

MINUTES FOR May 12, 2015 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 April meeting minutes.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Jack Coatar - 7th Ward – Jack explained that he is officially the 7th Ward Alderman. Mr. Coatar explained that he has allocated some funds to complete renovation on the grotto bridge in the Park. Jack also mentioned that the new dental training facility, located on Truman, will open in the next couple of months. Please feel free to contact Jack with any questions or comments: coatarj@stlouis-mo.gov

Christine Ingrassia – 6th Ward – Christine was not present

GUEST SPEAKERS

Capstone Development (Mop Factory) – Crystal Althoff:

Ms. Althoff was present to discuss the planned renovation of the “Mop Factory.” She explained that the developer is planning to close in June with redevelopment beginning at the end of June or early July. The two primary items to make the project work is for the project to receive a 10-year tax abatement and receive vacation of the alleyway. There was a motion proposed to allow vacation of the alleyway near the property, the motion carried.

NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Park House Update:

President Negri explained that the Park House work has nearly been completed. There are 20 weddings booked which will be using the Park House in the coming months. Additionally, Linda Pallmann explained a few plans to reroute water drainage away from the house to prevent erosion and replace some underground piping.

Spring House Tour: June 6th & 7th

Linda Pallmann explained that the tour is a bit different this year. There are 11 homes on tour and there will also be the addition of “Features” including the newly renovated church on Lafayette, Clementine’s Naughty or Nice Creamery and the Stone House. Please advocate the tour and promote it at your place of business. Posters are available; please contact Linda or Matt if you would like to hang one in your place of business. Volunteer Spot will be activated in the next week to allow everyone in the neighborhood to sign up and volunteer as a docent on tour. Please, consider volunteering and encourage neighbors to join in the fun.

SAFETY REPORTS

Safety - Tony Krawat was not in attendance at the meeting.

3rd District, Officer Brian Min – Officer Min discussed several crimes that took place within the neighborhood. There were 3 attempted auto thefts this past month. Please stay vigilant and call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

Problem Properties – Don Owens discussed that he and Ron will be taking around an inspector to several problem properties that need attention.

Block Captains – Glenn Eckert was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development - Keith Houghton had nothing new to report.

Community Affairs – Jennifer Weston reported that the Marquis will be distributed prior to House Tour. The Deadline for submissions is this Friday, May 15th. Ms. Weston also explained that the events brochure is nearly completed and will be printed soon. Additionally, Lafayette Prep. Is within \$5,000 of their goal to complete the purchase.

Capital Improvements – Mary Visintainer discussed the proposed planters that will be placed on several streets and entries throughout the neighborhood. In reference to the work on Park and Truman, Matt, Linda and Mary have been meeting with the contractor’s daily. The plan is to have the street opened in the next couple of weeks.

Treasurer - Kate Francis discussed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss through the end of April. Contributions to the substation are greatly appreciated and have assisted greatly in the new air conditioning unit.

Membership – Brad McLaury reported that personalized renewal reminders are being e-mailed out each month for memberships that are expiring. Please keep an eye out, and renew. Also encourage neighbors to join the LSRC.

Beautification – Linda Weiner asked for volunteers to assist with weeding and upkeep in the plaza and parks. Please assist in keeping alleys cleaned and trees trimmed for the upcoming tour goers.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Arts Council – Jennifer Weston gave an overview of the planned concerts and movies to take place in the Park this summer. Please see the Lafayette Square website for more information. Please consider sponsoring these events.

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC) – Ward Buckner reported that the gate from Park and Mississippi was removed and sent to a company to replicate and replace the missing one. Also, there will be a dedication for a new plaque in the park, commemorating Lafayette Square's involvement in the Civil War, which will take place on May 16th, at 3pm.

Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA) – Andrea Heugatter reported that there will be a Friday Art Walk on June 5th (the Friday before house tour). Also, the cocktails in the plaza will take place this year on July 16th.

Community Reports – Barr Branch: Tonnya Joy was not present.

Matt Negri introduced Tamara Keefe, owner of Clementine's Naughty or Nice Creamery, which will hold a grand opening this Saturday (May 16th) at noon. There will be free tastings this Thursday (May 14th) for the neighborhood as well.

Matt Ashen with South City Preparatory invited the neighborhood to attend a pep rally of sorts on Sunday, May 31st. The event will allow neighbors to see the property and encourage students as they continue their academic careers.

President Negri also explained that there is an immediate opening for the Assistant Treasurer position on the LSRC Board, if interested please contact Matt Negri or Kate Francis.

Meeting Adjourned! (8:30pm)

AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL

Many thanks to Scott and Suzi Jones for hosting the after meeting social!

Note: We still need members to sign up for the month of November. Please contact Matt Negri for details on hosting an after meeting social.

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

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