

## **Responsibilities of the Board**

- The board oversees the business aspects of maintaining the special business district as well as managing the annual budget of collected tax funds.
- The Board of Commissioners participate in monthly meetings which include: reviewing monthly incident reports and security schedules, discussing security issues and concerns, overseeing the budget, approving spending and retaining meeting minutes and records.

## **Call for action:**

- We are looking to fill board openings as soon as possible. If you are interested, please provide your address and phone number.

## **What to expect if you Volunteer:**

- The Board of Commissioners are appointed by the 15<sup>th</sup> ward Alderperson.
- The City of St. Louis will send you an application for completion.
- **After the completed application has been returned to the City of St. Louis, it will be vetted for criminal record and tax liability.**
- Once application is approved, the new member is required to go to City Hall and take the oath.
- The term of service is determined by the City.

# ***Special Business District Coverage***

760 properties within the following boundaries:

West: Roger Place

South: Gravois Ave to Phillips/Roger

East: S. Grand

North: alley between Utah Place and McDonald



# ***How Does the SBD Security Coverage Work?***



- Security is staffed by off-duty St. Louis Police officers (City Wide Security).
- Security is patrolling for safety and security of people and property.
- Security patrol is within boundaries of SBD.
  - 4-6 hours per day
  - 5-7 days a week
- Security will respond to Officer request for assistance outside of the SBD boundaries when needed.
- Security is made aware of problem properties.
- Patrol schedule is not made public in order to ensure greater effectiveness.



# City Wide Security Activity Report-2017



	Terry stop	Park Viol.	Foot Beat	Cit. Inter.	Dist. Assist	Build. Check	Dir. Patrol	Tot. Act.	Arrests
10-18-16 to 11-16-16	1	1	0	2	2	5	36	47	0
11-18-16 to 12-18-16	1	0	0	2	2	3	28	36	0
12-20-16 to 01-14-17	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	14	0
01-14-17 to 02-05-17	1	0	1	2	3	4	31	42	0
02-06-17 to 03-16-17	1	0	8	4	8	5	41	67	0
03-21-17 to 04-11-17	0	0	2	3	0	6	20	31	0
04-14-17 to 05-11-17	1	0	0	2	2	6	29	40	0
05-15-17 to 06-08-17	2	1	5	1	6	3	13	31	1
06-12-17 to 07-28-17	4	1	12	10	5	26	36	94	0
07-31-17-08-25-17	1	0	2	3	3	12	32	53	0
8-8-17 to 9-12-17	2	1	16	5	3	11	11	49	1
9-22-17 to 10-23-17	5	2	24	11	2	20	19	83	0
TOTAL FOR YEAR	19	6	70	45	36	102	309	587	2

**Combination of Car AND Foot Patrol.**

**City Wide Security Also Plays a Very Important Preventive Role**



# ***City Wide Security Activity Report-2017***



## **Examples:**

**On 10-26-2017** P.O. Stephens initiated a foot pursuit of an armed subject. He was assisted by District 2 officers who apprehended and arrested the subject shortly after the initial foot pursuit. No officers or citizens were injured. The arrested subject was later charged with an armed robbery that happened on 10-24-2017.

**On 8-14-2017** P.O. Fiala to the Taco Bell to assist in the investigation of an officer involved shooting which occurred at that location in response to the commission of a robbery. P.O. Fiala was one of the first officers on scene to render aid to the employees and the involved District Officers.

**On 06-05-2017** P.O. McNamara stopped 3 males who were sitting in a parked vehicle in the rear of the Shop-N-Save shopping center. During P.O. McNamara's investigation, it was discovered that one of the stopped individuals was wanted for a felony stealing charge from St. Louis County. The Individual was arrested.

**On 5-17-2017** P.O. Russell assisted District 2 in the investigation of a larceny from the Walgreens store located at Gravois and Grand. P.O. Russell along with District 2 officers located the suspect in the 4000 block of Oleatha. The suspect was arrested without incident and the stolen goods were returned.

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# ***Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens***

## ***Safety Tips***



- ❖ Keep doors and windows locked.
- ❖ Secure windows and central air conditioning units to prevent break-ins and theft.
- ❖ Never leave valuables or other items in your vehicle.
- ❖ Leave your porch lights on at night.
- ❖ Report all crime or suspicious activity by dialing 9-1-1.
- ❖ Have keys in your hand when walking to your car.
- ❖ Be aware of your surroundings ... don't walk and talk on your cell phone.
- ❖ Walk with a purpose and make eye contact with passersby.
- ❖ **TRUST YOUR INTUITION**

# ***Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens***

## ***2018 Budget***

<b>2018 Budget</b>	
Property Tax Revenue (Tax Dollars Collected)	\$100,100
Administrative, & Management Expense	\$10,600
Legal Retainer in Escrow	\$10,000
Security Patrol Expense	\$75,000
Subtotal - Expenses	\$94,100
Contingency	\$4,500

# Questions?

