



LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

October 9, 2018: Squires Annex

CALL TO ORDER 7pm

Houston Smith, President

- ❖ **Welcome New Residents:** Maxine George (McKay); Jenny and Mark (Lafayette); Jane Walsh (Nicholson)
- ❖ **Review and approve September 2018 minutes** –passed.
- ❖ **LSRC Board Election 2018-2019**—All in favor to elect the members; the slate was unanimously approved.

President: Emily O’Brien
VP-Elect: Matt Negri
Past President: Houston Smith
Secretary: Kim Peterson
VP Community Affairs: Dixie Gillaspie
Treasurer: Clark Affholder
Treasurer-Elect: Anthony Grice

Membership Secretary: Christina Ryan
VP Development Committee: Philip Lamczyk
VP-Elect Development Committee: Suzanne Sessions
VP Safety: John Weston
VP Capital Improvements: Linda Pallman
VP Business Affairs: Bethany Budde

ALDERMAN REPORTS

6th Ward
7th Ward

Christine Ingrassia—Not Present
Jack Coatar—Not Present

POLICE REPORT

3rd District

Officer Sherdon Douglas

Crime Stats September: down 8 from August (no robberies, larcenies down by 5, vehicle thefts down 3)

- 1 aggravated assault (charged as 3 but 1 incident)—occurred at Choteau and South Grand....ended up at Choteau and Jefferson...not really a LafSq incident
- Vehicle theft, 1800 block of LaSalle, owner recovered vehicle in Peabody
- 8 larcenies—stealing from a vehicle or off a vehicle

NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

❖ **RFP-Strategic Plan/RFQ**

Linda Weiner

- Feedback from the city to add more “flavor” by adding accomplishments of LPC and Arts Council and LSBA so that the recipients know more about our neighborhood. In process of adding that in...then ready to go within a week.

❖ **Budget Committee**

Clark Affholder/John Schoemehl

- Clark and John are getting together the committee leaders to get budget numbers for 2019 to present to membership.
- Email proposed budget to treasurer@lafayettesquare.org
- Due by October 15 or ask for an extension.

❖ **Lafayette Square Parlor Tour**

Pat Jones

- 6 house confirmed with additional prospects...still need 4 more
- If interested talk to Pat Jones or Suzanne Sessions

SAFETY REPORTS

❖ **VP Safety**

John Weston

- We depend a lot on the police and appreciate donations to the substation of drinks and snacks while they do their reports.
- Looking for a cleaning company for the substation to come about once per month.
- Part of the issue with the technology (i.e. cameras) we have in the neighborhood is how we want to share that information with the police. *Discussing having a registry within the neighborhood;* residents giving names and phone numbers to the safety committee in order to be contacted (by the safety committee) when there is incident for which footage might be helpful. ..versus posting publicly on Nextdoor and other social media.

❖ **Problem Properties**

Ron Taylor

- **1009 Dolman** (across from Eden Lofts)—on July 11 the owner had 90 days to remedy the situation; talked to city councilor for problem properties, and he expected the owners to come in with their own demolition contractor. There was an application for a CITY demolition permit requested for \$56K, and city says they have the right to do it.)
- **1625-27 Carroll**—Requested owner come to Development Committee; owner agreed...we shall see. There are active permits but for electrical and interior work, and it needs a LOT of exterior work.
- **Cobblestones**—Months ago, membership voted to have asphalt on Mississippi and cobblestones on the side. The asphalt had almost dried when there were two contractors: sewer contractor had cut through concrete so replaced with concrete. Contractor for Ameren/UE took out cobblestones....there was an agreement many years ago (20?) that if contractors took out cobblestones then they have to replace it with cobblestone, but cannot be located. →We need to get a WRITTEN agreement with the city for this! (Include 2300 Rutger and Benton Place brick/cobble). (Urban Plan makes mention of this.)
- Matt Negri—Proposing a committee to fundraise (go after MSD, Ameren, etc. for \$) to restore the cobblestones that have been concreted.

❖ **Block Captains/Alleys**

Glenn Eckert—not present/Dixie Gillaspie

- Block Captains are a key volunteer position to be a liaison between residents and safety, neighborhood association, etc. There are blocks without captains, and we'd love to have those filled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ Treasurer

John Schoemehl

- \$242K combined in checking/savings; please submit committee budgets by October 15.

❖ Capital Improvements

Mary Visintainer

- Carroll—Moving hydrant...then sidewalk people...then fence
- Fence from Zumwalt down to cul-de-sac is moving along; papers with city are signed and check in the mail
- Signage along Park Ave Pilot Project—have met with one of the companies, looking at the posts
- Rutger Ave—have asked for help from BPS to help move along; Christine Ingrassia says she will help move that along
- Meeting on November 14 at Park House—new members welcome! Use Urban Plan as direction for projects we should do in the neighborhood.

❖ Membership

Christina Ryan

- Around 175 household memberships

❖ Beautification

Linda Weiner

- Plan to re-tree median along Park Avenue
- Saturday morning, 9-11am, meet at Fountain— hundreds of bulbs and native plants from Brightside to put in Park Avenue median.

❖ Development

Phil Lamczyk/Suzanne Sessions

- New historic standards posted online today! Needs to go to Preservation Board on 10/22
- Need to do a formal review with neighborhood—Monday 10/15 @ 7pm at SqWires Annex
- Note: There should be no big surprises! This code revision is the result of many issues that have come up within the development committee, and the big item is the rezoning of two areas— infill versus undeveloped within neighborhood and the undeveloped area along the Chateau corridor

❖ Community Affairs

Dixie Gillaspie

- Internal/external marketing channel; taking on role of advertising our neighborhood (whether LSRC sponsored or not)
- Connect on Lafayette Square Community on Facebook, Nextdoor, Yahoo group
- Regarding safety: “Complain to the person who can do something about it.” Not always helpful to post on social media! 😊

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

❖ Lafayette Park Conservancy

Ward Buckner

- “Test” opening of current restrooms; city has approved keeping it open. Ron Taylor has been helping to open.
- Lecture Series: October 14, 2018 @ Kern Pavilion in the Park—Max Kern
- Mulberry trees are hiding inside holly trees in the park...take them out! 😊

❖ Lafayette Square Arts Council

John Weston

- Season winding down...did not have a “great” season \$-wise because of heat and rain
- Halloween Event in the Park on 10/31 at 5:30pm; this is where most people hand out their candy; carriage rides, music, games
- ❖ **Lafayette Square Business Association**
 - Events: Tricks and Treats on Park 10/27; Tree Lighting 12/1; Holiday Market at House Tour 12/9
 - Safety: Security from Thursday-Sunday is continuing to be paid for by fundraisers by LSBA
 - Starting November 1 there will be an LSBA monthly newsletter on Nextdoor and listserv
- ❖ **Barr Branch**
 - Fliers for Halloween events and postcard for “Smallpress Expo” at Central Library 10/13
 - All of the branches this month will be receiving copy machines that print, copy, scan→reducing monthly print credit from \$30 to \$5/mo but reducing black and white printing

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- ❖ **Post-Meeting Social and Honoring of our former neighborhood police officer, Brian Min**
- ❖ **Next LSRC Board Meeting Tuesday, November 6 at the Park House 7pm**
- ❖ **Next LSRC General Meeting is a regular Business Meeting, 7pm, Tuesday, November 13 at Sqwires Annex**