

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2014 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 50 residents in attendance. President Houston Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed new residents and guests. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the September meeting minutes.

LAFAYETTE SQUARE SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

50+ attended first meeting. Second one will be held on Wednesday, October 22 from 7-9 pm at Sqwires.

HOLIDAY TOUR REPORT

Linda Pallmann has volunteered to chair the Holiday Parlor Tour. She thanked everyone who is helping her. She showed the preliminary poster design. They will be ready to distribute at the end of the week. She would like posters up by November 1. She wants to start branding the house tour. She suggests that we create poster a year in advance. The Kern Pavilion will be a tour destination.

FAIR IN THE SQUARE RECAP

Genevieve Barlow reported that the event went well, but that turnout will probably be better if it's changed to 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. next year.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Phyllis Young – 7th Ward – Alderwoman Young reported that she has introduced a bill to make the Recorder of Deeds office an administration position appointed by the Mayor.

Christine Ingrassia – 6th Ward – Alderwoman Ingrassia was not in attendance.

SAFETY REPORTS

Officer Brian Min – Officer Min reported that we've had a number of robberies since September 1. SLMPD resources are spread thin because of recent events. Be aware of your surroundings. Residents thanked Officer Min for his continued service.

Safety – Eric Lemmo reported that we are down in crime year-to-date.

Block Captains – Glenn Eckert reported that he emailed block captains asking them to remind their neighbors to be vigilant. Directories will be going out soon via block captains.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development – Keith Houghton reported on the industrial building located at Mississippi and Rutger—1917 Rutger. The plan is for 25 loft apartments, with 30 off-street parking spots.

Community Affairs – Eric Lemmo reported that the Rock 'n Roll Marathon will be held on Sunday. A Beer Festival will be held on November 1 in Lafayette Park. The Hot Chocolate Run will be held the morning of the Holiday Parlor Tour. He is working with Alderman Ingrassia to mitigate the impact on the tour.

Finance – Kate Francis reported that she'll have printed reports for the next meeting. We're currently \$5,135 over budgeted income. We have \$151,758 in the bank.

Membership – Jennifer Weston passed around a membership list and encouraged residents to join the LSRC if they haven't already. One must be a member to vote.

Capital Improvements – Mary Visintainer reported on entry features. The construction company has all but one subcontractor's bid back so we should have the overall bid soon. All entry features will be done at the same time to save money. MSD project continuing moving forward; project must be started by Spring. Plaza will have rain gardens with MO native plants. New picnic benches in the mini-park will be installed, one purchased by the LSRC and the other purchased by the LSBA.

Beautification – Linda Weiner thanked Roy Peterson for his assistance. She proposed that the LSRC consider purchasing the stone house on Missouri (one of the oldest structures in the Square). This could be a potential spot for NW quadrant community garden. Once the building is stabilized, it could be used for storage. Linda thanked Glenn Eckert and the Visintainers for recently supervising volunteers.

SAFETY VOTE

A motion was made to change the by-laws, replacing one of the LSRC Board Members at Large positions with a newly created VP of Safety position. The motion passed.

Eric Lemmo subsequently said that he would not be renewing his term as Safety Chairman due to time constraints. Houston made a motion to elect Tony Krawat as VP of Safety. The motion passed.

ELECTIONS

A motion was made to elect the following members to the Board of Directors—

Assistant Treasurer—Justin McNeely

VP of Development—Keith Houghton

VP of Development-Elect—Suzanne Sessions

VP of Community Affairs—Jennifer Weston

Membership Secretary—Brad McLaury

Members at Large—Genevieve Barlow, Linda Pallmann, Pete Peters

The motion passed and the above members were elected.

Matt Negri moves into President, and Kate Francis moves into Treasurer.

VP/President-Elect and Board Secretary are still vacant.

A motion was made to elect the following members to the Development Committee—

Members at Large—Robert Austermann, Seth Crompton, Merry Dahms, Tim Delahanty, John Weston

The motion passed and the above members were elected.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Arts Council of Lafayette Square – No report.

Lafayette Park Conservancy – The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9, from 3-5 pm at the Kern Pavilion. Thanks to Marilyn Lane for beautifying and maintaining the Washington Statue this past season. The sidewalk repair has been completed around park, which was paid for with Park Bond money. The pathways inside the park will be resurfaced soon.

Lafayette Square Business Association – Tricks & Treats on Park will be held on Saturday, October 25 from 11-1 at the Plaza. The Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, November 28 from 5-7 pm in the Plaza. Souper Sunday will be held in late Winter, date TBD.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Barr Branch Library – Manager Tonnya Joy reported on the Mango language program—over 63 languages.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Parade & Party will be held on Halloween at 5:30 pm at the playground. Thanks to Scott and Susan Jones for hosting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL

Many thanks to Jim and Carolyn Willmore for hosting the after-meeting social.

Host needed for November after-meeting social.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Weston –Membership Secretary

* Minutes will be voted on at the November General Meeting.