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**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**SqWires Annex 7 PM**

**March 8th, 2023**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:05 Christina Rya** [*president@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:president@lafayettesquare.org)

**Review and approve December 2022 Minutes-** Minutes of the February 2023 meeting were approved without objection

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** N/A

**ALDERMAN REPORTS**

Farewell letter by outgoing 6th Ward Alderman, Christine Ingrassia was read.

President Ryan announced the purchase of two bricks for the fountain plaza in honor of outgoing Adermen Cotar and Ingrassia.

No Aldermen were present for reports.

**POLICE REPORT-3rd District   Jazmon Garrett**

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Police report was submitted and read: In the previous 28 days there were 10 incidents (6 larcenies, 2 vehicle thefts, 2 robberies). Officer Garrett was not present.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

**Lafayette Prep Academy (LPA) Christina Ryan on behalf of LPA**

Lafayette Prep Academy was mentioned in the Post-Dispatch and awarded a 10-year renewal (vice 5-year) and was named the top-performing charter school in the state.

**Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC) Michael Bushur, Executive Director**

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Lafayette Park Conservancy update was provided by Michael Bushur.

* + Projects for the year include annual maintenance and upkeep, refurbishing of the old pavillion, repainting of the bridge, dredging of the grotto pond, and fence upkeep.
  + Playground equipment replacement is awaiting ward and city funds.
  + Question from the membership on repair of Cook Pavillion roof. (Awaiting funds)
  + Question on replacement of removed trees. (In planning)
  + Question on number of fence sections planned for repair this year (6-7 moving west on Lafayette)

**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

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Concerts in the park are scheduled and can be found on Lafayette sq.org for calendar of events.

**NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

Donations update: $2500 budgeted for the year. 8 donations of $250 have been approved by the board. Suggestions for remaining $500 are welcomed.

* **Traffic Improvements Christina Ryan**
* Traffic Improvements: Currently no funds are available from the Ward or the City. The board is examining paths to complete the engineering drawings necessary to proceed. Will engage with new Alderman for funding for the project.
* **Rose wine bar and restaurant**
  + Rebranding under Pepe LAST NAME? and doing a soft opening on March 2nd with refreshments and light snacks.

**Barr Branch–**

Tiger Reed of the Barr Branch Library announced upcoming events:

* + Prom 31 March
  + Women's History Month programs
  + Novel Neighbors
  + Notary Services
  + Youth Storytime
  + Lego Club
  + Behavioral Response Provider at Calhoun Branch

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer’s Report (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct) Sarah Hurst**

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N/A

**Business Affairs Bart Lissner**

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Rose Wine Bar opens 3/9

**Fundraising Jill Peckinpaugh**

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Garden Tour needs gardens. Masquerade Ball announced for 06 October.

**Membership Megan Biegacki**

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**Preservation Matt Negri**

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*Nothing new to report*

**Beautification Linda Weiner**

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Landfill smell in the air is being addressed! Holding a public meeting with local public works officers and environmental specialists on Feb 15 @ 7pm at Epiphany United Church of Christ in the Benton Park neighborhood on Mcnair Ave. Also working with capital improvements and alderman to fix irrigation system in the neighborhood and keep our gardens watered all summer.

**Communications Tim Strickfaden**

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* + Website being audited for improvements
  + Brand standard for Lafayette Square being implemented
  + Lafayette Square merchandise available at SqWires
  + Committee need help of any member with graphic design experience
  + Beth Concepcion (ed Marquis) announced need for articles

**Safety George Boulware**

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**Improvements Ian McCormack**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Go STL marathon street closures

\*Raising money for bench for Garland Adams

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 4th @7pm @ 2200 LaSalle

**Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, April 12th @7pm @SqWires

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08

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