



Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 6, 2022

The Board met in person with the following members present: Tom Murphy, Kelly Schlueter, Tim Strickfaden, Christina Ryan, Megan Biegacki, George Boulware, Sarah Hurst, Jeff Baird, Brooke Gocken, Jamie Shahmirzadi, Matt Negri, Ian McCormack, and special guest Michael Buschar

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. There were no previous minutes to approve.

#### **Special guest:**

Michael Buschar with Lafayette Park Conservancy provided an update on the vision of the Conservancy. They are nearly at the end of the design phase of the bandstand project. \$500,000 has been pledged from neighbors.

#### **Ongoing Business:**

**Park House Keys Update-** Looking for a new security company to install a system that fits our needs.

**2023 Board Slate Update-** We have a full slate! Chris Budde as VP, Nicole Ewing as Secretary, Tim Strickfaden as Communication Chair, George Boulware as Safety Chair, Matt Negri as Preservation Chair, Marsha Delcour as Preservation-Elect, Travis Gocken joining Preservation Committee, Bart Lisner as Business Affairs Chair, Member at Large run off between Marlane Budde, Chris Waldbuesser, Mark Kapp, Richard Antunes, and Beth Concepcion.

**Accounting, Taxes, Procedures-** We are working with LEM to reconcile our bookkeeping which is within our budget. Moving forward, we will consider using LEM and Blue Summit to file our taxes.

#### **New Business:**

**Taxing District-** If implemented, we would seek support from other neighborhood councils. Majority of other St. Louis neighborhoods are a taxing district. We would need to decide the taxing rate, amount of years, if any specific projects it will support, etc. The tax will be based off home's square footage. This will be a ballot vote at an official polling place for everyone who resides in Lafayette Square. This would be managed outside LSNA so if anyone is interested in joining the committee, please let Tom know.

**LSNA Policies-** Each chair position has been asked to create a description of their duties. They will be reviewed annual by each board member.

## **Committee Updates:**

**Membership Update-** We continue to get more membership sign ups at the concerts.

**Treasurer Update-** Reviewed YTD budget

**Fundraising Update-** Presale for the Halloween Masquerade Ball for LSNA members only on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Patriot Day Race is this Sunday.

**Business Affairs Update-** Motion to approve spending \$1,000 to include Lafayette Square restaurants in STL Mag's Dining Guide.

Motion by Kelly, all in favor 9:00PM.

**Capital Improvement Update-** We are working with the Safety Committee on deciding what to proposed to the City for a traffic study. We are also on the tuckpointer's schedule to complete the project at Waverly Pl.

**Communications Update-** Committee is working on a brand standard and creating a central space for Lafayette Square logos.

**Preservation Update-** N/A

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

The next General Membership Meeting, September 14th in-person at Sqwires.

Kelly called for the meeting to be adjourned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George . All agreed and the meeting ended at 9:16 PM.