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**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**SqWires 7 PM**

**10 January 2024**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER 7pm Chris Budde  
Welcome New Residents** [*president@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:president@lafayettesquare.org)  
**Review and approve December 2023 Minutes**

* Reviewing/approving deferred until Feb 2024 meeting as membership email did not go out prior to the meeting

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**8th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT  Cara Spencer**

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* Rep from her office appeared
* 2 speed humps being added
  + *Rutger and 18th*
  + *1220 Missouri Ave*
* Town Hall that occurred w/ members of Public Safety, CAO, and BOA President - recommend that residents watch it

**POLICE REPORT-3rd District Officer Rojas**

[rrojas@slmpd.org](mailto:rrojas@slmpd.org)

* Been with dept for 8 years; has worked mostly night shift
* Just started this position on 1/3/24
* Porch pirates/garage break-ins on Dolman - anything other than reporting that neighbors can do?
  + This is common during the holidays, along with car crimes
  + Manpower is extremely low
  + **Call neighbors and ask if they can grab packages for you**
  + **Utilizes cameras**
  + **Use alarms on garages**
  + **Keep reporting - reports drive where patrols are located**
* **Major incident (shooting) on on Park/Truman this past weekend**
  + **Officer Rojas did not have information; will work to get info**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

**Barr Branch Library Tiger Reed**

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* Barr is a warming center during their regular hours
* Lucy, Youth Specialist, at Barr Branch
  + Came to Light Up the Square
  + Had holiday programming
  + Offering a Youth/Teen Black history Reading Challenge in February
* Black history Programming throughout the month of February
* Notaries on staff; bring witnesses with you; please call ahead - notary services are free
* Food drive is ongoing through end of January; please bring canned goods [(list of most needed items)](https://www.slpl.org/news/mlk-food-drive/)

**Lafayette Prep Academy (LPA) Dee Dee Arms, Director of**

**Development and Communications**

[*deidra.arms@lafayetteprep.org*](mailto:deidra.arms@lafayetteprep.org)

* New Head of School for 2024-2025 school year
* Basketball games are still going on

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

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**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

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* Watch the park fence on Feb. 14

**NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

* **Taxing District Update Tom Murphy / Pat Faust**

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* <https://www.lafayettesquaresbd.com/>
* Working towards August 2024 elections
* 3 upcoming meetings (only need to attend one; same info will be shared)
  + Sqwires Wednesday, January 17 7pm-8pm
  + Barr Library Meeting Room, Saturday, January 20 10:30am-11:30am
  + Zoom, Tuesday, January 23 7pm – 8pm

**Pocket Park Updates Tom Murphy**

* LSNA acquired the Pocket Park about 2 years ago
  + Conceptual drawings were shared, including the possibility of a structure
  + Want to make it functional for neighborhood/residents while not competing with the park

**Update on Legal Action for Problem Properties Christina Ryan**

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* Both sides have asked & granted a 30 day extension on discovery
* Have not yet gotten access inside or rec’d discovery documents
  + This should happen in the next few weeks
* LSNA have rec’d interrogatories from deft.
  + Small meeting w/ the attorney tomorrow to discuss how detailed our answers to interrogatories need to be

**President’s Vision Chris Budde**

*president@lafayettesquare.org*

* Transparency
* Deliberative decision making
* Continue efforts to improve business practices
* Lafayette Square Strategic Plan - take a look at updating
* Improving advocacy efforts for issues that impact the neighborhood
* Make volunteering easier
* Website refresh
* Increasing charitable donations - board voted to increase from $2500 to $5000
  + Email [president@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:president@lafayettesquare.org) with suggestions of organizations that impact the neighborhood
* Increasing membership; currently sitting at 10% which is well above the avg of 2-55 for neighborhood associations but we hope to engage more residents

**PRESIDENT’S 2024 VISION**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer’s Report (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct) Tatiana Clader**

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* 2024 Budget can be viewed [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YrrX1lD5rUqL3z-9rio_3kVxz1owfjKH/edit#gid=1706611277)
* Vote deferred until Feb 2024 meeting as membership email did not go out prior to the meeting

**Business Affairs Bart Lissner**

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* No updates

**Fundraising Jill Peckinpaugh**

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* Busy December for Light Up the Square and Holiday Parlor Tour
  + Parlor tour raised over $71k and over 2500 people came! Tickets are limited due to lines to get in homes and desire to make it an enjoyable experience for people
* Garden Tour to move to every other year to make it something that people look forward to - no garden tour in 2024
* Still going to have the Antique Fair for a Spring event on 6/1/24, which is the Summer Concert, vintage baseball game, and packard cars

**Membership Erika Washington**

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* No updates

**Preservation Marsha Delcour**

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* No updates

**Communications Tim Strickfaden**

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* No updates

**Safety George Boulware**

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* Manchester and Chouteau will be repaved
  + Peabody needs more defined crosswalks
  + Left turn lane from Mississippi to Chouteau is difficult; committee recognized that

**Improvements/Maintenance Mitch Hunt/Matt Negri**

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* No updates

**Beautification Linda Weiner**

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* Hopes to beautify Jefferson & Lafayette

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Elections - Democratic party will be caucussing; can request a mail in election**

**Seat for St. Rep has been vacant in the 78th District**

**Call for volunteers**

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, 06 February

**Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, 14 February@7pm @SqWires

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn by Chrstina; second by Sarah  
  
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LSNA Membership Sign Up