

MINUTES FOR September 8, 2015 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 40 residents in attendance. Mr. 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 August meeting minutes.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Jack Coatar - 7th Ward – Jack explained that the Board of Alderman will go back into session on Friday, September 11th. Mr. Coatar is currently working on cosponsoring a code to assist small businesses in the city. Also, the streets were recently repaved around the park.

Christine Ingrassia – 6th Ward – Christine discussed the feedback received pertaining to the closure of Rutger.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Katie Holmes and Ian O'Bryon – Rock-n-Roll Marathon: This year's event will be held on October 18th from 6:30am through 11:15am. There is a competition between neighborhoods to have the greatest cheer zones for the event so consider getting a group together to demonstrate Lafayette Square's support. This year's event will not hold a full Marathon; this means the event, overall, will be about 3 hours less than previous years. There will be access in and out of the neighborhood via Jefferson Ave. Please visit: www.runrocknroll.com/stlouis for more information. You may also download the free app "WAZE" which will list all road closures.

NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Upcoming Elections: October meeting: Please consider running for a position. Contact President Negri with any questions.

House Tour Standing Committee: Jennifer Weston explained that there are currently over 20 volunteers on the committee. The committee is a standing committee holding meetings at 7pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the park house. Please consider stopping by for a meeting. This year's holiday tour will be held Sunday, December 13th.

SAFETY REPORTS

Safety - Tony Krawat was not in attendance.

3rd District, Officer Brian Min – Officer Min was not present.

Captain Warnecke: Capt. Warnecke congratulated Lafayette Square as being one of the few neighborhoods where the crime is down in the city. Captain also explained that there has been an increased theft in tires, be on the look out for suspicious activity.

Problem Properties – Don Owens had nothing new to report.

Block Captains – Glenn Eckert was not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development - Keith Houghton was not in attendance.

Community Affairs – Jennifer Weston explained that the neighborhood directories will be delivered in the next month via the block captains. Also, the Marquis may be coming back as a quarterly publication.

Capital Improvements – Linda Pallman reported that there have been several complaints about the stamped concrete and large cement circle on Park Ave. The cement area is over a vault owned by Ameren; if this were to be stamped, it would have to be repaved each time that they needed access to it. There are also many projects underway around the neighborhood.

Treasurer - Kate Francis delivered the August financial report. Thank you to those that have contributed to the substation, this helped to mitigate some larger expenses related to air conditioning maintenance.

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 discussed plans for upcoming planting projects.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Arts Council – Jennifer Weston explained that the last concert will be held this Saturday, September 12th. Thank you to everyone that assisted with donations and planning for these events.

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC) – Sue Pinker-Dodd explained that one of the cannons is under restoration. Also, the fence project is underway. There will be several more workdays this fall to move mulch and cut back plants in the park, please consider donating time to help with these projects.

Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA) – Andrea Heugatter discussed plans to look into applying for grants to assist with house tour and also have all businesses join in on assisting with house tour.

Community Reports – Barr Branch: Tonnya Joy was not present.

Announcements:

Lafayette Square Polo Shirts (Black): These cost \$25, please contact Matt Negri or Linda Pallmann to order.

1875 Walkthrough at Missouri History Museum: This is on display through Valentine's Day, there is also a section dedicated to Lafayette Square.

Meeting Adjourned! (8:50pm)

AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL

Many thanks Matt Negri for organizing a small social after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

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