

## MINUTES FOR February 9, 2016 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at SqWires restaurant with approximately 50 residents in attendance. Mrs. Linda Pallmann 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 December meeting minutes.

### **ALDERMAN REPORTS**

**Jack Coatar - 7<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Jack discussed that the Lafayette Preparatory development is underway and going well. There will be some parking changes that will be permanently implemented for this. Jack also explained that there has been some hiccups related to the purchase of the Mop Factory building, the project appears to be on hold for now. Lastly, parking around the park will be reverted back to pull in parking, keep a look out for striping. Feel free to contact Jack anytime: 314-374-0691

**Christine Ingrassia – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Christine explained that she is working with a group to convince the owner of the Mar Chem building to sell the property.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Honorable Darlene Green, Comptroller of the City of Saint Louis and Chief Fiscal Officer:** Ms. Green discussed the upcoming ballot for April 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$25million general obligation bond, which is a no tax issue that will be proposed. There will be no tax increase related to this bond. Part of the intended use of these bond funds will be to update and repair firehouses for the fire department. Additionally, there will be a vote on the city earnings tax. The revenue from earnings tax makes up 1/3 of the operating budget for the City. The Earnings tax can cover the entire cost of the police department expense.

### **NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS**

**LSRC Logo Design:** Ms. Pallmann discussed plans to rebrand the neighborhood, more to come!

**Strategic Planning-LSRC Board:** Pete Peters explained plans for the LSRC to complete a strategic planning process, which involves a survey of the neighborhood (members and non-members of the LSRC) to assist in data gathering to better serve the neighborhood. This will be an open process.

**LSRC Committees:** Mr. Negri explained that the LSRC is working to organize committees through the strategic planning process to better serve the community. Mr. Negri explained that John Weston has taken over as VP of Safety. Additionally, the Beautification committee is further developing. Please consider volunteering!

**House Tour Update:** Jennifer Weston reported that the Holiday House Tour was a success; gross revenue was \$40,000. The committee will meet to begin planning for the spring tour in late February. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Park House.

**Campbell House-Tour Involvement:** Ms. Pallmann discussed plans to co-promote the Campbell House, while they will also promote Lafayette Square.

### **SAFETY REPORTS**

**Safety** – John Weston reported that the Police Substation sign was moved to the proper location on Park Ave. The committee is working on their policies and planning for classes to assist neighbors in identifying potential crime. Please consider donating to the police substation as well, contact John Weston.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District, Officer Brian Min** – Officer Min presented the crime report for December and January.

**Problem Properties** – Ron Taylor discussed several properties that are being focused on, there is now action being taken on all of the major properties recognized in the neighborhood.

**Block Captains** – Glenn Eckert discussed the communication lines between the block captains and police department. Mr. Eckert reminded neighbors to be vigilant and keep an eye out for crime and suspicious activity.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development** – Keith Houghton discussed that an undisclosed developer signed a contract to purchase the Praxair property, however, they have a year to execute said contract. Also, the current rate for an apartment in the neighborhood is \$1.50 per square foot.

**Community Affairs** – Jennifer Weston explained that the Marquee was distributed. This will now be distributed four times per year. A huge thank you to those that advertise in the Marquee and directory. Additionally, thank you to Genevieve Barlow for spearheading all social media for the neighborhood and Kacey Mahrt for keeping the website up-to-date.

**Capital Improvements** – Urn planters have been placed around the neighborhood, look for plants to arrive this spring!

**Treasurer** – Terry Winter discussed the January financial reports.

**Membership** – Please continue to promote the LSRC to new neighbors and join us for the neighborhood meeting. We are currently at 134 member/households.

**Beautification** – Linda Weiner discussed the need for additional volunteers. Please consider helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Arts Council** – John Weston reported plans for the upcoming summer season.

**Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)** – Carolyn Willmore invited all neighbors to attend the wreath laying ceremony on Presidents day.

**Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA)** – There was no representative.

**Community Reports** – Barr Branch: Tonnya Joy was not in attendance.

### **Announcements:**

**Presidents Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony (LP Conservancy) Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-11am**

**Fourth Annual Souper Sunday (LS Business Association) Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 4pm-6pm SqWires Annex**

**NEXT LSRC MEETING:** April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Kern Pavilion (former Boathouse) Lafayette Park..

**Meeting Adjourned!** (8:03pm)

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

Many thanks to Bethany Budde and the Staff at SqWires for hosting the February meeting and social.

Respectfully submitted, Brad McLaury – Membership Secretary

\* Minutes will be voted on at the April 12th General Membership Meeting.