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**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**

**SqWires 7 PM**

**13 March 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER 7pm Chris Budde  
Welcome New Residents** [*president@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:president@lafayettesquare.org)

**Review and approve February 2024 Minutes**

* Patty motioned to approve
* Ty seconded the motion

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**8th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT  Cara Spencer**

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* Ending first session at BOA
* BOA is considering:
  + Liquor licenses - looking at eliminating neighborhood petition; only applies to restaurants; does not apply to gas stations, etc
  + Bill for the unhoused - opening up shelter space; increases the notification of neighbors within a radius, lowers the petition threshold
  + Bill to address reckless driving - putting boots on vehicles to disable them

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

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

* Capt Angie Dickerson - New 3rd District captain also joined
  + 314-444-2585; amdickerson@slmpd.org
* Last 28 days - 7 crimes; 82 total calls

**STL Community Development Administration Nahuel Fefer**

* Kevin Olson, Assistant to the ED of CDA
* Healthy Home Repair - most popular program; income-based; utilizes federal HUD funds to assist in bringing homes to code
  + Completed repairs on 300 homes, about 1,000 person waitlist
  + Own the home & up-to-date on taxes; owner occupied homes
* Launched programs to support affordable housing/sustainable housing
* Historic Home Repair program is a new program
* First time homebuyer down payment assistance program

**STL City Treasurer Adam Layne**

* Serving as treasurer for 3 years; running for second term this year
* Raised investment from $450 to 760 mil; goal of $1.4 bil (which is the city’s budget and meeting that shows financial health)
* Office of Financial Empowerment - prompting financial equality and financial literacy; free programming for adults (raise credit score, reduce debt, purchase first home, etc)
* Also manages parking meter; offering amnesty programs for those with multiple tickets having difficulty paying or who may have been unaware they had tickets
* Current Bond Ratio is AAA which is the highest possible rating

**Candidate for MO House District 78 Jami Cox Antwi**

* Campaign website: https://www.jamicoxantwi.com/contact

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

**Barr Branch Library Tiger Reed**

[*treed@slpl.org*](mailto:treed@slpl.org)

* Seeing a need to get people over the digital hump
* Youth Services happen four times a week at the Barr branch

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

**Development and Communications**

* LPA’s Trivia Night & Silent Auction is March 29th; still looking for some auction items

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

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

* Some trees have come down; lots of tree trimming
* Sections of fencing around the lake are being repaired and will be re-installed soon
* New doors for the bathrooms will be installed soon
* Opening of park bathrooms
  + Handled by City parks Div.
  + Hasn’t been sorted out yet but it may be a little late in the season

**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

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

* Jeremiah Johnson Band for the first concert in the park; Ralph Butler will be back to close out the season
* Luc from Barr Branch will be doing story time on the Pavillion steps at 5:00pm before the concerns

**NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

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

[*faustsquared@gmail.com*](mailto:faustsquared@gmail.com)

* Voting will be postponed; additional details to come

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

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

* No updates

**Block Captains Wayne White**

* Been a resident since 1998 and has been a block captain for a longtime
* Block captains help alert neighbors of social things and safety issues
* ***Best way to serve with the least amount of work!***
* Email [safety@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:safety@lafayettesquare.org) if you are interested in being a block captain!!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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**Business Affairs Bart Lissner**

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**Fundraising Jill Peckinpaugh**

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* Nothing to report

**Membership Erika Washington**

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**Preservation Marsha Delcour**

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* Nothing to report

**Communications Tim Strickfaden**

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* Nothing to report

**Safety George Boulware**

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* Re: Manchester and Chouteau
  + Most progressive bike lanes MODOT has ever done; plan available on MODOT site

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

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* Fountain to be turned on March 18th
* Gate installation on Waverly Place has been completed and looks lovely

**Beautification Linda Weiner**

[*linderweiner@gmail.com*](mailto:linderweiner@gmail.com)

* Beautification work days
  + 3/16 9-11am median at Lafayette & 44
  + 3/2411-2pm fountain plaza
  + 4/19 12:30-2:30pm Park Ave medians
  + 5/4 9-11am flower bed planting TBD

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, 02 April

**Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, 10 April 7pm @SqWires

**Park House/Police Station Decluttering 3/24 at 9:00am**

**Upcoming Elections**

**Democratic Presidential Primary March 23**

**General Municipal Election April 2**

**Primary Election August 6**

**General Election November 5**

**ADJOURN**Motion to adjourned by Patty

Seconded by Tom Murphy