



LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
August 13, 2019 SqWires Annex
(Notes taken by Phil Lamczyk for Christina Ryan)

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 pm Emily O'Brien

- **Welcome New Residents:** Jill & John Farmer of 1800 Lafayette
- Motion made and approval of July 2019 minutes

ALDERMAN REPORTS

6th Ward

Christine Ingrassia

- Christina Ingrassia was not in attendance. Inquiry made by Mary Kay J. to Mr. Coatar's on Christine's whereabouts and if she answers her emails. Jack was understanding and acknowledged Mary Kay's complaint.

7th Ward

Jack Coatar

- Jack Coatar reports that the Board of Alderman is out of session. Among the many changes to laws the BoA are working are to marijuana laws for the city. For the store formerly known as Tim Horton's, this is apparently a candidate location for a retail marijuana business.
- For the Lafayette Square Park, Jack stated that the shuffle board court is to be torn up and asphalt removed.
- Regarding support for splash pads, there is concern about people who are not children using it.
- He is aware of the upcoming Tour De Lafayette race. Report any potholes to him. He didn't see any potholes in his inspection.

POLICE REPORT

3rd District Report

Officer Sherdon Douglas

- Officer Douglas reports 9 crimes since the last reporting period. There were 2 burglaries, 6 larcenies and 1 automotive theft on 7/21. The vehicle was stolen at 1700 Preston on 7/29. Packages were stolen from the porch at 1300 MacKay on 7/25 and at 1400 Dolman on 7/1.
- A gentleman in the audience acknowledged a more improved compliance to this year's fireworks. (Audience applause)

NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Strategic Plan

- Ongoing study and interviews for the Strategic Plan are active now. Beth Quindry with Shockey Consulting taking surveys. One was held at the last Saturday concert. There will be a Survey group meeting again to discuss the status and meet with Beth. They will also get insight from the Arts Council, Mom's Group, Ladies Libation League. The intent is to obtain field data to drive planning and make observations

House Tour

Pat Jones

- Pat Jones spoke of the Holiday House Tour for December 8th and the committee is looking for candidate houses. Danny and Sarah Schuette are taking over merchandise. As always, the committee is looking for volunteers. Floyd will no longer be coordinating ticket sales. Pat made it known that this is her last time serving as Chairperson but she will still be a committee member. The first tour meeting for the Holiday House Tour will be in September.

SAFETY REPORTS

Problem Properties

Kyle Keenan

- Kyle reports that Senate Bill 203 goes into effect later on this month. This allows neighbors of abandoned property to make a "good faith" effort towards stabilizing and securing the property. Officer Douglas has a compiled list of

violations. If a property owner has a violation on a property that has not been occupied or lived in for 6 months, neighbors can proceed to enter property to board it up & and/or clean up the property. Kyle is still working procedures with Problem Property group to formalize a plan.

Block Captains/Safety/Camera Program

Glenn Eckert

- Glenn reports directories have been distributed.
- If there is a problem with Block Captains, Glenn wants to know if they are not doing their jobs.
- For crimes outside the neighborhood that somehow gets connected to Lafayette Square, Dave Visintainer is proactive is making sure it is corrected to the right neighborhood.
- Regarding security cameras, Glenn is still working this and meeting with vendors. There was a question about package theft and solutions, - one can pay \$3 to have packages delivered to a certain address.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Affairs

Emily O'Brien for Dixie Gillaspie

- Emily filled in for Dixie G. Emily reports that people involvement has been a challenge but we had a successful participation with an updated directory as a result of a group effort.
- Emily called for a "Jennifer Weston" replacement for the Marquis editor. John Dedeke volunteered to take on this position (audience applause). Emily stated that there is a dropbox where Jennifer has put the documents for the Marquis. Dixie is actively working editorial guidelines too for the Marquis.
- Jeremy Fontenot reported over 100 changes were made the directory in support of the next release.
- Matt Negri gave notice for the annual New Residence Social for August 24 at 4:00 PM. There is a notice for this event on Nextdoor,-you can provide Matt your email and he'll send you the invite.

Capital Improvements

Linda Pallman

- Linda Pallman reports that there will be 6 new trash cans in and around the Park and the city has agreed to empty them.
- In total \$20,000 was spent for the new street signs and new poles. 18 poles that are in grassy areas and in dirt will be changed first. Tackling poles that are in concrete is much more of a challenge and will be higher future expense. This will be revisited with the membership to pursue. There are some street signs already installed and more poles to arrive by 15 September.
- The Committee is working on a kiosk for the plaza.
- Gary Seeman paid \$400 to have soil delivered west of the Kern Pavilion for an upcoming wildflower garden. Thank Gary when you see him for making the Park a much prettier place for us.
- There is a new informal "Committee of Friends for the Trees" to pay extra attention for the trees in the park that need more attention than what the Forestry Department can provide. The group met and cut down a few small dead trees and the removed mulberry trees and bush honeysuckle.

Treasurer

Clark Affholder

- Clark indicated that we have less than \$300,000 in cash with \$156,000 spoken for on improvements. Ask for Committees to take a look at what has been budgeted.

Membership

- Christina is absent; nothing to report.

Beautification

Linda Weiner

- Linda Weiner indicated \$1,500 reported on tree plantings. She is looking for ideas for the front of the plaza and the replacement of tumbleweeds we have in there now.

Development

Phil Lamczyk/Suzanne Sessions

- Phil reported for this month's agenda will review two residential plans on Dolman. Plan for new residence at 1822 South 18th (next to Ward) has been finalized.
- The Scientology building is no longer listed.
- For the fire damaged Carroll Street property, Phil received text from owner that the property will be put up for sale.
- The owner for the building known as Stray Rescue is to go before Board of Adjustment on the 28th of August for change to zoning and alcohol license. Suzanne followed up that alcohol will entail buy-in from immediate neighbors within 500 feet of the property.

LSBA

Bethany Budde (not present)

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

Lafayette Park Conservancy

Ward Buckner

- Ward Buckner reports the electrical fixture for the flagpole has arrived and will be installed soon.
- An underground irrigation system was installed for the Grotto Gardens this month using pop-up sprinklers to irrigate the area behind the Cook Pavilion and around the Grotto Lake.
- Upcoming coming lecture series for this Fall is set to go in September, -there are mailers out for this and cards on the tables describing the events.
- Linda Weiner indicated that the city flag needs to be replaced. Also it appears to get tangled up in the tree. Ward reports that the branches were trimmed months ago.
- At the Cook Pavilion, there is a tree split where it branches and the LPC has hired a consultant to recommend ways to prevent the tree from splitting in half. There are suggestions to removing the branches to reduce the weight and cabling the branches together.

Arts Council

Sue Lihnhardt announced there will be a magic show in the Park and then 2 more concerts remaining in the year. Plus, there will be a story-telling event in the Park too.

ADJOURN: 8:20

AFTER-MEETING SOCIAL: Thank you, Sqwires!

- ❖ **Next LSRC Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 2 at the Park House, 7pm**
- ❖ **Next LSRC General Meeting is Tuesday, August 9 at Sqwires Annex, 7pm**