



## LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

April 13, 2022 Sqwires

**CALL TO ORDER 7:00** Tom Murphy, President ([president@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:president@lafayettesquare.org))

**Welcome New Residents:** N/A

**Review and approve March 9, 2022 Minutes:** Motion by Sarah 2-by Steve

### ALDERMAN REPORTS

6-Ward

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

- Not present

7-Ward

Jack Coatar ([coatarj@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:coatarj@stlouis-mo.gov))

- There is a link on City's website for residents to suggest how to spend the ARPA (American Rescue Plan) so please voice your opinion. He will be advocating to use dollars to help with traffic, lighting, stuff we can see and will be here a long time.
- Q: Is there any money to be spent on replanting trees that have been cut down in Lafayette Square? A: Forestry is still taking down many brittle trees but we do have capital funding set aside to plant trees once these stumps have been removed. Let Jack know which blocks need new trees planted.
- Q: For the ARPA survey, is there a way to see other's suggestions? A: No, he will ask for the City for a way to see this. He will post the survey link on his social media page.
- Q: Are the boundaries for the new wards settled? A: Yes, we passed a map.
- Q: Can we get recycling back? A: Alderpeople aren't getting answers on this. Not sure if it's a funding or staffing issue but this will be a big topic once they are back in session. The City's waste management contracts are about to expire so hopefully they will look at options to bring back recycling or stop charging residents.
- Q: Can we get damaged curbs replaced? A: Yes, let him know where and it'll come out of his funding dollars.
- Q: How serious is the City about the issue of police not responding to 911? A: Last week, one thing voters approved was a \$40 million new 911 facility. This new building will consolidate 911 places (Fire, Police, and EMS) which can hopefully help staffing issue/calls being forwarded. Right now the police dept is having their training officers answer 911 calls. The Mayor and Public Safety Team are taking this very seriously.

## POLICE REPORT

### 3rd District

Officer Garrett

- Not present

## GUEST SPEAKERS

**Alejandro from Congresswoman Cori Bush Office-** Spoke about all the services their office offers from neighborhood services to free tours and trips. If you know any veterans affected by the backlog, please contact their office because they are conducting research on the topic.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

### Lafayette Preparatory Academy

Gail Buffington ([grbuff@gmail.com](mailto:grbuff@gmail.com))

- N/A

### Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)

Michael Bushur ([mjbushur@gmail.com](mailto:mjbushur@gmail.com))

- N/A

- **Lafayette Square Arts Council**

Donna Korando ([dkkorando@gmail.com](mailto:dkkorando@gmail.com))

- The 2022 Lafayette Park Concert schedule was passed out at the meeting. This year they will be selling raffle tickets. You can purchase via Venmo, Paypal, Square. More info on website.

### Barr Branch Tiger Reed

- N/A

## NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

### Upcoming Circuit Court Speaker in May

- Next month a circuit court speaker will be here to present to the neighborhood so send your questions to [president@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:president@lafayettesquare.org) so they have time to prepare answers.

### Request for donations-YMCA and UMC Preschool

- YMCA swim classes have been an annual ask that we have been supporting for 4+ years. We approved a \$333 donation.
- UMC Preschool is submitting a request for donation to support their preschool program. We approved \$250.

### Easter Egg Hunt

- This year's event will be in conjunction with UMC. Easter bunny and his carrot friends will be there. Event to be held at the playground on Saturday at 11am. Thanks to Moms in the Square for hosting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Treasurer's Report

Kelly Schlueter ([treasurer@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:treasurer@lafayettesquare.org))

- January-March is a pretty slow spending period. We have some money coming in from the garden tour vendors. The year-end financial info will be going out to membership soon. No significant change in the budget.

### Businesses

Abigail Schlueter ([lsba@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:lsba@lafayettesquare.org))

- Nothing new to report from the businesses.

**Fundraising**Jill Peckinpugh ([fundraising@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:fundraising@lafayettesquare.org))

- Garden Tour tickets are now live to purchase on our website. Please support one of our biggest fundraisers.

**Membership**Megan Biegacki ([membership@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:membership@lafayettesquare.org))

- N/A

**Preservation**Ron Gorman ([ronaldgorman@icloud.com](mailto:ronaldgorman@icloud.com))

- Our historic code is being adjusted and hopefully ready to be published in the next Marquis. We asked the City to look at our code for any input although they can not vote on the matter.

**Beautification**Linda Weiner ([linderweiner@gmail.com](mailto:linderweiner@gmail.com))

- There is a mulching event on 4/23 and we need as many volunteers as possible. 5/14 there will be a marigold planting event. These volunteer events will be posted on Nextdoor.

**Communications**Jeff Baird ([communications@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:communications@lafayettesquare.org))

- Photo contest ended last Friday with some awesome photos. Winners will be announced on the Facebook Community page soon. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner's picture will be featured on front of the neighborhood's directory.

**Safety**Steve Wilde ([safety@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:safety@lafayettesquare.org))

- Crime stats for 3<sup>rd</sup> district: package theft, vehicle stolen, catalytic converter stolen, burglary, cutting/robbery
- New neighborhood safety improvement plans revealed. The City designed, not the neighborhood association but we think they are good improvements. Check out the Marquis for the new design.
- Q: Are these plans a draft of final? A: We can pass on suggestions.
- Q: Will we have flashing stop signs? A: Haven't heard anything about blinking lights but these types of lights have gotten a lot of push back from neighbors in the past.
- Q: Can we get a crosswalk painted in pride colors? A: Good idea, we will ask.

**Improvements**IanMcCormack ([improvements@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:improvements@lafayettesquare.org))

- N/A

**Problem Properties**[lsrcproblemproperties@gmail.com](mailto:lsrcproblemproperties@gmail.com)

- The building on corner of Hickory and Mississippi is deteriorating rapidly so beware of the deteriorating walls when walking past.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next LSNA Board Meeting: May 3, 2022

Next LSNA General Membership Meeting: May 11, 2022, 7pm @ Sqwires

ADJOURN @ 8:11 ; Motion by Kelly ; 2-by Abbey