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**Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**04 June 2024 7:00PM Park House - 2023 Lafayette  
Expected Absences:** Jeff, Jill, Mitch

| **Item** | **Presenter** |
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| Call to order and approval of May Minutes | Chris |
| * Mtn to approve May by Tom * Seconded by George |  |
| **Ongoing Business** |  |
| Legal Action on Walter Moody Properties | Christina |
| * Chris signed affidavit * filing summary judgment on the nuisance clause * The Moody’s deadline with the city is in August to provide details to get properties out of condemnation; unclear if this will be enforced |  |
| Gateway Cup Update | Bart |
| * Spoke with Mike today - going to continue to hash out some of their concerns and to get them to define what they need from LSNA * Mike was upset that no one from LS was present at the premier of the movie night * Is there anything that they need for this year?   + Budget accounted for $600 for four expos - pay for Mayo Ketchup, Vicini, Chocolate Bar/Pop, and Polite Society   + Meeting will be set up b/w Mike and the businesses |  |
| **New Business** |  |
| Community Garden Pergola | Phil L/Dave/Leda /Rob |
| * Old pergola was removed during spring work day as it was collapsing * replacement cost of $13,000 thru the use of a kit * Next step is to obtain a drawing from Pergola USA for $250 which will give position of the peers - these will be started during Fall work day * Labor for concrete - one bid for $5000; going to continue working to look for a lower costs * Four Muddy has determined that they don’t need to tuckpoint that wall * $5000 is budgeted for 2024 for use of the mural/pergola; look at getting the footings poured this year   + Phil to go ahead and pay for the drawings and submit for reimbursement |  |
| LPC | Michael |
| * City Board est. to meet quarterly and review projects from LPC as level of oversight * Members appointed by the Parks Director * There are designated slots including a neighborhood rep, a rep from the LSNA, someone from LPC, a landscape architect, a member at large from outside the neighborhood * Meetings last an hours; take place on Wednesdays at 4pm at the Park House * Chris will provide names of interested candidates to the parks Director by the end of next week |  |
| Fountain Plaza / Choteau Parking Lot Xfer | Chris / Tom |
| * Southside TIF is open to transferring ownership for Fountain Plaza & Chouteau parking lot   + LSNA does landscaping, electricity, and maintenance for Fountain Plaza   + Parking lot     - 4 individual parcels; 2 are tax exempt     - LSNA already pays for part of the electric for this already     - would need to have surveys done and there would be an expense involved in turning it into one plot       * Goodson may have some ability to assist with combining of the parcels     - anticipate property tax relief due to non-profit status   + TIF has technically expired but still has legal standing   + LSNA could potentially parcel it out and sell to businesses/developers down the line * Minimal insurance costs * acquisition costs est at about $5-6k * Bethany manages the schedule for Fountain Plaza * Does have to go to a vote of the general membership * Will be put up as two separate votes at next week’s general meeting |  |
| King Endowment Subcommittee Establishment | Tom |
| * $200k endowment provided through Jim King’s estate; managed by Modern Dollar   + Currently at $209k * Has been informal but needs to be formalized in order to meet the conditions of the endowment   + Pres or Past President, Treasurer or Treasurer Elect, Member at Large and a General Member or Two General Members * Potential for projects, possibly larger capital projects * Motion to est Subcommittee with mandatory of 1 board member, 1 general member, president, and 1 board member made by Chris-will be 1 year terms to line with board terms   + Second by Mark   + No objections |  |
| Strategic Plan Review/ Assessment Working Group | Chris |
| * Been a few years since this was published * Would like to get a group together to go through the strategic plan, grade ourselves on how we’ve done, determine if changes need to be made, and what other things we can we do under the current plan to improve what we’re doing * going to be listed as a volunteer opportunity at general meeting |  |
| **Committee Updates** |  |
| Treasurer | Tatiana |
| * Ended month with $250 of our current assets including checking account and 2 CDs * total assets are $460k, which includes the Jim King Endowment * Per bylaws 50% of total expenses are reserves; these expenses are $240k * Reminder to keep within the mission of the board for a nonprofit organization * Currently in line with budgets * Net revenue of $7;, were expecting a net loss of $50k this year * Antique fair results revenue of $900 in net revenue - large expense for the signs * Cocktails on Plaza net revenue of $4402 and additional merch sales of $299 |  |
| Communications | Tim |
| * No signage for Cocktails on the Plaza - all on social media channels   + good reminder to lean on that and frequent social posts * Need to replenish merch |  |
| Fundraising | Jill |
| * Masquerade Committee   + event on 10/18   + Full committee   + Re-evaluating sponsorships given it’s a smaller events   + Doing silent auction again this year but smaller than in 2022     - aim for 10 good silent auction packages   + talk of organizing a wine pull   + Presales start Friday 9/6 and continue through 9/11, will go on sale to public 9/12 * Holiday Tour   + Please let Bev Murphy know if you would like your home on the tour, currently 4 committed homes   + Still looking for committee members |  |
| Business Affairs | Bart |
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| Safety | George |
| * Security for the holidays   + traditionally paid for by the Beer Fest * Porch Pirate   + Have his name, knows where he lives, burglary detectives are involved   + Concern that SLMPD doesn’t have capacity to deal with this   + Chris to draft a letter to 3rd District Captain |  |
| Improvements | Mitch |
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| Membership | Kim |
| * Members want updates on members vs residents * membership levels - ways to incentivize memberships and increasing levels |  |
| Preservation | Marsha |
| * There is an empty seat on the committee * The committee talked and offered the seat to Katarina, as she had the highest votes of those that did not win the contested election. Will finish the seat through December 2024. |  |
| **Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates** |  |
| General Meeting | 12 June 2024 |
| Next Board Meeting | 02 July 2024 |

**Motion to adjourn at 8:31pm Tom; seconded Ty**