

## MINUTES FOR December 8, 2015 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 80 residents in attendance. Mrs. 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 November meeting minutes.

### ALDERMAN REPORTS

**Jack Coatar - 7<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Jack discussed that he is currently working on several problem properties in Lafayette Square, he is focused on getting them sold. Feel free to contact Jack anytime: 314-374-0691

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

### GUEST SPEAKERS

**Mayor Francis Slay, City of St. Louis:** Mayor Slay discussed several points. The Mayor explained that his primary focus is safety in the city. There is a comprehensive plan that was developed to focus on reducing crime. The Mayor is also focused on moving NGA Intelligence into the City to keep and create jobs. Finally, Mayor Slay spoke about the proposed stadium development. He believes the opportunity to keep jobs and create new jobs as well as keep St. Louis an NFL city. He feels this is an opportunity to take advantage of our riverfront and expand downtown into North St. Louis.

### NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

**LSRC Committees:** Mr. Negri explained that the Historian Committee has been established. There is still a need of a Financial committee and Maintenance Committee to be formed. Please contact Mr. Negri or Mrs. Pallmann if you have an interest in volunteering.

**House Tour Update:** House tour will take place on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Weston explained that we have sold over 700 tickets so far online. There are 11 homes on tour this season.

**2016 Budget:** The budget has been completed for 2016. A motion was made to approve the 2016 budget, the motion carried.

**2016 General Meeting Schedule:** Linda Pallmann 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District, Officer Brian Min** – Officer Min presented the crime report for November. There were three incidents in the square last month. Thus far in December, there have been two car break-ins. Major Mike Sack was present and explained that crime in the neighborhood is the second lowest in the city. Captain Shawn Dace was also in attendance.

**Problem Properties** – Ron discussed several properties that are being worked on and renovated.

**Block Captains** – Glenn Eckert was not present.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Development** - Suzanne Sessions discussed a proposal to demolish a property located at 2100 Hickory which will be converted to a private dog park. Also, there are several other properties proposed to be demolished and redeveloped.

**Community Affairs** – Jennifer Weston explained that the Marquee was distributed. Also, the tree lighting went off without a hitch and Santa was happy to see all of the good kids of the Square.

**Capital Improvements** – Mary Visintainer explained that she received several bags of free daffodil bulbs to be planted in public space, please let her know if you would like to plant.

**Treasurer** – Terry Winter discussed the November financials.

**Membership** – Please continue to promote the LSRC to new neighbors and join us for the neighborhood meeting.

**Beautification** – Linda Weiner discussed the need for more volunteers. Please consider helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Arts Council** – Jennifer Weston had no updates.

**Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)** – Ward Buckner reported that they are waiting patiently for the fence to arrive back.

**Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA)** – Alicia Underwood was present, and explained that they are supporting the police force to patrol the business district Friday and Saturday evenings in the square.

**Community Reports** – Barr Branch: Tonnya Joy discussed upcoming events. Please stop by and support our local branch.

**Announcements:**

NEXT LSRC MEETING February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Sqwires.

**Meeting Adjourned!** (8:42pm)

**AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL**

Many thanks to Tom and Merry Dahms for hosting the December Holiday social.

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

\* Minutes will be voted on at the February 9th General Membership Meeting.