

Minutes of the LSRC Board of Directors – January 2021

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The Board met via Zoom on January 5, 2021. These people attended: Steve Wilde, Tom Murphy, Kim Peterson, Ron Gorman, Kelly Schlueter, Diana Gray, Brooke Gocken, Sheri Mistretta, Sarah Hurst, Matt Negri, Ian McCormack, Suzanne Sessions, Clark Affholder, Glenn Eckert, Jeff Baird, Christina Ryan.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Motion by Mistretta, 2nd by Murphy.

Community Affairs: Merchandise sales are taking place. We have sold nearly \$1,000 in merchandise already. Chairs are in. The website will have a section for sales. We will be training people to update the website such as Kim and Christina for meeting minutes. Soon the website committee will meet to discuss outstanding issues. Terms of use will be signed by those who post to insure they understand content is managed by the LSRC. This same concept will hold for Zoom software, Paypal, etc. Tell Jeff if your committee needs to update the website. Dixie and Tom are working on website updates from the punch list.

Helicopters: Diana talked about helicopter traffic in middle of the night. This is very disturbing. Do we know the source? It has been a problem for two years. Matt said there is a training school helipad downtown, this may be related. Diana will talk to Jack Coatar and report back.

Strategic Plan: Steve said The Steering Committee (official name) will be active for 5 years. First meeting is Sunday. There is concern about how this committee is organized. Steve suggests this committee report to the LSRC Board as a subcommittee but leave off “LSRC” on committee name. This is an advisory group to make sure activities and actions comply with the Strategic Plan. This committee does no implementation and has no funding. There was further discussion of the purpose and power of the Steering Committee for the Strategic Plan. Communication and managing expectations are key. There was discussion about who heads this committee, and general thought was LSRC President should lead it.

Block Captains: Kim reported on action of the BC evaluation committee. Block captains will be asked to do 3 simple things: Make new residents on their block welcome by greeting them, give them handout of info on the neighborhood, give resident contact information of BC. We want the greeting and handout to be a “way in” to The Square. We will be recruiting new BC’s in the next few months. Glenn will hold two meetings a year for BC’s.

Operational Records: Kim mentioned she is working on an organization plan for current operational records and their digital storage.

COVID Response: Tom said 30 residents volunteered to help people shop or run errands. No one has asked for help in either spring or in this recent effort.

Pocket Park: Steve said Chris Goodson has agreed to sign the parcel known as Park Ave. Pocket Park over to the LSRC. Is this a good idea? Extensive discussion took place. R.Witt advises liability and maintenance costs may make it cost prohibitive. Goodson is required to turn it over to a non-profit organization. The LSRC could build on it in the future. Tom suggested we put

together positive points of acquiring this land for the LSRC to include costs of insurance, taxes, maintenance and setting up an LLC to hold it. The Board needs to speak as one voice on this issue to the community.

No committee updates were entered for Membership and Business Affairs.

Safety: Glenn said the new camera on Park captured some of the activity where care windows were smashed on Rutger. Adjustments were made to the camera to better show license plate.

Capital Improvements: Ian said Rutger entrance project is ongoing. We will get a large refund for cement work, approximately \$18,000. For historic lighting in our neighborhood, a budget is being drafted. Phases of this project including lighting in the Park.

Development: Suzanne said the city is citing the flashing light at 18th and Hickory as well as lack of flashing on 2001 Park building. Owners will have 30 days to respond, then housing court follows. Code update: will be presented to Preservation Board in January. Lafayette Walk issue will be addressed.

Fundraising: House tour filming is going well.

Budget: Extensive discussion of the proposed budget for 2021 took place.

Adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Kim Peterson
LSRC Board secretary