

**Minutes of the LSRC Board of Directors Meeting
May 4, 2021 2021**

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

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

Bylaws update: Kim reviewed progress so far. Responsibilities of the Board, as outlined in revised bylaws, were briefly discussed. Who leads the meetings when the President and VP is gone? Kim suggested other officers could as likely outlined in Robert's Rules, but she will check up on that. Consensus of the group was positive.

House Tour fundraiser: Suzanne reported on auction items, about 50 items. Tom suggested some be shown on the website sooner than later, perhaps May 17. We need more sponsors! We have booths of vendors for garden tour day. So far tickets sales are: 161 virtual, 356 in person garden tour. Sheri talked about the technology of the House Tour presentation.

We have raised \$24,250 so far with \$19,250 in sponsorships, about \$5,000 in ticket sales. Another \$14,000 is in auction items. Tom talked about how to get numbers up. Our Mailchimp contacts will get weekly messages. Feature articles in St. Louis Homes, Show Me St. Louis and STL Post are expected as well as a full page spread in the Marquis.

King event: On May 29 we will hold memorial event for Jim King. 11:30 am is a ceremony to install a brick in his honor. Lunch follows at Sqwires hosted by Paul and Gail King. A holiday Pet Parade will be held on Saturday December 4th. RSVP to Sheri by May 20th for the lunch.

Column repair on Lafayette: Matt has met with contractor. \$13,600 of insurance money is in. They will remove old column and we may see a substantial price break on the new pad. Discussion followed on keeping the broken column—Matt and Tom are open for suggestions.

Farmers' Market: It will be held on August 13 (Friday) night along Park Ave. between Missouri and Mississippi. The Business Committee is working on some logistics but the Market folks will take care of permits.

New Business: City Court judges will speak at our membership meeting.

Volunteer recognition event: Tom started a discussion holding an event later in the year, summer or fall. Conflicts would be Gateway Cup Bike Race on Sept 3, National Night Out, others? Kelly said she would lead it.

Motion passed to explore opportunity for a simple, fun event for residents. Motion by Mistrtta, 2nd by Negri.

Traffic Calming ad hoc group: Tom has appointed Sean Tooley to lead discussion about traffic problems and solutions since he has expertise in that area. IT will be a sub-committee of Safety.

Strategic Plan Advisory Committee: Tom reported on activity of this group. They are meeting every other month and are focusing on a joint calendar.

Fire on So. 18th Street: The 4 family building was consumed with fire. Three household occupied the space, all humans got out safety but their belongings were destroyed. A dog and cat perished in the fire. Residents here were Jon Floyd, Anita and David Kennebrew, Darryl Underwood. Tom has been helping Kennebrews with lodging and other things. Christina has collected money from residents in the Square. Discussion was held how to distribute funds. Proposal to add a “Donate” button as fundraiser was made. Sheri will help get cash out for them.

A motion passed that the LSRC add \$300 to money collected and give 1/3 to each family. Motion by Negri, 2 nd by Mistretta.
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Membership report: Christina said no more LSBA memberships have come in. 15 have renewed, 26 have not renewed. Discussion of carrying over 26 memberships was held with the information that the invoice they paid said memberships carried through 2021.

A motion passed to honor membership periods noted on their invoiced. Motion by Mistretta, 2 nd by Hurst.

There won't be a new residents BBQ with this, we may fold that into Volunteer party.

Park bathrooms are not open, several people are investigating it.

Treasurer: Sheri sent out report earlier. We are doing great in membership area. Revenue for house tour shows us in the black. Our form 990 extension is filed. The \$19,000 from the city went into general administrative fund. Sheri will give us a breakout report any time—just ask for it!

Safety: Traffic on Missouri between Park and Choteau is being discussed. Glenn said he is giving handouts to block captains as well as directories. Supplies at the substation are stocked. Safety committee meetings will be starting up soon.

Improvements: Places for historic street signs are still being assessed. Brick and bench kiosk still an ongoing project.

Development: Suzanne called Jan Cameron at Cultural Resources about our proposed change to code and that office has been very busy, she will soon work on it. No developers are coming forward with plans. Hickory Reserve project has sold 3 units but none on the outside which is a problem for finishes. The developer for that project needs his plan approved by Cultural Resources.

Communications: Jeff sent word that his team will produce a quarterly newsletter with first issue going out May 15.

Fundraising: Kelly has an events calendar. Tom asked that everyone send thoughts about Kelley's calendar.

Next meetings will likely be in person.

Kim Peterson
LSRC Board Secretary