



LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

February 11, 2020 Sqwires Annex

CALL TO ORDER 7pm (7:05pm)

Matt Negri

Welcome New Residents. Liz & Tim Rupreck (1800 Rutger), Mark & Lisa (Dolman)

Review and approve January 2020 minutes. Motion to approve/second → approved

ALDERMAN REPORTS

6th Ward

Christine Ingrassia

- MLS moving forward within 3 taxing districts; only people attending the games will pay tax. MLS owners own both the land and team itself. There will be union construction or prevailing wage along with Silver LEEDS standards and working with Ameren for energy efficiency. Practice facility will generate income from earnings taxes from MLS team and administrative staff. Reported there will be conditional use for short term rentals with investor owned properties with equity between short term rentals, B&B's and hotels.
- Legislation presented for redistricting to allow citizen committee to redraw boundaries post census. We'll need to redistrict the two districts in Lafayette Square with respect to neighbourhood lines.
- Christine introduced bills for construction efforts to be responsible for citizen to move freely and without undue inconvenience.
- She introduced bills for paid leave for employees to not force FMLA and noted salaries were already allocated so no real change in budget.
- **Question:** Is MLS stadium in 6th Ward? **Answer,** yes
- **Question:** What is name of the MLS team? **Answer:** No word yet.
- **Question:** About detour on Hwy 44 entrance at Lafayette & Jefferson; Bridge to be replaced at Jefferson and Hwy 44? Concern for construction on Lafayette through end of year. **Answer:** These were 7th Ward questions and will confer with Jack Coatar.
- **Questions:** Can we get stop signs at Missouri & Lafayette? **Answer:** Christine will check into street calming measures to keep safe situation.
- **Question:** Is there a traffic study for NW with all development on Missouri? **Answer:** There is a commitment for traffic study for the Chouteau-Park-Jefferson corridor.

7th Ward. Jack Coatar not in attendance

POLICE REPORT 3rd District.

- Officer Sherdon Douglas reported for month of January there were 8 crimes; 1-burglary, 6 larceny, 1 arson.
 - Burglary 1100 Mississippi on 1/12/20, 11:08am, resident reported from work from video surveillance and suspect was arrested.
 - Six larcenies, all after 6pm; 4 laptops stolen from vehicles, suspect entered unlocked vehicle and took firearm, vehicle ransacked stole legos.
 - 1/3/20, Owner report vehicle stolen LaSalle/Missouri Ave. Interior vehicle on fire, no suspect.

NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

Artists Group Matt noted newly formed Artists Group by Kathryn Ferrell. First group meeting was in January with next meeting on February 18th. Potential collaboration with Soulard. Artists looking to do show for the 2 days in June house tour.

House Tour Update. Matt reported 2 new Co-Chairs for 51st Annual House Tour, Emily O'Brien and Leigh-Ann Houston. Pat and Suzanne are still gathering houses for June 6-7 tour; looking for 10 - 12 spaces.

Strategic Plan Update. Linda Weiner reported latest updates were in Marquis newsletter and final draft to be presented latter February for community comments and input. There will be a Launch party, once approved. Linda thanked all for completing surveys.

2020 Budget Approval. Sheri Mistretta reported ongoing final research for 2020 Budget will be presented in March. LSRC Executive Board voted to extend charitable donations to Lafayette Prep Academy for \$1000, YMCA Swim Program \$500, Lift for Life Academy \$500 for their fundraiser.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Sheri Mistretta, noted no formal report at this meeting.

Development Phil Lamczyk reported newest edition of Marquis was available this evening. Phil reported a request to turn the parking lot on Dolman, across from the Church, for dental school use. Community meeting for Dolman residents will be Wednesday, February 12th from 6:00-7:00pm in basement of St. Marys assumption church. There will be new, stricter standards for flat surface parking. Linda requested tree wells taller than 5'.

Beautification. Linda Weiner invited all to volunteer and encouraged members to adopt a green space to mulch, water, plant. Linda expressed appreciation to all who help and asked to contact her directly for more information. (linderweiner@gmail.com)

Community Affairs. Dixie Gillaspie reported that neighbourhood website was a key conversation with strategic plan and invited all members to participate in discussion for the website and noted there will be a bid for proposal for website development.

Capital Improvements. Mary Visintainer thanked Dick Stockman and Christine Ingrassia for funds toward Rutger entry. Mary noted CI committee to meet end of March and invited all present to attend. Signage expenditure budgeted for \$10,000 this year and \$10,000 next year to spread out cost.

Membership. Christina Ryan (no report, Christina Ryan not present)

LSBA. Bethany Budde reported on 2019 Lafayette Square Business Association and noted 2020 budget will be presented next month. There are 36 paid LSBA members and 60 businesses in the neighborhood so need to engage more participation.

- 2019 events: Souper Sunday, Tshirt sales \$1200, Holiday market. 2020 events scheduled – January Souper Sunday (raised \$895), Cocktails on the Plaza, Taste of the Square.....
- Bethany reported that security personnel are contracted from Goldshield Security by the LSBA for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. In 2019, Security patrol was able to resolve all issues with no arrests. Goldshield Security are off-duty City Officers and paid \$55 an hour per person; 2 on Saturday, 1-Thursday and Friday. One marked car per shift but typically on foot.

- **Question:** What is perception of safety from clientele? How do we measure impact? **Answer;** LSBA has paid for security post 2016; with documentation for incidents on what happens with/without security. History reflects that Security mitigates crime.

SAFETY REPORTS

Problem Properties. Glenn Eckert shared that safety is a priority to both visitors and residents. Safety perception effects property values. Committee is working with Alderman to get cameras throughout district that are sophisticated to read license plates, along with interior cameras at SqWires, School, and identified businesses.

Block Captains/Safety. Glenn Eckert reported status of neighborhood and that new residents need to share information with block captains so that they may stay informed on neighborhood news.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS. Committee member 7th Ward Marty Murray remarked that tomorrow is last day to register to vote in March election. There is a vacancy in committeewoman seat for each.

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC). Ward Buckner reported Presidents Day Celebration for DAR reception will be by the statue of Geo Washington, refreshments to follow at Kern. Two sections of fence have been removed by Park House. They are currently testing on replacement pieces.

Question Will new fence have skirt? **Answer:** Ward reported, yes, but still testing final product.

Lafayette Square Arts Council. (no report, no representative present)

Barr Branch. (no report, Tonya not present. Branch is currently closed for renovation.)

Open Discussion. Questions asked on updates for NW construction. Lisette (Bill Odell's wife) remarked breaking ground this spring with townhouses on Hickory built first. Matt remarked The Looking Glass will be closing end of this month and thanked Andrea for having the shop all these years. Andrea still doing laser engraving and embroidering through online orders. Great appreciation expressed from Matt and all present.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Next LSRC Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd at the Park House, 7pm
 - ❖ Next LSRC General Meeting is Tuesday, March 10, at 7pm at Sqwires Annex, 7pm
 - ❖ LPC President's Day/Laying of the Wreath --Kern Pavilion February 17th 9:30am
- AFTER-MEETING SOCIAL:** Thank you, Bethany and Sqwires Staff!