



## LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

June 11, 2019 SqWires Annex

**CALL TO ORDER 7:03pm**

**Emily O'Brien**

- **Welcome New Residents:** Timothy & Heather Weeks & Baby Rio on Mississippi; Gwen Carpenter on Rutger St
- Motion made and approval of May 2019 minutes

### ALDERMAN REPORTS

**6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Christine Ingrassia**

- Not present.

**7<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Jack Coatar**

- Not present.

### POLICE REPORT

**3rd District**

**Officer Sherdon Douglas**

- Update: In April, there was a robbery/carjacking in 2000 block of Hickory. Victim was smoking a cigarette next to her rental car. 3 Black males asked to use her cell phone, when victim looked up they had a gun on her. They took her cell phone and car. Officer Douglas followed up, and the victims have been arrested and will be prosecuted.
- May: 7 Crimes
  - Burglary on 1700 block of Simpson; victim returned home and watched video footage. Suspect has returned to his home 3 times. ☹
  - 3 larcenies—stealing a license plate; shoplifting at Family Dollar (Gate District; suspect apprehended in the Square); 1400 S 18<sup>th</sup>/Park...witness was detaining a suspect! Officer Douglas was in 1900 block of Park and went straight there!
  - 3 vehicle thefts—1 was recovered
- In June, there was 1 robbery→stealing from a person. The suspects approached victim from behind and put a fist in his back and took his cell phone and wallet. It was not caught on camera.

### GUEST SPEAKER

**Barr Branch Library**

- Not present.

**Pulitzer Arts Foundation**

**Sophie Lipman**

- Monument Labs is in residence. Collecting surveys from St Louisans: How would you map the monuments of St Louis? Historic sites, imagined, current, past, etc.
- Paper Surveys available during social hour.
- Please visit website:

**Gateway Cup**

**Mike Weiss**

- Mike is the Event director for the Gateway Cup, which is a very competitive bike race. It is 1 of only 20 professionally sanctioned races in the country. [www.gatewaycup.com](http://www.gatewaycup.com)
- LafSq hosts the first of four races on Friday of Labor Day Weekend.

- Benefits the community by tapping business district for merchants.
- Mike is asking the neighborhood to: Volunteer, offer housing to the athletes, please be patient with traffic patterns that day.

## NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

### Strategic Plan

Linda Weiner

- Team met the strategic plan consultants in person last week! Very excited with their knowledge about funding and helping neighborhoods realize their goals.
- They will initially meet with people from the LSRC, LPC, Arts Council; then public engagement strategies (moms group, concerts, etc.) Meeting with other stakeholders.
- They have information from surveys 2 years ago as well.
- Please be responsive to contact and provide feedback.
- Looking for 2 more volunteers to meet with the strategic planning committee. Commitment: six 2-hour meetings. Sean Tooley and Leigh Anne Smith, thank you!

### Kern Insurance/Plaza Beautification

Linda Pallman

#### Kern Insurance

- There is a concern about not having insurance on the Kern Pavilion; there has been back and forth between LPC and LSRC regarding coverage. It is not part of the LSRC's budget at this time.
- Linda has been working with All State for a quote, on which they are working. Looking at ~\$3000.
- Asking the membership to vote on the LSRC using up to \$3K to cover insurance for the Kern Pavilion.
- The city owns the Kern and the Park House. The LSRC leases the Park House, has insurance on it, and manages the rentals of the Park House. The city is in charge of Kern rentals.
- Question: Does the neighborhood receive money from the rental of the Kern? Answer: The agreement is that all monies generated by the Kern rental have to be delegated to the Park.
- The city says the Kern is worth \$1.2 million. The quotes that Linda is getting are closer to \$600K. Concern is not that building would be destroyed but that a tree would fall on it.
- **Motion on the floor to table the issue until the LPC and LSRC can work out with the city exactly what everyone's responsibility is. *Seconded. Motion passed.***

#### Plaza Beautification

- Would like to hire responsible kids to do a lot of weeding on the overgrown plaza and garden areas.
- The Beautification committee has a budget to pay several weeders for the public spaces. Linda would mentor the kids.
- Question: Why not hire landscapers to do this? Answer: The companies will do it if they have time. It's not a big enough project to spend major time on. Pretty City was \$45/hr for 7 hours of pulling weeds.

### House Tour

Pat Jones

- Very successful—kudos!
- Including the individual donation drive (\$17-18K), we brought in \$55-60K thus far. Currently sitting on \$6K of expenses→likely to go up.

## SAFETY REPORTS

### Block Captains/Safety/Camera Program

Glenn Eckert

- Biggest thing team is working on is the camera program. In touch with a company that will help us use private cameras on the interior of the neighborhood to network with a server and potentially provide real-time crime surveillance as needed.

### Problem Properties

Kyle

- 2018 Lafayette hearing is tomorrow morning; not expected to appear.
- Working on cataloguing paper records to electronic. Will be able to keep all the documentation (photos, letters, emails, etc.) in one place and share easily.
- **New Problem Properties Email:** [lsrcproblemproperties@gmail.com](mailto:lsrcproblemproperties@gmail.com)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### LSBA

Bethany Budde

- Not present.

### Capital Improvements

Mary Visintainer

- Street signs are moving forward, thanks to Linda Pallman working with BPS for the last month.
- Rutgers entry at Jefferson moving forward, thanks to Dick Stockmann working with BPS.

### Membership

Christina Ryan

- Members should be receiving minutes and renewal reminders. If you are not, please talk to Christina [membership@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:membership@lafayettesquare.org)

### Beautification

Linda Weiner

- Need helpers on Lafayette at 18<sup>th</sup> St and at Dolman to weed.

### Development

Phil Lamczyk/Suzanne Sessions

- Finalizing agenda for development meeting next Tuesday. Bringing back developer who is doing the new houses at 2200 Hickory St.
- Paper copies of historic code available.

### Community Affairs

Dixie Gillaspie

- Not present.

### Treasurer

Clark Affholder

- [treasurer@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:treasurer@lafayettesquare.org)

## NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

### Lafayette Park Conservancy

Ward Buckner

- Not present.

### Lafayette Square Arts Council

- Not present.

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AFTER-MEETING SOCIAL: Thank you, Sqwires!

- ❖ Next LSRC Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 2 at the Park House, 7pm
- ❖ Next LSRC General Meeting is Tuesday, July 9 at Sqwires Annex, 7pm
- ❖ New Resident Social is Sunday, August 25, at the Park House 4-7pm