

## **Lafayette Square Restoration Committee Membership Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2018**

### **Welcome New Residents:**

President Houston Smith welcomed all and asked new residents to introduce themselves. New residents were Kathy Anderson, Isabel Ryan (introduced by her mother), Jill Peckinpaugh on Dolman, AJ and Barbara Brodski on Mississippi, Tricia and Dale Spence on Park, Frank Absher.

**Review and approve Minutes:** August minutes approved.

**6<sup>th</sup> Ward:** Christine Ingrassia spoke briefly about the new session of Aldermanic Board

**7<sup>th</sup> Ward:** Jack Coatar reported on:

- \*short term rental legislation—in early stages
- \* Convention Center
- \*tour of mop factory coming up (contact Suzanne Sessions)
- \* 1625 Carroll has permits for renovation, city is watching
- \* Circuit attorney's list of problem police officers and their testimony

Sound wall for Highway 44 South side on neighborhood: Dave Harvey spoke about his investigation into erecting a wall to block sound from Highway 44. Cost estimates vary of \$750,000 to \$1.4 million. Missouri DOT must build it and on DOT property. There are no funds to carry this out.

### **Police Report**

3rd District: Officer Sherdon Douglas reviewed safety incidents which included

- \*17 crimes total in August
- \* above included a robbery from a car, 12 larcenies from cars, a few auto thefts
- \* she will get the name of person who hit Lafayette column to Matt Negri for follow up to driver's insurance company
- \* a tour of PD's Communications Department is available for citizens on Thursday evening

**Guest Speakers:** Houston mentioned the city's loan program for green home energy installations.

### **New and On-Going Business**

- **LSBA + LSRC** Houston asked for comments and questions about making the LSBA a committee of the LASRC as is planned. A comment was that this action should help safety and security by combining the two.
- **Bylaws revision:** Houston summarized changes to bylaws that have been recommended by the LSRC Board. A ballot vote was taken and the revision to bylaws passed, 30 votes of "yes" to 1 vote of "no."
- **RFP Strategic Plan/RFQ:** Linda Weiner summarized the process so far, our goal for completion of the RFP is October 1, 2018. Houston said the plan will cover 5 years into the future.

- **Donation to Tour de Lafayette:** Houston reported that we made a donation of \$2,500 from the pre-approved donations line of our budget to this group that sponsors the bicycle race
- **Nominations for election:** Houston reviewed the slate of candidates recommended by the Board and asked for additional candidates from the floor. There were none. Candidate nominations are now closed for next month's election. Here is the slate:

**Proposed Next Board- positions with “nominated” are open to additional nominations:**

**President: Emily O'Brien**

**VP-Elect: Matt Negri** **nominated**

**Past President: Houston Smith**

**Secretary: Kim Peterson** **nominated**

**VP Community Affairs: Dixie Gillaspie** **nominated**

**Treasurer: Clark Affholder**

**Treasurer-Elect: Anthony Grice** **nominated**

**Membership Secretary: Christina Ryan** **nominated**

**VP Development Committee: Philip Lamczyk**

**VP-Elect Development Committee: Suzanne Sessions** **nominated**

**VP Safety: John Weston** **nominated**

**VP Capital Improvements: Linda Pallmann** **nominated**

**VP Business Affairs: Bethany Budde** **nominated**

**Member at Large (2nd Year):** **Katie Noonan**

**Member at Large (2nd Year):** **Steve Wilde**

**Member at Large (2nd Year):** **Mike Jones**

**Member at Large (2nd Year):** **Laura Vowell**

**Development Committee members: VP, VP-elect, immediate past VP**

**Merry Dahms** **nominated**

**Linda Pallmann** **nominated**

**Mike Visintainer**

**Rick Ponder**

- **Parlor Tour:** Pat Jones talked about the upcoming tour on December 9. We need houses and volunteers. Let her know your interest. Meeting is next Wednesday 6:30 pm.
- **Historic St. Louis tour:** Mike Jones reviewed the upcoming event “Spirited Holiday Past” of 26 historic homes in the area, open on the same day, December 1 from 10 am to 4 pm. Another series of events coming up are lectures at the Kern Pavilion this fall, October 14 about Max Kern and November 11 about Thomas Hart Benton.
- **Safety report:** Glenn Eckert talked about block captain activity. Two meetings will be held. We still need some coverage on blocks.
- **Treasurer:** Clark Affholder reported that revenue is about equal to expenses and we are on target. About \$100,000 in capital improvements will be spent. Our major sources of revenue are house tours and membership dues.
- **Capital Improvements:** Mary Visintainer said there are two new benches by the Park House. She reviewed progress on the street signs project. The Carroll Street project is moving along thanks to city departments and Jack Coatar.
- **Problem properties:** Ron Taylor said that 1009 Dolman is supposed to be remedied by by October 9, unlikely to happen. All derelict buildings here are watched and reported. Shawn Sparr asked residents to put pressure on the owner of 1625 Carroll. Houston said “pressure” comes in the form of citations, and also residents can sue a property owner for devaluation of their own property. Be proactive!
- **Membership:** no report
- **Beautification:** Linda Weiner thanks all who supervised SLU students, that event accomplished a lot! She expects to get a grant to plant tulips. A project to identify beautiful alleys may be coming up.
- **Development:** Suzanne Sessions said that the Cultural Resources office wants the revised code completed very soon so that construction can begin in the Chouteau Corridor area. There will be a meeting for area residents to comment and ask questions and approve the revisions. Ultimately the revisions go to the Board of Alderman for their vote as an ordinance.
- **Community Affairs:** Dixie Gillaspie said we will keep multiple channels of communication open with Facebook and Nextdoor. Her committee will find ways to support communication. Tell her your ideas!
- **LPC:** Ward Bucker has worked with Parks Department to open Kern bathrooms for a trial period of one month. Vandalism will be measured. Opening and closing will be done by neighborhood people. Results will be evaluated.
- **Arts Countil:** Houston mentioned Movies in the Park program is under review.
- **LSBA:** Matt Brazelton said upcoming events are Trick & Treats at end of October and Christmas Tree lighting in December.
- **Misc announcements:** Bob Bischoff asked residents to call in high weeds at Lafayette and Tucker area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 by motion.

Kim Peterson  
Secretary Pro tem