

**LSRC Board Meeting
February 2, 2021**

The Board met via Zoom with the following members present: Tom Murphy, Kelly Schlueter, Diana Gray, Sarah Hurst, Glenn Eckert, Matt Negri, Christina Ryan, Brooke Gocken, Ian McCormack, Ron Gorman, Kim Peterson.

Guest: Mitchell Hunt representing the Maintenance Committee.

Minutes of the January meeting, as amended, were approved. Motion by Negri, 2nd by Schlueter.

Tom Murphy read Steve Wilde's email message where Steve resigned as President. A formal motion to accept Steve's resignation passed. Motion by Peterson, 2nd by Hurst.

Tom Murphy was accepted as President by acclamation, as outlined in LSRC bylaws.

VP Elect: brief discussion was held about soliciting nominations for the now open position of VP/President Elect of the LSRC. The term begins immediately and the person in the role would assume the role of President in October 2022. Members of this board should be recruiting for this position.

Budget review and approval: Tom gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2021.

A motion passed to approve the budget as discussed with the change of moving \$4700 to the Capital Improvements line, resulting in a balanced budget.
Motion by Peterson, 2nd by McCormack.

Donation: Matt Negri said Paul King donated \$10,000 for beautification in memory of his brother Jim King. Ideas for spending appropriately are welcome. Good ideas will be presented to the foundation.

Pocket Park aka Mini Park: Tom reviewed the idea of the LSRC taking ownership of the Pocket Park on Park Ave. Next month he will have specific information on costs and other issues of ownership for the Board to review.

Maintenance Committee: Mitch Hunt talked about several projects for 2021. They are low cost but high impact. Rotting railroad ties at the Pocket Park/Mini Park need to be replaced and if we use Versilock, costs should be around \$6,000. Natural stone may be required by our code. Research on our liability is necessary before proceeding. Mitch talked about repairing brick sidewalks on the North side of Park Ave, est. cost \$2,000. The brick sidewalk at Rutger and Mississippi needs repair, around \$2,000. Cut outs for trees on Mississippi need filled, around \$1,500. Painting the Park House needs to start and we will phase it in. Mitch will summarize these projects for Tom Murphy. The group talked about importance of maintaining good sidewalk for our walkable neighborhood. Ian will start a list of sidewalks needing repair.

2021 Priorities: General concerns are revenue enhancement. There was discussion of fundraising ideas. Tom will plan a board meeting where 40 minutes can be devoted to brainstorming fundraising ideas.

Tied to fundraising, Board members talked about developers in our neighborhood being treated poorly. Developers might donate funds if treated better. There was brief discussion of the Development Committee's meetings and access to those meetings. Brooke will jot down ideas on how to leverage developments to improve our bottom line.

Walking group: Tom discussed the request of a group of walkers to use our neighborhood to meet up and start their walk. He will work with them, likely suggesting a corner of the Park to set up their tent.

YMCA donation request: We have been asked for a donation. In recent past we gave \$500.00.

A motion passed to give \$250 to the YMCA. Motion by Peterson, 2 nd by Eckert.

Membership report: Christina is working on renewals and a passbook for members to local businesses.

Safety: Zoom meeting is coming up. Tom said Bev Murphy is now our contact for the Police Substation. The Murphys have completed painting the substation, floor is redone, blinds installed. Bathroom may need renovation soon. Glenn and others talked about loud, racing cars. Our role is to advocate for safety by working with city departments. We will send invitation to Officer Douglas to make sure she knows about membership meetings.

Capital Improvements: Ian reported that the Rutger project is ongoing. A post box in Fountain Plaza will hold flyers about brick and bench program.

Communications: Jeff Baird sent a report to Tom Murphy which Tom read. Soon an online store will carry LSRC items. The final punch list for our website has been developed. Give Jeff names of anyone who needs training on updating website. There was nearly \$700 in sales from merchandise in January. Give Jeff content to post on social media sites about house tour.

House Tour: Kelley talked about upcoming auction held May 29 – 30. The group has collected many auction items. Raffle tickets are given along with purchase; pre-sale tickets give early access to auction items.

Motion adjourned around 9:20 p.m.

Kim Peterson
LSRC Board Secretary