

MINUTES FOR July 14, 2015 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 40 residents in attendance. President Matt Negri 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 June meeting minutes.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Jack Coatar - 7th Ward – Jack explained that the board is now on recess. On August 4th there will be the proposal of a large bond issue to assist with needed improvements to roads, bridges, purchase of new fire trucks and other emergency vehicles and other city maintenance needs. Feel free to contact Jack with questions: 314-374-0691

Christine Ingrassia – 6th Ward – Christine did not have anything new to report.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Phil Dunlap, Director of Education & Community Outreach / Jazz St. Louis: On Sunday August 2nd Jazz St. Louis will host a Town Picnic with the vintage baseball league in Lafayette Park. There will be swing dance lessons and a free concert that evening. All are encouraged to bring a blanket, a picnic basket and enjoy the music.

Len Efthim, St. Louis Streets Dept. Traffic Engineer: Mr. Efthim explained that the city wanted to make parking consistent throughout the entire city. According to Mr. Efthim after analysis it was determined that back-in parking is the safest and most effective way for parking. Enforcement will begin Monday July 20th, any tickets issued prior to this date will be forgiven please contact Jack or Christine to get the ticket to the Treasures office to have it voided. A motion was made to write a letter expressing the neighborhoods opposition to the change in parking to rear-end (back-in parking, the motion carried.

NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Upcoming Elections: October meeting: President Negri will send out an update to the Members as to which positions will be open.

House Tour Standing Committee formation: President Negri discussed the need to form a standing committee for the Spring and Holiday House Tours. The LSRC is looking for 6 members to assist in organization and implementation of the upcoming tours. Please contact Matt Negri if you would like to volunteer to assist.

SAFETY REPORTS

Safety - Tony Krawat discussed the upcoming trial of an armed robbery suspect that took place in the neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to attend the trial, which will be held on August 10th at 8:45am.

3rd District, Officer Brian Min – Officer Min delivered the June crime report.

Problem Properties – Ron reported on several properties with overgrowth, debris and other maintenance needs.

Block Captains – There was nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development - Keith Houghton reported that the developer will close on the “Mop Factory” property in early August. There is a proposal to build on the vacant lot near the intersection of Lafayette and Mississippi.

Community Affairs – Jennifer Weston reported that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4th. Tour De Lafayette will take place on Friday, September 4th.

Capital Improvements – Linda Pallman reported that, to-date, all of the bricks ordered have been installed.

Treasurer - Kate Francis delivered the June financial report.

Membership – Please continue to promote the LSRC to new neighbors and join us for the neighborhood meeting each month, second Tuesday at 7pm.

Beautification – Linda Weiner was not present

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Arts Council – Jennifer Weston discussed upcoming events this summer. Please see the Lafayette Square website for more information.

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC) – Ward Buckner reported on the fence and gate work being completed.

Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA) – Matt Brazelton reported that Cocktails on the Plaza will take place this year on July 16th (4:30-7pm) \$20 per person.

Community Reports – Barr Branch: Tonnya Joy reported that Page Turners, the adult summer reading club, has begun. There is also a canned food drive going on, if you have a past due charge, bring in a can to reduce the charge.

Announcements:

Fredrick Doss, with the State Legislators office, explained that he is present in the neighborhood to assist when needed.

Meeting Adjourned! (8:45pm)

AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL

Many thanks to our hosts Pete and Libby Peters!

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

* Minutes will be voted on at the August 11th General Membership Meeting.