

**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Sqwires 7 PM**

**August 9th, 2023**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:05pm Christina Ryan** *president@lafayettesquare.org*

**Review and approve July 2023 Minutes-** The July minutes were approved without comment.

New residents were welcomed.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**St.Louis Mayor’s Office** **Nick Desideri**

Provided updates on 911 hiring (ongoing), Crime (lawsuit vs. Hyundai and Kia), ARPA funds transparency, Rams funds (to be addressed after ARPA funds are spent). Answered questions on the status of the new City Atty / Office reorganization (backlog is shrinking), Street Repair (prioritized by accident rates), Hiring process for the new Chief of Police (Dept of Personnel Hiring Board, not the Mayor).

**8th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT Cara Spencer**

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* The new gun bill was signed, banning open carry of a firearm without a conceal and carry permit.
* The board is working to address short term rental regulations and is debating the proposed changes to the liquor license process.
* Discussed raises in the City Attorney’s office.
* Answered a question on the orange cones on Lafayette Ave at the entrance to I-44 (MODOT will put in a median).
* Budget considerations recently focused on the Pothole Fund and downed streetlights.
* Legislation being considered includes Air BnB regulation, Parking Lot regulation, banning open-carry of weapons.
* Big Shark Events discussed the Gateway Cup

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

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30 day crime rate was up 12.9%. Seven larcenies were reported in the previous month along with shoplifting, theft from a motor vehicle, one vehicle theft and one garage burglary.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

**Barr Branch Library Tiger Reed**

*treed@slpl.org*

Barr Branch Library reported the summer reading challenge was up 167% from the previous year.

**Lafayette Prep Academy (LPA) Christina Ryan**

Nothing new to report.

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

*Michael.Bushur@lafayettepark.org*

Playground upgrades are possible by the end of the year.

**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

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

 **NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

* Fundraising: Masquerade Ball October 6. Tickets are on sale for LSNA members.
* Holiday House Tour 1st SAT in December. Homes are needed as well as committee members.
* Patriot Race canceled due to loss of sponsor
* Board recruiting: Nominees needed for Membership, VP, Treasurer Elect, and 2 Members at Large

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

*treasurer@lafayettesquare.org*

Nothing new to report this month

**Business Affairs Bart Lissner**

*lsba@lafayettesquare.org*

Nothing new to report

**Fundraising Jill Peckinpaugh**

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Updates mentioned above under new and on-going business

**Membership Megan Biegacki** *membership@lafayettesquare.org*

Nothing new to report

**Preservation Matt Negri**

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No updates on problem properties action.

**Communications Tim Strickfaden**

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Nothing new to report

**Safety George Boulware**

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National Night Out 07 October. Block Captain Bocce Ball tournament

**Improvements Ian McCormack**

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Historic Street Signs are in progress. Waverly PL fence is being contracted. Completed dead tree and limb removal.

**Beautification Linda Weiner**

*linderweiner@gmail.com*

Nothing new to report.

**Maintenance Matt Negri/Mitch Hunt/Frank** maintenance@lafayettesquare.org

Nothing new to report.

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Friday night socials are ongoing- calendar of events on social media

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, September 5th

**Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, September 13th @7pm @SqWires

Meeting adjourned at 8:25
 ****LSNA Membership Sign Up