



LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

July 9, 2019 SqWires Annex

CALL TO ORDER 7:03pm

Emily O'Brien

- **Welcome New Residents:** Dan Stapleton (S 18th); Ben and Amanda Powell (LaSalle)
- Motion made and approval of June 2019 minutes

ALDERMAN REPORTS

6th Ward

Christine Ingrassia

- Not present.

7th Ward

Jack Coatar

- Not present.

POLICE REPORT

3rd District

Officer Sherdon Douglas

- June Crimes—7 crimes
 - 1 robbery @ S 18th and Park. 2 suspects approached victim. 1 grabbed his cell phone, the other his wallet. Stuck their fist in his back to make it seem like a gun. Police canvassed but have not caught anyone.
 - 1 attempted break-in/trespassing; doorknob was tampered with, did not get inside.
 - 4 larcenies: Hickory—ipad was gone; Choteau—shattered window and stole wallet out of console; S Jefferson—ransacked vehicles; LaSalle/Missouri—shattered Spire truck window and ransacked, nothing taken.
 - 1 auto theft S 18th St; stolen vehicle with purse with key inside, vehicle was recovered
- July so far—1 larceny in 1400 block of Dolman, broke into vehicle, nothing taken.
- July 4th Weekend: People complied more than expected re: fireworks after 10pm, but for the most part, it's out of control. Police do not want to escalate situations; 2 offers giving a citation to someone in a group of 30 people....concern that a confrontation could occur.

GUEST SPEAKER

Barr Branch Library

- Not present.

NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Strategic Plan

Linda Weiner

- Review of how the plan came about. There is a need to get some direction and to find out what people in this neighborhood desire in terms of improvements. The development of the NW quadrant, the Mop Factory, etc.—the population continues to increase. The Urban Plan
- The strategic plan is a 6-month, extensive endeavor to get the “temperature” of the perspectives in the community. The project will cost the neighborhood \$40K to get EVERYONE'S input on the plan. In addition, the LSRC is basically funded by House Tours.
- Beth Quindry with Shockey Consulting sent the following message to be read aloud: The goal of the strategic plan is to better understand what the neighborhood wants for its future and make a plan to achieve it. It will include vision, goals, and action steps and will identify who should be

responsible for action steps and how goals can be funded. The LSRC is grateful for financial support to fund it. We have begun work ,meeting with leaders in neighborhood organizations. Two deliverables: 1) an environmental scan for a demographic snapshot of the square and bringing in input from other neighborhood organizations to share ideas. 2) The LSRC, Arts Council, and LPC: Identify strengths of each and how they can best work together. First meeting of steering committee tomorrow (7/10). Engagement activities will begin in early August. Consultants will attend neighborhood meetings/gatherings as well as pop up at establishments in the square. There will be a well-advertised meeting in the fall. If you would like to be contacted directly by Shockey please email: beth@shockeyconsulting.com Maximum neighborhood participation is critical to the success of the plan.

- Comment: Neighbor has worked with Beth and Shockey Consulting, and they are incredibly professional and very good at what they do. While small in STL, they are a big consulting firm in KC, and have many resources. Also, for folks not involved with the LSRC and/or attending meetings, it will be very important to be clear about what a Strategic Plan is and how it's different from a land plan/urban plan.

SAFETY REPORTS

Block Captains/Safety/Camera Program

Glenn Eckert

- Directories available for new neighbors. We are working on new directories; there is a subcommittee working on them and coordinating with Block Captains.
- Safety Committee is putting a LOT of time in on projects such as interviewing companies that do camera systems (which is complicated and very technical!). Aldermen have committed to funds for cameras for the perimeter of the neighborhood. Safety Committee is learning about how to implement a program in the interior of the neighborhood, a program that will be useful and cost-effective. Thinking about having a dedicated meeting to discuss the camera program when proposals ready from the committee.

Problem Properties

Kyle Keenan

- There was a hearing on 2018 Lafayette. She had done a little work on the yard...there is still a lot that needed to be done (derelict cars, broken windows). Judge gave her another month; homeowner said her daughter would help her. Hearing is on July 17.
- 1713 Carroll...still monitoring.
- Kyle looked at records of permits on problem properties in the last year; there were several permits for exterior work such as painting, and a 60K exterior improvement
- There is a controversial bill (because of property rights) that will expand the nuisance laws in urban areas; if there is 1 violation, and the property is vacant for 6 months, it allows the city inspector to go on the property and more thoroughly inspect the property. → Kyle brought copies of the bill, summaries, and a letter to the governor that people are welcome to sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LSBA

Bethany Budde

- Not present.

Capital Improvements

Mary Visintainer for Linda Pallman

- Street Signs: black background with white letters (actually best to see in the dark!). There will be a couple signs going up along Park and Mississippi....the city wants us to trial a few. The rest will not go up with new poles until the end of the summer.
- Columns: meeting with a new contractor.
- Meeting with city last week regarding having a sign go up in front of the Park House describing the history of the house and the park—and get rid of the brochure boxes that are empty.
- Kern Insurance: Still investigating this with the city. Did find out that if the LSRC goes ahead with insurance policy, the money would go back to the LSRC.

Treasurer

Clark Affholder

- Not present. Report was emailed to members.
- treasurer@lafayettesquare.org

Membership

Christina Ryan

- Members should be receiving minutes and renewal reminders. If you are not, please talk to Christina membership@lafayettesquare.org
- New Resident/New LSRC Member BBQ on Sunday August 26 from 4-7 at Park House.

Beautification

Linda Weiner

- Not present.
- There is trouble with the watering system on Park Avenue...there has been a lot of hand watering, and if you'd like to help please email Linda.

Development

Phil Lamczyk/Suzanne Sessions

- Not present.

Community Affairs

Dixie Gillaspie

- Not present.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

Lafayette Park Conservancy

Ward Buckner

- Question: Is the city spraying for mosquitos? Answer: Not known. Ward will call Parks Dept.

Lafayette Square Arts Council

- Concert Saturday—Ms. Jubilee!
- No one has stepped up to run the movies. Instead looking at having family-friendly events at the Kern.

Other

- Blacktop was torn up on Mississippi...Please file a complaint with Citizens Service Bureau!
- Choteau Greenway's Consulting Firm is doing Open Houses. Please attend if you're interested in learning more and giving feedback. (Neighbor Julie Stone is on their board.)

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AFTER-MEETING SOCIAL: Thank you, Sqwires!

❖ **Next LSRC Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 6 at the Park House, 7pm**

❖ **Next LSRC General Meeting is Tuesday, August 13 at Sqwires Annex, 7pm**

❖ **New Resident Social is Sunday, August 25, at the Park House 4-7pm**