



LAFAYETTE SQUARE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

June 8, 2022 Squires

CALL TO ORDER 7:05pm Tom Murphy, President (president@lafayettesquare.org)

Welcome New Residents: Sam on Mississippi, John & Debbie Ahrens, Haley and Austin on Carroll

Review and approve April 13, 2022 Minutes: Motion by Brooke, 2-by Abbey

ALDERMAN REPORTS

6-Ward

Christine Ingrassia (ingrassiac@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Not present

7-Ward

Jack Coatar (coatarj@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Lewis Reed resigned but we are going to restore trust.

Lafayette Park will be getting a completely new playground thanks to capital dollars and some matching funds. The earliest we will have designs is this Fall.

Q: Can we do a traffic study before the intersection improvements? A: That's fine. We spend 6-8 months doing traffic stops and end up going back to original plan. We know people are blowing stop signs, etc.

GUEST SPEAKER

Nancy Cross- Mayor's Office Director of Operations

Q: 911 is broken. What kind of timeline can we expect they will answer? A: American Rescue Act is funding a new center, funneling calls, looking at salaries because we have been having a hard time hiring. Salaries need to be lifted more than 3%. Hopefully in 6 months this will be a different story.

Q: What is being done for the crime downtown?

A: Th Downtown Engagement Group and Director of Public of Safety are on this committee trying to change things. They have shut down Washington Avenue on weekends to make it more pedestrian friendly, outdoor dining continuing to be allowed to create a better atmosphere, opening neighborhood rec centers in the evening because they close at 5. Police started last weekend containing about 30 kids and called their parents to come pick them up. The problem is kids are being dropped off downtown alone. We need to figure out how to have activities for these kids-it's not all city kids though. Youth coordinators are working with county YMCAs to see how we can move kids.

Q: In regard to replacing the resigned aldermen. Will there be an election?

A: The alderwomen in 11th ward will be replaced this month. Expect November to be a president of board election. 75-90 days needed to replace a vacant alderman.

Q: Is the Mayor looking at standards of other cities?

A: Yes, we are learning from other cities what they are doing to be successful i.e. how they manage their trash, unhoused problem, etc.

Get photos of illegal dumping and put it through CSB. We have a group of litigation teams and getting cameras for this problem.

Q: Why do we have an interim police chief?

A: The police chief search ongoing. We can have police come directly talk to the group.

Q: Are the police doing anything about expired license plates registration tags?

A: We have not been diligent on this because we have a police shortage. Police are going to begin towing again if you have an expired plate.

Q: There is a lot of development happening around us. When will the city update zoning?

A: Will get the Planning and Development people to answer on that.

POLICE REPORT

3rd District

Officer Garrett (jdgarrett@slpd.org)

- In the last 30 days there have been 11 incidents. This is up 10%. If you get in an vehicle accident, please do not ask the driver for their license, call 911 first! This can be dangerous.

Email her at jdgarrett@slpd.org or 314-444-2595

Fireworks are not an emergency usually but continue to call them in.

Starting this Friday, police are switching to mandatory 12 hour shifts on Friday, Saturdays, Sundays so hopefully this will help.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Lafayette Preparatory Academy

Gail Buffington (grbuff@gmail.com)

- Not present

Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)

Michael Bushur (mjbushur@gmail.com)

- Not present

Lafayette Square Arts Council

Donna Korando (dkkorando@gmail.com)

- Not present

Barr Branch Tiger Reed

- Not present

NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

Dog Park

Nicole Ewing (postonni@gmail.com 618-520-5980)

- Need volunteers to start a committee. Please contact her if you are interested in joining!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Kelly Schlueter (treasurer@lafayettesquare.org)

- N/A

Businesses

Abigail Schlueter (Isba@lafayettesquare.org)

- N/A

Fundraising

Jill Peckinpugh (fundraising@lafayettesquare.org)

- Garden Tour sold 1,200 tickets. Thanks for our volunteers! Save the date for the Halloween Masquerade on October 28th. The committee is looking for volunteers to help recruit silent auction items or decorating. Please contact if interested.

Membership

Megan Biegacki (membership@lafayettesquare.org)

- N/A

Preservation/Problem Properties

Ron Gorman (ronaldgorman@icloud.com)

- N/A

Beautification

Linda Weiner (linderweiner@gmail.com)

- Need volunteers Sunday to help with mulch.

Communications

Jeff Baird (communications@lafayettesquare.org)

- New pride shirts are \$20. Residents will be receiving the new directory soon but if you don't want, please don't throw away. Let us know and we will collect from you.

Safety

Steve Wilde (safety@lafayettesquare.org)

- There has been some crime around the pool- this club is not associated with the neighborhood. If having issues there, the neighborhood is no help.

Improvements

Ian McCormack (improvements@lafayettesquare.org)

- N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURN @ 8:07pm; Motion by Abbey, 2-by Sarah