

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2014 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 50 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 October meeting minutes.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Leonard Adewunmi

The developer of 1917 Rutger, Mr. Adewunmi, answered questions from residents.

- Parking will be located off street (1 per unit – 30 total)
- Management will have their primary office located in the building, someone will always be on call.
- The building is approximately 30,000 s.f. total – with approximately 700 s.f. per unit.
- Approximate cost to redevelop is \$2,000,000
- The developer does have historic tax credits, but has not yet received tax abatement.
- Other projects completed by the developer include: units near the corner of Russell and Mississippi, currently; they're working on 10 units in Dogtown.
- Plans are to lease units for approximately \$900/mo

Development – Keith Houghton explained that the Development Committee is only involved in architectural review of proposed projects. Alderwoman Ingrassia works with Keith when new developments come about. The Development committee works with our Aldermen, but do not have a huge role in planning or assisting in approving the actual development.

- Alderwoman Ingrassia will provide contact information to the LSRC, to distribute upon request, to anyone that would like to oppose this project.
- (314-541-4787): Alderwoman Christine Ingrassia's cell phone number. Please call with any questions, she will be happy to answer.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Phyllis Young – 7th Ward – Alderwoman Young had nothing to report. A question was asked if the current Mop Factory proposal has requested abatement, the answer; this has not yet been requested. Ms. Young made note that all of the new home construction on Dolman are receiving tax abatement.

Christine Ingrassia – 6th Ward – Alderwoman Ingrassia had nothing new to report.

NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Lafayette Square Special Business Tax Initiative (SBD):

Jay Divine discussed the second meeting held on October 22nd at Sqwires. Approximately 75 were in attendance. Updates are being posted on Lafayette Square website. Mr. Divine is currently planning the organization of a new committee to oversee this sector.

Board position proposal:

President Matt Negri presented a proposal for Rick McGuire to join the LSRC Board as Secretary of the Board. Jennifer Weston made a motion for Rick to begin official duties as of tonight (11/11/14); the motion was approved.

Resolution for Mop Factory:

Richard Stockmann presented a resolution which stated that the LSRC would entertain the proposal of demolition of 1322-32 Dolman so long as there would be new construction to replace the existing building on the site. A discussion about the resolution included understanding that the LSRC would entertain a proposal to demolish and construct as opposed to just "demolish." Mr. Stockmann proposed that the resolution be adopted with the omission of a partial sentence. The motion was seconded. A comment was made to table the motion to allow time to review and consider all options - President Negri allowed a motion to table the resolution until the December membership meeting.

SAFETY REPORTS

Officer Brian Min – Officer Min reported that there was a home burglary in October. As well as, several car break-in's recently. Be conscious of items left visible in your vehicles and be sure to keep doors locked.

Safety – Tony Krawat praised Officer Min for the time and effort he is putting forth for all of us. Mr. Krawat also reported that he would like to have Officer Justin Johnson provide training to the community, covering what to be on the lookout for and when to call the police. Tony also encouraged community members to make court appearances to trials covering crimes in our neighborhood. This demonstrates to the judge that our community

is responsive about these crimes. New safety email: safety@lafayettesquare.org. Residents are also encouraged to donate Gatorade, water and non perishables for the substation officers, Scott Jones is the contact to donate.

Problem Properties – Don Owens did not attend tonight.

Block Captains – Glenn Eckert reported that there are many available roles for neighbors to assist in keeping the community a safe place for all of us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Holiday Tour Report:

Linda Pallmann has posters available to be distributed. Please promote this event, as it is a great way to showcase our beautiful neighborhood. There is currently an App, in process, which will feature the homes on the tours. There is also a YouTube video in the works; this will be posted on the website once completed. Also, we are looking for cookie and hot chocolate donations to be given away to visitors during the tour.

Development - Keith Houghton discussed items earlier in the meeting.

Community Affairs – Jennifer Weston reported that they are working with Alderwoman Ingrassia to make sure all Chocolate Run participants will be through the neighborhood by 10am, in time for House Tours to begin, on December 14th. The Community Affairs committee oversees social media, the website, and the Marquis, which is now completed twice per year. To have items placed in the Marquis please contact Jennifer at: weston1998@hotmail.com .

Treasurer- Kate Francis reported that, as of 10-31-14, profit is up compared to the same period last year. Spring home tour profit nearly doubled from 2013 and membership income is also up. Expenses were over budget in Capital improvements and maintenance expense, however. Net income was \$11,677, as of 10-31-14. The budget for 2015 has been completed and was presented by Ms. Francis; this will be up for vote at the December meeting.

Membership – Brad McLaury reported that we are currently at 318 members. Please be sure to check your membership renewal dates, it is vital to the organization for members to stay current and active.

Capital Improvements – Matt Brazelton reported that the permanent tree will be planted prior to the annual holiday tree lighting. Mr. Brazelton made a motion to approve funds to pay for electricity for the tree lighting, the motion carried. Tree lighting will take place on November 28th.

Beautification – Linda Weiner was not in attendance, nothing new to report

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Lafayette Park Conservancy – Carolyn Willmore reported that the Kern Pavilion grand opening took place on November 3rd. There are already four events booked. Rates are \$80/hr and one must use catering services from a pre-approved list of caterers.

LSBA – Matt Brazelton reported that there will be a “Plaid Friday” event, on Black Friday, to embrace small businesses; this will be on November 28th throughout the City of St. Louis.

Community Reports – Barr Branch, nothing new to report.

Meeting Adjourned! (8:45pm)

AFTER-THE-MEETING SOCIAL

Many thanks to Alan Loehr and Sue Ferraario for hosting the after-meeting “Halloween” social. Host needed for future socials, please contact Matt Negri if interested.

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

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