



LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

February 8, 2022 Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Murphy, President

(President@lafayettesquare.org)

Welcome New Residents: N/A

Review and approve December 14, 2021 Minutes: Motion by Kelly; 2nd by Sarah Hurst

ALDERMAN REPORTS

6th Ward
mo.gov)

Christine Ingrassia ([ingrassiac@stlouis-](mailto:ingrassiac@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Not present

7th Ward

Jack Coatar (coatarj@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Mayor Jones made an effort to snow plow some side streets.
- Top Priority right now is figuring out what to do with the covid-related spending. Since July/Aug 2021 \$130 million has been spent, another \$500 mil still coming which will need to be split between county & city.
- A portion of the rescue dollars going towards improvement of pedestrian access, going to push that in a funding bill late Spring when back in session.
- Working on ethics bill to make sure recipients are being disclosed (subcontractors, consultants, etc).
- We are coming up on budget approval this Spring so we need think of how to allocate those funds. Please let him know of any project and/or intersections to improve.
- Park Ave parking issue-took out some signs west of McKay and seeing what the consensus of the neighborhood is. Ingrassia is involved as well.
- Question: What is on the ballot in April? Answer: Prop R and Prop 1. Check the city board's website for more info <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/board-election-commissioners/elections/>
- Q: When are the traffic calming measures going to take place? A: We are on the schedule and going to check when they plan will come through the neighborhood.
- Q: People do not stop at Lafayette & Mississippi. How do we get a sign there? A: This intersection will see improvement with speed bumps, etc. and city is aware of problem.

POLICE REPORT

3rd District

Officer Garrett

- Not present. Tom will get report from her.

GUEST SPEAKERS

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Lafayette Preparatory Academy

Gail Buffington (grbuff@gmail.com)

- Not Present

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)
[\(\[mjbushur@gmail.com\]\(mailto:mjbushur@gmail.com\)\)](mailto:mjbushur@gmail.com)

Michael Bushur

- Not Present

Lafayette Square Arts Council

Donna Korando (dkkorando@gmail.com)

- More concert dates are in the works for 2022. First concert will be June 4th.

Barr Branch

Tiger Reed

- Tiger Reed has been the new manager since August. SLPL has been awarded 4,000 long term hot spots that have been distributed amongst branches. Customers have until June 30th to check out hot spots. These hot spots can connect up to 15 devices at home and have access to internet. Qualifications to receive a hot spot are can't already have access to internet and should be used for education. Tiger is requesting extras from other branches that have a surplus. Customers have been really happy with these efforts.
- Barr Branch offers notary services free of charge. Just ask you call ahead to make sure Tiger or their other notary is available.
- New happenings: Kicking off Black History Month program to help women be more successful in culinary arts. Started a new science fiction book club that everyone is welcome to join.

NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

Pocket Park Update

- It is now owned by LSNA. The transfer was approved in 2021 and took place 12/30/21. Subcommittee is developing a vision for the space so it can be used in multiple ways. More info coming next month.

Change in Membership Meetings

- Sqwires has changed their hours of operation (closed Monday and Tuesdays) so we are changing monthly meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. We hope to be back in person soon..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct)
[\(\[treasurer@lafayettesquare.org\]\(mailto:treasurer@lafayettesquare.org\)\)](mailto:treasurer@lafayettesquare.org)

Kelly Schlueter

- 2021 year end was good. Some over, some under so its a wash.
- Q: will membership get end of year report? A: Yes, Tom will give out at the next meeting or post on our website.

Businesses

Abigail Schlueter (lsba@lafayettesquare.org)

- We wrote a Letter of Support to the City for the new Park Ave business, Onyx Dagger Tattoo and Art Gallery.
- We have started to manage the Park House. Please email lsba@lafayettesquare.org for date availability or scan the new QR code in the Park House window.

Fundraising

Jill Peckinpugh

[\(\[fundraising@lafayettesquare.org\]\(mailto:fundraising@lafayettesquare.org\)\)](mailto:fundraising@lafayettesquare.org)

- Hosted a brainstorm session for 2022 and we have finalized a calendar of events. Save the dates will be in the next Marquis issue. Feb 26th will be a Mardi Gras hot dog stand at the Park House, April 16th Easter Egg in the Park, June 4th Garden Tour/Urban Oasis & hopefully antique fair (looking for subcommittees), July or August will be a run/walk, Oct 29th Halloween Masquerade Ball & Auction, Dec 4 Light Up The Square, Dec 5th 52nd Annual Holiday House Tour. Please

email fundraising@lafayettesquare.org if interested in being on a subcommittee (sponsorships, marketing, writers, etc) or if you are interested in having your garden/home on the tours in the next couple of years.

Membership

Megan Biegacki

(membership@lafayettesquare.org)

- They are working hard on incentives for members which include member renewal gifts, free beverages at the concerts, discounts on merchandise.

Preservation

Ron Gorman (ronaldgorman@icloud.com)

- The developer of Lafayette Reserves wants a pop up roof so they can have a rooftop deck. This has been discussed multiple times but the request has been denied.

Beautification

Linda Weiner (linderweiner@gmail.com)

- Not present

Communications

Jeff Baird

(communications@lafayettesquare.org)

- The new neighborhood directory will highlight why our neighborhood is the best verses our current one is only beneficial to neighbors. It will include a breakdown of events, have photos, highlight businesses in the neighborhood, have some coupons, etc. Residents phone numbers will not be listed anymore. STL Programs will be publishing.
- We are bringing back the photo contest with prizes. More info next month but check out social media for updates.

Safety

Steve Wilde (safety@lafayettesquare.org)

- We have steering wheel clubs if you need one, please email Steve. We will have some available at March's meeting.

Improvements

Ian McCormack

(improvements@lafayettesquare.org)

- The remainder of historic signs need to be approved by the City.
- Tuckpointing and maintenance of existing projects continue in the neighborhood

Problem Properties: lsrcproblemproperties@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next LSRC Board Meeting: March 1, 2022 @7pm

Next LSRC General Membership Meeting: March 9, 2022 @7pm

ADJOURN @ 7:49 ; Motion by Kelly; 2nd by Ron