

## MINUTES FOR December 9, 2014 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 November meeting minutes.

### **ALDERMAN REPORTS**

**Phyllis Young – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Alderwoman Young was not in attendance. Ms. Young announced her retirement effective Friday 12/12/14.

**Christine Ingrassia – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Alderwoman Ingrassia had nothing new to report. Take note, that if you live in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, you will have an Alderman voted in by early April. Feel free to reach out to Christine if you have anything that you would like to discuss.

### **NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS**

Lafayette Square Special Business Tax Initiative (SBD): Plan to have a hearing on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and hope to have this on the ballot in April. If you would like to serve on the board for the SBD please consider applying, contact Matt Negri.

#### **Resolution for Mop Factory:**

Richard Stockmann presented an updated resolution, which stated that the LSRC would entertain the proposal of demolition of 1322-32 Dolman so long as there would be new construction to replace the existing building on the site. There was a discussion about previous properties in the neighborhood; which had been demolished with promises to construct new, however, new construction did not happen. The Resolution was put to a vote: 13 members voted in favor of the resolution, 10 voted against it and 5 abstained. De to the close number of votes, it was decided not to move forward with the resolution at this time.

#### **2015 LSRC Budget Revisions and Reserve Fund Allocations:**

Kate Francis presented an update to the 2015 budget in which funds were transferred to savings. These funds are allocated to the Reserve Fund. Additionally, the brick program is estimated to cost \$5,000. This estimate was added to the budget for 2015, which in-turn shows an operating loss for 2015 of -\$4,300. A motion was made to accept the 2015 budget; the budget was approved.

### **SAFETY REPORTS**

**Safety** - Tony Krawat presented the current "Impact Statement" for residents to review and approve. The Statement is anonymous and will be sent to the Circuit Court Judge residing over the case involving our neighborhood. If you would like to track cases related to the neighborhood, you can use [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com), this allows you to search cases. If you would like a car club, contact Tony at: [safety@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:safety@lafayettesquare.org)

**Officer Brian Min** – Officer Min reported that there were six cars broken into and one car stolen. There was also a stolen UPS package reported. Please, when warming your car up, lock the doors, also consider picking up your packages at the local UPS center. [www.circuitattorney.org](http://www.circuitattorney.org) will allow you to look up previous crimes committed.

#### **After Meeting Social Sign-up for 2015:**

Matt Negri asked residents to consider signing up to host in 2015.

**Holiday Tour Update:** Linda Pallmann was not in attendance. Matt explained that the current ticket sales totaled \$14,000.

**Problem Properties** – Don Owens was not in attendance, however, Ron Taylor explained that Don is working to making some progress on the problem properties. The Five Star Senior Center on Arsenal is sponsoring a police appreciation event, which the LSRC donated \$100 toward.

**Block Captains** – Glenn Eckert did not have anything to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development** - Keith Houghton did not attend the meeting.

**Community Affairs** – Jennifer Weston reported that the Hot Chocolate Run route has been re-routed for the day of the Holiday tour.

**Treasurer**- Kate Francis reported we have several donations that will be made prior to yearend. To date, we have net revenue of \$16,351.

**Membership** – Brad McLaury reported that we are currently at 318 members. Please be sure to check your membership renewal dates and ask new neighbors to join the LSRC, it is vital to the organization for members to stay current and active.

**Capital Improvements** – The permanent Christmas tree was planted on Park Ave.

**Beautification** – Linda Weiner was not in attendance, nothing new to report

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Arts Council** – Nothing new to report

**Lafayette Park Conservancy** – Nothing new to report

**LSBA** – The new tree, located in the Plaza, has been permanently planted. The tree was donated by McAvoy Realty.

**Community Reports** – Barr Branch: Tonnya Joy reported that there are now telescopes available for check out for stargazing and such.

**Meeting Adjourned!** (8:15pm)

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

Many thanks to Tom and Merry Dahms for hosting the after-meeting Holiday social. Host needed for future socials, please contact Matt Negri if interested.

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

\* Minutes will be voted on at the January 13th General Membership Meeting.