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**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**July 12th, 2023**

**Sqwires 7 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER    7:00pm**

**Chris Budde**[*vp@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:vp@lafayettesquare.org) **Welcome New Residents -**no new residents

**Review and approve**[**May 2023 Minutes**](https://drive.google.com/fhttps:/docs.google.com/document/d/1N20qDRCwo9upZidcpD8bNNl7w80KI4vE/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=104280667521156478295&rtpof=true&sd=trueile/d/1BeyNfwZQvBE7Xw6vGUqYhoLvLq-7QZmr/view?usp=share_link) Nicole motion to approve, 2nd by Marlane

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**8th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT  Cara Spencer**

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Seating our city's first Charter Commission! Ending the Board of Alderman summer session, there is a meeting next week in hopes of passing the gun control bill that was developed by Cara. Working on Air bnb regulations for the city and working on regulating liquor licenses as well. Finally the budget for the 8th Ward was passed and the pothole fund is fully funded.

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

[jdgarrett@slmpd.org](mailto:jdgarrett@slmpd.org), 314-444-2595

Not in attendance

**Communications Director for Mayor Jones** **Nick Desideri**

Not in attendance

**Georgian Community Happy Hour Linda Soderlind**

Happy hour group meets first friday of every month in the lobby of the Georgian at 6:00. Feel free to come and bring a drink or app to share!

**DeAnna Murphy                                                         Neighborhood Stabilization Officer for STL city**

Lafayette Square Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Larry Isom 314-657-1376 [isom@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:isom@stlouis-mo.gov) Registration for national night out is open on the [stlmo.gov](http://stlmo.gov/) website and you can register there. Reach out to Larry for more questions or concerns for the neighborhood.

**Marty Joe Murray 5th district**

Running for 78th District State Representative. Missouri is a caucus state and Marty is running in the 78th dist for election in August of this year. If you have questions concerning caucusing in Missouri, visit the Missouri Senate website at [senate.mo.gov](http://senate.mo.gov/) website or visit his website at [martyjoemurry.com](http://martyjoemurry.com/).

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

**Barr Branch Library Tiger Reed**

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In the middle of summer reading challenge through August. Prizes for reading books and meeting challenges. Garden Tour display still up, as well as STL artist video. Novel Neighbors book club is also still running. Meeting room avail for non profit groups for community meeting space. Looking into long term chromebook rental extended through 2025. 

**Lafayette Prep Academy (LPA)**

School starts on Thursday, Aug 17th and there are donation boxes up in the neighborhood to donate school supplies if you’re interested.

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

[*Michael.Bushur@lafayettepark.org*](mailto:Michael.Bushur@lafayettepark.org)

Nothing new to share, but the committee is always looking for volunteers to help at the park during summer hours. Go to the LPA website to sign up to volunteer. Playground rendering is in production and the playground equipment has been ordered, but waiting for delivery. Hopeful to have a playground installed this year, possibly by the end of summer. There are 11 trees slated for removal, of which LPC pays for removal and STL city will pay for stump removal.

**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

[*acls@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:acls@lafayettesquare.org)**\***See full summer concert schedule here: <https://lafayettesquare.org/community/arts-council-of-lafayette-square/>

Soulard Blues Band is this Saturday night!

**NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

* **Update on Legal Action for Problem Properties Tom Murphy, Matt Negri**

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[preservation@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:preservation@lafayettesquare.org)

Attorney has sent a letter to the owner of the problem properties in the neighborhood and waiting

Hickory & MIssissippi, LaSalle, corner of 18th st. & LaSalle

* **Update on 1128 S 18th St Chris Budde, Matt Negri**
  + Sent letter of support from the Board, and going to Board of Adjustments
* **2024 Board Recruiting Chris Budde**

[vp@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:vp@lafayettesquare.org)

Elections for the LSNA board are coming up in October. The board has several vacancies available so if anyone is interested reach out to Chris Budde  or Christina Ryan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

Through the first 6 months of the year, we have a small surplus of funds but haven’t included the last fundraising event in the neighborhood. We currently have $233,600 in our checking account balance and we are maintaining financial health while investing in the neighborhood. We have an endowment from Jim King and as markets have improved, that fund totals $191,300 which is managed by Modern Dollar. In progress of moving accounts to Together Credit Union and thank you to Tatitaa Cladrer for taking charge of that transition!!! Financials can be found by following the QR code on this meeting minutes document.

**Business Affairs Bart Lissner**

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

Trying to bring back Block Captains! Reach out to your block captain for information on how you can volunteer. Reach out to Bart if you are unsure of who your block captain is, or if you're interested in volunteering or participating in the program.  Starting on Thursdays in September, we will be hosting Glow in the dark Bocce Ball In Lafayette Park to meet and recruit block captains. Reach out to Bart for more info!

**Fundraising Jill Peckinpaugh**

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2nd Annual Masquerade Ball is October 6th 2023! Committee is working on putting together raffles and silent auctions and donations. If you are interested in donating or sponsoring, reach out to Christina Ryan or Marlane Budde.

**Membership Megan Biegacki**

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Nothing new to report

**Preservation Matt Negri**

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Members met with Cultural Resources and there are changes coming from the city for residential improvements, renovations, and new builds. More information to come.

**Communications Tim Strickfaden**

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Several events are coming up and in need of graphic design support! If you are interested in helping design posters or other promotional material, see Tim. There is still Lafayette Square merch available at Sqwires. Next Communications committee meeting is coming up next month.

**Safety George Boulware**

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Two new stop signs were installed at some corners and crosswalks around the park and were paid for with neighborhood donations! Thank you, neighbors!

**Improvements/Maintenance Mitch Hunt**

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Working on fountain repairs and replacement parts being ordered. New fence being installed at Waverly and Lafayette and awaiting the last of 3 bids for installation. Expecting installation sometime in the next year.

**Beautification Linda Weiner**

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Nothing new to report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Annual Patriot Run** is Sunday Sep 19th. If you're interested in participating or for more information keep your eyes on the Lafayette Square Website and on social media.

**\*Fringe Festival -**happening August 14th-Aug 20th at Grand Center with 42 acts for the season! Full list of headlining events with actors from all over the country. Cost is $99 for a full festival pass!

**Next Board Meeting:**Tuesday, August 1 (No Board Meeting in July)

**Next General Meeting:**Wednesday, August 9 @7pm @SqWires

**ADJOURNED**motion to adjourn by Nicole, 2nd by Bart. Meeting ended at 7:56pm.

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