



## LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

July 13, 2022 Sqwires

**CALL TO ORDER** 7:01pm

**Tom Murphy, President**([president@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:president@lafayettesquare.org))

**Welcome New Residents:** Beth on Dolman, Mike and Katie on Albion, Mary at The Lofts, Bill and his wife, Janet on Park, Mary and Monica on Albion, Jessie and Matt on Hickory

**Review and approve 2022 Minutes:** Motion by Chris 2-by Suzanne

### ALDERMAN REPORTS

**6-Ward**

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

- N/A

**7-Ward**

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

- N/A. Update: baby boy was born this morning.

### POLICE REPORT

**3rd District**

**PO Kevin Dilg**

- Provided crime report (attached in Neighborhood Meeting Folder)
- Q: Is the City restarting Citizens Academy and is the City going to sponsor National Night Out? A: Going to find out when next one is and, yes, going to be involved in National Night Out.
- Q: If we as a neighborhood association want to canvas a handout how to prevent crime, etc., does the City have something we can distribute to neighbors? A: He can make something but biggest advice is to be aware of your surroundings and not on your cellphone.
- Q: Everyone blows the stop sign at Park and Mississippi A: Christina- we have some improvements planned for the corners of the park that will be coming in the next couple of years. This will get plenty of input from neighbors.  
Q: Car at Mississippi & Park...what's the timeline it has to sit before getting towed? A: if it has a sticker on it, there should be a date that the City will tow it.
- Does the Police Substation need anything? A: Tom-yes, we always need snacks and water.

### NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

**Lafayette Preparatory Academy**

**Christina Ryan** ([vp@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:vp@lafayettesquare.org))

- School starts again on August 15<sup>th</sup> so you will see more activity at that section.

**Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC)**

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

- LPC does all the gardening, statue maintenance, tree work, etc. within Lafayette Park which is all coordinated by their volunteers. There are plans to vamp up fundraising to help with the \$200,000 tree work needed. Please reach out to Michael if you'd like to become a member.
- We have been designing the stone base band stand for two years now and we are nearing the end of that phase. If you'd like to get involved with that, feel free to reach out. There is no ETA of completion but the sooner, the better.

Q: How can we plant more trees since we have to cut down the dead ones? A: We are proactively training and pruning young trees to help them thrive, planted 20-30 this year already. We are in a healthy situation.

**Lafayette Square Arts Council**

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

- N/A

**Barr Branch Tiger Reed**

- N/A

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Nicole Ewing with Lafayette Square Dog Park**- We have gathered a group of neighbors and have met a couple of times. A questionnaire about the potential dog park was passed out at the meeting. Please check social media and your email to give your input.

**NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**Lafayette Square Kiosk**

**Dick Stockman**

- The neighborhood history kiosk is a free-standing display and we are looking for others to help transport it to events. It is 44x60 inches so you will need a full-size truck or large SUV. Each panel weighs about 6 lbs. Please contact a board member or Dick if you are interested in helping.

**Patriot Day 1-mile**

**Tom Murphy**

- This will be a competitive run with cash prizes plus a kid's run. Registration coming soon.

**Board Nominations**

**Tom Murphy**

- Next month's meeting is the formal nominations for next year's LSNA Board. All positions are open and you can see them on our website. Becoming an At-Large Board member is a great position to get started.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report**

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

- Report is available in the Neighborhood Meeting Folder. Revenue is a bit under but a lot gets backloaded towards end of the year especially with Holiday House Tour. We feel comfortable with the budget that was put together for this year.

**Businesses**

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

- N/A

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

- 2022 Light Up the Square/Holiday Market and the Holiday House Tour will December 3-4, respectively. If anyone has experience in farmers market, markets, advertisement, etc., please contact Nicole to help with the Holiday Market.
- We are building in covid protocols in case things change.
- Many volunteer positions are open. Please contact Jackie if you're interested in joining.
- Mark your calendars for the Halloween Masquerade on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We are diversifying our fundraising efforts this year by spreading them all out. The masquerade fundraiser is going to be super fun with lots of food, open bar, costumes, performances, silent auction, etc. Will need some volunteers to help with day of stuff like decorating and making the auction look pretty. Contact Christina if you'd like to volunteer.

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

- N/A

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

- There have been some changes recently and we need to clarify the purpose of the Preservation Committee. If someone wants to make exterior changes, they can come to us and we can walk them through the procedures and historic codes but the Culture Resources Office (the City) will review and be the ones to make the final decision. Take a look at the code on our website but reach out to Ron for help.

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

- Linda has a couple spots she is looking for someone to water. Contact her if interested.

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

- N/A

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

- N/A. See police Q&A above.

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

- N/A

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Next LSNA General Membership Meeting: August 10, 2022, 7pm @ Sqwires****ADJOURN @ 8:09pm. Motion by Brooke ; 2-by Marlane**