



LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

May 11, 2021 via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER 7pm

Tom Murphy, President (President@lafayettesquare.org)

Welcome New Residents: none

Review and approve August 10, 2021 Minutes: Motion by Kelly Schlueter, 2nd by Suzanne Sessions

ALDERMAN REPORTS

6th Ward

Christine Ingrassia (ingrassiac@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Not present.
- **Tom:** Christine has been able to get some movement on increasing safety on Choteau! State will install a Crosswalk Median between Mississippi Walk townhomes and Hamilton Group restaurants. There will be signs, touch plates that activate solar power flashing signals; 3' tall reflective delineators; ADA ramp → Not sure when installation will be.

7th Ward

Jack Coatar (coatarj@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Not present.

POLICE REPORT

3rd District

Officer Sherdon Douglas (sdouglas@slmpd.org)

- Not present. Officer Douglas has been on leave. Tom will look into whether someone else from the 3rd district can speak at meetings.

GUEST SPEAKERS

6th Ward Committeeman

Adam Olszeski

- Lives in Compton Hill; Just appointed as Ward Committeeman. Hopes to be a liaison between voters and elected officials.
- aolszesk@gmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Lafayette Preparatory Academy

Gail Buffington

- Not present.

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)

Michael Bushur

- Not present.

Lafayette Square Arts Council

Donna Korando

- Concert season has ended. Was able to have 6 out of 8 originally scheduled. All were well attended.
- Will have accounting information in the last Marquis of the year.
- Planning for a full schedule next year.

NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

Reminder: Board Elections in October

Tom Murphy

- **All board positions have a candidate except for VP-Elect of Development. Please contact Tom or another board member if interested!**
- We have four candidates for Member at Large; the 2nd year terms for two members are vacant because Sarah Hurst is moving into Treasurer-Elect.
- **We will have an IN-PERSON meeting in October to accommodate the election.** We will have an option for those that don't want to attend the full meeting to cast their ballot and then be able to leave.

- Reach out to Tom with questions or concerns.
- The October meeting is the last chance to nominate yourself or someone else for a position.

Bylaws Revision Update

Tom Murphy

- We are close to having the board do final reviews on the revisions. We will then send to an attorney to review, and then send to membership to review prior to voting at the November meeting.

Neighborhood Social

Kelly Schlueter

- Saturday, September 25 from 3-6pm at the Kern Pavilion/playground; food and drinks provided by Square One; there will be games, raffles, merch available for purchase.
- Please RSVP to info@lafayettesquare.org so we can make sure we have enough food from Square One.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct)

Sheri Mistretta (treasurer@lafayettesquare.org)

- Not a reporting month, but want to share this month so as not to interfere with time needed for elections in October.
- We're in a good position! Revenue: 105,979; Expenses 91,436
- Capital Improvement Budget Consolidation:
 - Holdover line items in Reserves = \$13,800 (kiosk for plaza=\$5,000; plaza postbox=\$800, bollards at 44/Lafayette=\$3,000; grant writer=\$5,000)
 - Board is recommending (based on input from CI committee and treasurer) to remove the reserve items/dollars (for projects that are not currently relevant) and use this year for continuation of historic signs and posts project.
 - Question: Should we consider keeping grant writing money?; Answer: This was a generic number. Grant writing payment is generally a percentage of grant money awarded. This \$5K is simply not relevant at present. In addition, there are other needs for grant writing outside of Capital Improvement committee; we can make this part of our overall budget rather than for a specific CI project. We have significant needs to replace revenue over the next few years so grant writing is definitely on the radar.
 - Motion by Sheri Mistretta; 2nd by Linda Weiner; **MOTION PASSES**

Business

- No committee chair at present.

Development

Suzanne Sessions (suzanne.sessions.inc@gmail.com)

- We really need somebody to step up and fill the VP-Elect of Development role.
- No updates on projects presented to the committee.
- Committee meets on 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- You can find the historic code on our website. Any questions, contact Suzanne.
- Problem Properties: lsrcproblemproperties@gmail.com

Beautification

Linda Weiner (linderweiner@gmail.com)

- Park Avenue median has been partially repaired; it has low pressure. There is a small main break under Truman; hopefully will be repaired with aldermanic funds next year.
- Plantathon 10/2, 9-11am – bushes and perennials for the Plaza area; **NEED HELP PICKING UP PLANTS at Forest Park on 10/1 between 12-5pm**

Communications

Jeff Baird (communications@lafayettesquare.org)

- Not present.
- **We need a new Marquis editor.** John Dedeker has moved out of the neighborhood, and the September issue will be his last. John is putting together a document outlining the specific duties. Much of this includes tracking down content, both new and from regular contributors. When received, Christina will send this document out to membership.
- Merchandise still available! Contact Kelly or Jeff; merch will also be available at the neighborhood social.

Membership

Christina Ryan (membership@lafayettesquare.org)

- We are at 234 memberships. Christina will be working with Megan Biegacki in October to ensure a smooth transition. Look for emails signed from both of us. 😊

Capital Improvement

Ian McCormack (ian.mccormack@mccormackbaron.com)

- We moved the column molds to a location in the Square; previously we were not able to store these. Now that we have them, it will cost less money in the future to reuse them.
- Looking to start buying additional poles and historic signs before the end of the year.

Block Captains/Safety

Glenn Eckert (safety@lafayettesquare.org)

- Steve Wilde: Dave Visintainer uses a variety of sources to patch together statistics of crime in the neighborhood. In August, most crimes were thefts (17):
 - 6 catalytic converters, 6 thefts from vehicles
 - 2 assaults—people knew each other, got into an argument; and a domestic assault
 - 1 property damage.
- We are not going to change the behavior of people stealing so we have to change our own behavior. Please do not store valuables in your vehicles!

Fundraising

Kelly Schlueter

- Nothing to report.
- Already planning Light Up the Square, which will be in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next LSRC Board Meeting: October 5, 2021 @7pm

Next LSRC General Membership Meeting: October 12, 2021 @7pm

ADJOURN: 7:45pm; Motion by Kelly Schlueter, 2nd by Abby Schlueter