



LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

March 9, 2022 Sqwires

CALL TO ORDER 7:00

Christina Ryan, VP (vp@lafayettesquare.org)

Welcome New Residents: N/A

Review and approve Feb 8, 2022 Minutes: Motion by Linda; 2-by Marlene

ALDERMAN REPORTS

6-Ward

Christine Ingrassia (ingrassiac@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Not present

7-Ward

Jack Coatar (coatarj@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Not present

POLICE REPORT

3rd District

Officer Garrett

- Not present

GUEST SPEAKERS

Valencia Miller of Onyx Dagger- Our grand opening and first art exhibition is this Saturday. Valencia and her artist are very happy to be here in Lafayette Square! Opening artist will be Phil Jarvis and every two months they will have a different artist featured in the gallery.

Michael Powers of Dear Rosé – Michael and his partner, Patrick (owner of Peno in Clayton) will be opening a community lounge and eatery in late May at the former Stray Rescue building on S. 18th. The space will consist of roughly 30 seat bar area, take out options, delivery, wine being served by the oz, glass, bottle, a lot of small bite options in the front bar. The back will be full to-go service. Just an idea of hours will be 4-10pm Thursday – Sunday. Liquor license petition will be going out soon to neighbors within 350 ft of storefront.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Lafayette Preparatory Academy

Gail Buffington (grbuff@gmail.com)

- The school is still recruiting for families (mostly kindergarten & 6th grade). Mask optional in classrooms starts next week.

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)

Michael Bushur (mjbushur@gmail.com)

- Any new repairs to the playground will not be made because the City is replacing the entire playground next year.
- This Fall there will be a new clay roof tile going on the Cook Pavilion gazebo.

Lafayette Square Arts Council

Donna Korando (dkkorando@gmail.com)

- The first Concert in the Park series begins June 4th after the Garden Tour. This year we will have some old favorites plus some new bands.

Barr Branch Tiger Reed

- N/A

NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

Directory Sarah Hurst

- The new and updated directory will be a great promotional tool for the neighborhood. Ads coming from businesses and will showcase our schedule of events. Directories will be printed before the Garden Tour so we can pass out.

Request for donations-Lift For Life Academy

- Jill, Fundraising: Megan sent out an email yesterday to membership with information for those who are interested in donating to the cause. At our recent board meeting, \$333 was committed coming from LSNA with the goal is to reach the \$1,000 sponsorship level via donations from members. You can contribute by either buying tickets to the fashion show or making a monetary donations to LSNA paypal. Contact Jill with any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Kelly Schlueter (treasurer@lafayettesquare.org)

- Nothing new to report

Businesses

Abigail Schlueter (lsba@lafayettesquare.org)

- Reaching out to Lafayette Square businesses to see if they are interested in setting up pop up booths for the Garden Tour.

Fundraising

Jill Peckinpugh (fundraising@lafayettesquare.org)

- Mardi Gras hot dog stand went well and we plan to make it an annual event. April 16th Easter egg hunt at 11am in the park hosted by Moms in the Square, Garden & Urban Oasis Tour is June 4th and welcoming back the antique fair, summer race TBD, Oct 29th Masquerade Ball being held at Sqwires, Dec 3&4th Winter Fest- including Light Up The Square on the 3rd and the Holiday House Tour on the 4th.

Membership

Megan Biegacki (membership@lafayettesquare.org)

- Not present. Members should be on the lookout for LSNA stickers in their mailboxes if they have renewed or joined.

Preservation

Ron Gorman (ronaldgorman@icloud.com)

- The committee has been active the past 6 weeks working with The Lafayette Reserves. All homes are under contract and 3 homes will include pop up decks which the developer promises that the decks will not be visible from the street. The homes are supposed to be very nice and several include pools.
- The former church on McKay & Hickory is up for sale. It is 2 units. There has been an ongoing issue with rehabbing old properties and buyers not aware that we are within a historic code so there are limitations what they can do with the property. Ron has been contacting real

estate agents to communicate with him if they have any questions about our historic code. The historic code is about 80 pages and available on our website. It is searchable!

Beautification

Linda Weiner (linderweiner@gmail.com)

- Linda will be posting on social media how you can get involved including a mulch party in the Spring and a few work days. If anyone wants to sign up being a garden volunteer, contact her.

Communications

Jeff Baird (communications@lafayettesquare.org)

- We are holding a photo contest again this year-April 8th deadline. 1st place will be placed on front page of the directory. These do not need to be professional photos. Email pictures to photos@lafayettesquare.org. Thanks to our sponsors for donating gift cards! The board has been discussing transitioning the directory for years so we are excited for the change.

Safety

Steve Wilde (safety@lafayettesquare.org)

- Police stats: 20% down in crime compared to last year, last 30 days there have been 2 converters stolen, 2 items stolen out of vehicles, 1 car stolen, and Sqwires was broken into but police are trying to identify them. Please contact the police if you have any info.
- New crosswalk at Chouteau has begun and includes flashing lights in the middle of the road in hopes of preventing cars from illegally passing. Thank Christina & Jack if you see them because these improvements are very important to our neighborhood.
- Putting a crosswalk at Lafayette and Missouri is in the works. This won't interfere with bike race.
- The bike race will take place this year. More to come on that soon.
- Q: Any discussion to put a kick out stop sign at Lafayette & Missouri? The stop sign is very hard to see. A: Alderpeople are aware that cars blow that stop sign so looking into kick out. They are listening.

Improvements

Ian McCormack (improvements@lafayettesquare.org)

- Not present. Still working on installing the remainder historic street signs but there has been a delay with the city.

Problem Properties

lsrcproblemproperties@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next LSNA Board Meeting: April 5, 2022

Next LSNA General Membership Meeting: April 13, 2022, 7pm @ Sqwires

ADJOURN @ 7:47 ; Motion by Kelly ; 2-by Linda