

MINUTES FOR November 10, 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 October meeting minutes.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Jack Coatar - 7th Ward – Jack discussed that the Mop Factory closing should take place in a couple of weeks. Also, Lafayette Preparatory closed on their property this past month. Feel free to contact Jack anytime: 314-374-0691

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

Pierre Balentine, Bal-en-teens restaurant: Mr. Balentine discussed plans to roll out a new restaurant operation to be located in the Tripel space on Park Ave. The Restaurant will feature comfort food from around the world, which draws off of Mr. Balentine's experience and long history in the Army. Tentative opening date is scheduled for February 14th, 2016.

Rob Forrest, Bandstand development: Mr. Forrest explained that he is working to plan and rebuild the Bandstand in Lafayette Park that was destroyed by the 1896 tornado. Rob is looking for someone to assist in grant writing, he has also organized a group to raise funds for this cause. If interested in assisting please contact Rob.

NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Election for President-elect: A motion was made to elect Mr. David Merideth, the motion carried.

LSRC Committees: Mr. Negri explained that the various committees are in process of development, a major need currently, is for the finance committee. Please contact Matt Negri if interested.

House Tour Update: House tour will take place on Sunday, December 13th. Planter's House is scheduled to be open for tours as well as Rue Lafayette. Be sure to encourage family, friends and co-workers to purchase tickets and enjoy the neighborhood, tickets are on sale now.

2016 Budget: The budget has been completed for 2016. Included is an expense to invest in developing a logo for the LSRC as well as purchase banners to hang around the square.

2016 General Meeting Schedule: President Negri explained that the board approved moving the monthly membership meeting to 7 months next year, second Tuesday of the month: (February, April, June, August, October, November and December). The meetings will take place at various locations throughout the neighborhood and include more of a social atmosphere.

SAFETY REPORTS

Safety - Tony Krawat was not in attendance.

3rd District, Officer Brian Min – Captain Shawn Dace was in attendance and introduced himself. Captain Dace was recently promoted to 3rd district commander. Officer Min presented the crime report for October. There were only four incidents in the square last month.

Problem Properties – Don Owens was not present.

Block Captains – Glenn Eckert explained that there are a few new block captains in place. Also members of an informal safety group will organize this month to discuss crime in the square.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development - Keith Houghton discussed a proposal for a new home near Dolman and 18th Street. Mr. Houghton also explained a proposal to expand the Quickfix spay and neuter clinic on Jefferson.

Community Affairs – Jennifer Weston explained Directories will be distributed soon if you have not yet received it. Friday, November 20th is the deadline for the next Marquee. Mrs. Weston also explained that the Tree lighting will be on Sunday, November 29th from 5-7pm. Finally, there are plans to update the website to include membership renewal reminders, history and online Marquee.

Capital Improvements – Mary Visintainer explained that Dennis Kaiser will be working on the fencing for the entrances. Also, the bump-outs on Hickory and MacKay will be started in the coming weeks.

Treasurer – Terry Winter discussed the October financials.

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 had no updates.

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC) – Ward Buckner reported that the annual meeting will take place Sunday, November 15th from 3-5pm. The fence, gates and revolutionary monument are all moving along.

Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA) – Andrea Heugatter discussed the upcoming Lafayette Square Crawl to take place the week of Thanksgiving, cost is \$25. Please plan to join the businesses of Lafayette Square.

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

Announcements:

Mrs. Linda Pallman is working to get a nomination on the National Geographic page.

Meeting Adjourned! (8:30pm)

AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL

Many thanks to Larry and Andrea Heugatter for hosting the November social.

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

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