

## **MINUTES FOR June 9, 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 May meeting minutes.

### **ALDERMAN REPORTS**

**Jack Coatar - 7<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Jack explained that there have been no proposals for the rumored gas station at Tucker and Lafayette. Additionally, the Ray Leisure Park, off of Park Ave has been completely overhauled.

**Christine Ingrassia – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Christine reported that on the August ballot there will be a property tax increase proposal to fund infrastructure improvements for 911 call center, police and fire department needs and bridge improvements. Also, the minimum wage bill has been introduced, to increase minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Christine is a co-sponsor of the bill.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

A representative from Missouri Jobs with Justice discussed the minimum wage issue and asked residents to support the topic.

### **NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS**

#### **Special Election for Assistant Treasurer: Terry Winter**

There was a motion made to elect Terry Winter as the new Assistant Treasurer, to fill the spot that was recently vacated. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Winter is now the Assistant Treasurer of the LSRC.

#### **Capital Improvements:**

Mary Visintainer and Kate Francis discussed expenses that need to be covered upfront by the LSRC, related to the plaza and park fence, the LSRC will then be reimbursed via monies from the TIF. Ward Buckner discussed the gates to the park and fence. There was additional discussion about expectations regarding financial obligation and expectations between the LSRC and LPC. Discussion followed about the remaining TIF funds. Matt Negri discussed an expense pertaining to the Park House which is estimated at \$2,000, a motion was made to pay for the expense, the motion carried to cover up to \$2,000 in expense on related to the Park House.

#### **House Tour Update:**

The 2015 Spring House Tour brought in \$42,233 in revenue with net income of \$30,000. The tour came in under budget.

### **SAFETY REPORTS**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> District, Officer Brian Min** – Officer Min delivered the May crime report.

**Problem Properties** – There was nothing new to report.

**Block Captains** – Will be listed in the directory this year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development** - Keith Houghton reported that Mississippi and Rutger work will continue.

**Community Affairs** – Jennifer Weston reported that the Marquis was distributed and the events calendar has been published.

**Capital Improvements** – Mary Visintainer discussed the plaza brickwork, benches and plans for bump-outs.

**Treasurer** - Kate Francis delivered the May financials

**Membership** – Please continue to promote the LSRC to new neighbors and join us for the neighborhood meeting each month, second Tuesday at 7pm.

**Beautification** – Linda Weiner discussed updates

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Arts Council** – Jennifer Weston discussed upcoming events this summer. Please see the Lafayette Square website for more information.

**Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)** – Ward Buckner reported on the fence and gate work being completed.

**Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA)** – Andrea Heugatter reported that the LSBA brochure was recently completed and thanked the LSRC and LPC for contributing towards the brochure. Cocktails on the Plaza will take place this year on July 16<sup>th</sup> (4:30-7pm)

**Community Reports** – Barr Branch: Tonnya Joy reported that Page Turners, the adult summer reading club, has begun.

### **Announcements:**

Matt Ashen with South City Preparatory reported that there was an open house.

**Meeting Adjourned!** (8:50pm)

### **AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL**

Thank you to all who attended the after meeting social, Kate and I enjoyed catching up with everyone. – Brad McLaury

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

\* Minutes will be voted on at the July 14<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting.