

## MINUTES FOR August 11, 2015 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 40 residents in attendance. Ms. Linda Pallmann 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 July meeting minutes.

### ALDERMAN REPORTS

**Jack Coatar - 7<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Jack explained that the Board of Alderman is out of session until September 11<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to contact Jack with questions: 314-374-0691

**Christine Ingrassia – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Christine was not present.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

**Jennifer Joyce, St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office and Mary Pat, Lead Homicide Investigator:** Ms. Joyce discussed the increase in homicide this year largely related to gun violence. The Circuit Attorney's Office is focused on reducing the homicide rate in our city. Consider these points: Resolve to help the city by locking up your gun and keeping an eye out for criminal activities. Redirect young people and those that need guidance to move to the productive path for society. Remove the small group of violent drivers in the community. Ms. Pat's purpose in the office is to keep track of the homicides, attend crime scenes and develop relationships with the witnesses, which will assist with a trial.

**Mike Weiss, Gateway Cup Cycling Event:** Mr. Weiss explained that this year's event is listed on the international cycling calendar. All four days of the event will attract some top teams from throughout the country and hopefully internationally. Please make sure to spread the word about this incredible event; it is an honor to host the event in our community. Tour De Lafayette will take place Labor Day weekend. Visit [www.gatewaycup.com](http://www.gatewaycup.com) to learn more and consider hosting a cyclist.

### NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

**Upcoming Elections: October meeting:** Please consider running for a position.

**House Tour Standing Committee formation:** Ms. Pallmann explained that there will be a meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming tour. Please consider attending.

**Maintenance Committee to be Established:** It is important to maintain the assets that we have in our community including the Park House. Please consider volunteering to assist in maintaining these items to keep our community beautiful.

### SAFETY REPORTS

**Safety** - Tony Krawat discussed several incidents that took place over the past month. Please make sure to set your home alarm and keep valuables out of sight in vehicles.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District, Officer Brian Min** – Officer Min delivered the July crime report.

**Problem Properties** – Don Owens reported on three properties that they are working through with the city. Nine other properties will receive citations.

**Block Captains** – Glenn Eckert thanked the block captains that spearheaded the national night out this past week. Mr. Eckert also encouraged residents to attend future court dates to support the neighborhood.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Development** - Keith Houghton was not in attendance.

**Community Affairs** – Jennifer Weston discussed

**Capital Improvements** – Linda Pallman reported that a median will be put in on Lafayette near the ramp to 44 Westbound. Ms. Pallmann and Ms. Visintainer are working on a Grant request from Walgreens.

**Treasurer** - Kate Francis delivered the July 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. There are three concerts and two movies left for the season. Please see the Lafayette Square website for more information.

**Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)** – Ward Buckner reported that the new paving in the park has been completed. The fence project is underway; please consider donating to the cause. Additionally, volunteers are needed to complete gardening efforts throughout the park.

**Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA)** – no one was present

**Community Reports** – Barr Branch: Tonnya Joy reported that next month (September 17<sup>th</sup>) is the anniversary. Our branch is from the 1904 Worlds Fair, please consider stopping by checking something out.

### **Announcements:**

**New Residents Social:** August 23<sup>rd</sup> (4pm-7pm) at the Park House, all new residents from the past 18 months are invited.

**Meeting Adjourned!** (8:25pm)

### **AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL**

Many thanks to our hosts David and Mary Visintainer!

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

\* Minutes will be voted on at the September 8th General Membership Meeting.