

**Minutes of the LSRC Board of Directors Meeting
September 7, 2021**

The Board met via Zoom with the following members present: Tom Murphy, Kim Peterson, Christina Ryan, Sheri Mistretta, Kelly Schlueter, Ian McCormack, Jeff Baird, Ron Gorman, Clark Affholder, Brooke Gocken, Sarah Hurst, Matt Negri,

Minutes of the July meeting were approved. Motion by Hurst, 2nd by Negri.

The August meeting had no quorum, so no official actions were recorded.

Sarah, Matt, and Kim talked about the process of revising bylaws and latest efforts. Sarah prepared a useful summary of changes that was distributed to Board members. The group suggests this timeline: send to attorney for reviews with a goal of members voting to adopt in November 2021. Matt will find an attorney to review bylaws.

The revised bylaws dated 9/1/2021 were approved for adoption by the Board. Motion by Mistretta, 2nd by Baird.

Neighborhood Social event September 25: it will be held 3 – 6 pm. There was discussion of logistics in setting up, distribution of food and drink and how people get tickets for same. A slight revision was made to original flyer. There will be raffles every 30 minutes. The LPA and LPC know about the events. Kelly asked Board members to wear their T-shirts and bring coolers with ice. The group agreed to raffle off a couple of LSRC chairs.

Tom talked about progress on obtaining ownership of the mini park. A title search and survey is in process.

2021 Board slate: Tom and Christina showed a chart of candidates. The VP Elect for Development position is vacant and we need someone to fill it. We plan to hold an in-person membership meeting, socially distanced for Covid considerations, to support an election that complies with bylaws. We can make accommodations for anyone who wants an outdoor voting option.

- Chart as of 9/26/2021

	Current Board Member	2022 Filled per Bylaws	2022 Candidates
President	Tom Murphy	Tom Murphy (Original Elected Term)	Tom Murphy
VP, President-elect	Vacant		Christina Ryan
Secretary	Kim Peterson		Lauren Ambuhl
Treasurer	Sheri Mistretta	Kelly Schlueter	Kelly Schlueter
Treasurer Elect	Kelly Schlueter		Sarah Hurst
VP Membership	Christina Ryan		Megan Biegacki

VP Capital Improvements	Ian McCormack		Ian McCormack
VP Communications	Jeff Baird		Jeff Baird
VP Business Committee	Vacant		Abigail Schlueter
VP Development	Suzanne Sessions	Ron Gorman	Ron Gorman
VP Elect Development	Ron Gorman		[vacant]
Development Committee Members			Merry Dahms Linda Pallman Robin Urbanek Michael Visintainer Suzanne Sessions
VP Safety	Glenn Eckert		Steve Wilde
VP Fundraising (new)	n/a		Jill Peckinpaugh
Member at large	Sarah Hurst	Sarah Hurst -- <i>moving to Treasurer Elect</i>	George Boulware
Member at large	Diana Gray	Diana Gray	n/a (2nd year of 2-year term)
Member at large	Brooke Gocken		Brooke Gocken
Member at large	Clark Affholder		Tim Strickfaden
Past President	Matt Negri	Matt Negri (Agree to additional term)	Matt Negri

Strategic Plan: Tom reported that there are no regular meetings of the Strategic Plan committee scheduled at this time. Members of the committee work on various projects. Current project: membership software for the LPC is being identified and reviewed.

Kim reported on block captain program since September marks the 6 month anniversary of a new recruitment program. We have nearly doubled the number of block captains and we now have 38 active block captains. All have committed to be active this year. About 75% of the neighborhood is covered. Future plans may include asking block captains to submit a report on their activities. It is important to monitor their involvement as they represent our neighborhood organization. Ron Gorman suggested he could provide names of people who have recently purchased real estate here. Tom asked that Steve Wilde, incoming Safety Chairman, handle this.

Merchandise sales: Jeff said T-shirts are selling very well. He will have a merchandise table at the September 25 event and at concerts. Becky Zerman is a new writer on the communications committee and she has written a couple of blog entries.

Trash Cans on Park: Jeff talked about a problem with a smelly trash can at Mayo Ketchup. The city is in charge of emptying them. The can by Mayo Ketchup is always full of dog poop and they would like it moved down the street. We will reach out to city about this problem.

Marquis: our editor John Dedke is resigning after the most recent issue is complete. We will recruit another editor at the next membership meeting. Tom asked for a task list and an estimate of time involved to describe the job.

The Board passed a motion to buy a plaza brick in John's honor. Motion by Negri, 2 nd by Peterson. Matt will get Kelly the information for inscription.
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Chouteau crosswalk: Tom said a crosswalk is being installed just west of Mississippi on Chouteau. Alderman Ingrassia worked with various agencies to install this welcome traffic control.

Committee updates:

Membership: Christina has had some additional success in renewals. She is showing Megan (incoming Membership Chairman) membership work. She recommends the board purchase membership management software and gave details of how she organizes data. She suggests any incentive program wait until management software is installed.

Treasurer: Sheri showed current financial reports and gave a thorough review of expenses and income. The King fund is growing.

Motion to amend the Year End 2020 Capital Improvement Reserve Balance Budget to release \$13,800 funds (\$5,000 kiosk for plaza, \$800 Plaza Postbox*, \$3,000 Bollards at I-44 and Lafayette, \$5,000 Grant Writer) from outdated prior items and reallocate same funds to more relevant initiatives (\$13,800 to Improvements and Historic Signs and Poles).
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This motion passed. Motion by Mistretta, 2 nd by Negri.
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**\$1,200 was received from donor Jan 2021 designated toward Flyer Box for Brick/Bench*

This action does not add more than the \$39,356 Capital Improvements carryover balance but does add more freedom for distribution and removes non relevant/outdated initiatives. This \$39,356 balance does not include the \$19,172 refund from the City.

There was brief discussion on budget a line for meetings, and Clark suggested consolidating money into one allocation. A motion passed to approve \$1000 for the September 25 event.
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Motion by Affholder, 2 nd by Negri.
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Improvements: Ian talked about the historic sign poles project; it is ongoing. Costs and numbers are being finalized. Column molds have been stored and we will move them with an agreement for storage.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Kim Peterson
Board secretary