

**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**SqWires 7 PM**

**12 June 2024**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:02pm Chris Budde** *president@lafayettesquare.org***Welcome New Residents**

**Approval of May 2024 minutes**

Motion to approve by Marlane Budde

Seconded by Kim Winters

 **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**8th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT  Cara Spencer**

spencerc@stlouis-mo.gov

* Announced that she is running to serve as next mayor
* Finished budget last week
	+ Want to see more funding for trash dept
	+ Planning for a pretty big deficit ($26 million) due to loss of appeal on earnings tax
* Also concerned about population loss
	+ Resident asked what the City is doing to address this?
		- Cara stated that there isn’t a broad plan to support the business community
		- Need a plan to support business
		- Have a lot of work to do on attracting new businesses
		- Frustrated about situation with the convention center
* Fighting to get a handle on vacancies in City departments
* Proposal is for Metro to expand down Jefferson to NGA; she is a proponent for Metro expansion, however, there is no funding to pay for it ($1.2 billion) and there isn’t a handle on the current system

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

 rrojas@slmpd.org

**SLDC Neighborhood Manager (DevelopStLouis.org) Lisa Otke**

* Role is to engage and help residents connect with the business community
* Working on plan for Railway Exchange and Millennium Hotel

**Metrolink Green Line Expansion Laurna Godwin**

* Way to make StL more equitable and attractive
* From Chippewa to NGA on Jefferson - 5.6 miles long with 10 stations and 3 possible additional stations
* Anticipate two lanes (one north and one south) for most of the line
* Environmental review is required by federal guidelines for federal funding
	+ Federal funding would be 50-60% of the cost; will not go forward without this funding
* Project was recently transferred to BiState
* Surveyors will be taking readings in the neighborhood/up and down Jefferson in the next year
* Security is a concern on existing MetroLink and for expansion
	+ Working on secured platform now; plan will need to be different for the Green Line
	+ Adding upwards of 1000 cameras with a Real Time Camera Center that is monitored by City and County PD
* <https://metrolinkgreenline.com/> - sign up to receive project updates
* Email info@metrolinkgreenline.com
* Comment form can be found at <https://stlmetrolinkoutreach.com/public/comment/project-comment-dynamic?project_id=2>

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

**Barr Branch Library Tiger Reed**

*treed@slpl.org*

* Summer Adventure is here! Kids get to pick a book to bring home and keep in their libraries!

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

 **Development and Communications

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

*Michael.Bushur@lafayettepark.org*

**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

*acls@lafayettesquare.org*

* Concert this Saturday, support concert funding by purchasing raffle tickets!! 6 for $5

**NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**VP Election Chris Budde**

*president@lafayettesquare.org*

* Vince Volpe, uncontested
* Members present voted to approve nomination; no opposition raised

**Property Acquisition Chris Budde**

*president@lafayettesquare.org*

* Both held by the TIF SouthSide Development Corporation
	+ As TIF expires, they have to do something about the properties
	+ Approx a $5k cost to acquire both properties
* Fountain Plaza
	+ This is a property that we would like to keep
	+ LSNA is already paying for maintenance, water, electrical
	+ If we own it, we can get relief from property tax b/c of non-profit status
* Chouteau Parking Lot
	+ This is actually a collection of parking lot, 2 former streets, and a piece by another owner
	+ Would need to be re-surveyed and deeded as a single piece of property
	+ Would prevent it being bought by the city or bought and used by someone else
	+ Chris to reach out to Ameren to look into funding and possible revenue source by “renting” parking to them
* Voting will be electronic

**Strategic Plan Review Chris Budde**

*president@lafayettesquare.org*

* Goals were set out in the strategic plan
* Strategic plan can be found here: <https://lafayettesquare.org/the-lafayette-square-strategic-plan/>
* Would like to have a group of 5-6 people to meet with a board member to review the plan and grade progress

**Block Captain Updates Wayne White**

*wmw@studio2108.com*

* New to the position and working to learn who’s who and find block captains for blocks without one

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

*pastpresident@lafayettesquare.org*

* Motion for summary judgment filed; hearings coming up in June and July

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

*treasurer@lafayettesquare.org*

* Net income antique fair around $900; cocktails on the plaza around $5000

**Business Affairs Bart Lissner**

*lsba@lafayettesquare.org*

**Fundraising Jill Peckinpaugh**

*fundraising@lafayettesquare.org*

* Holiday House Tour, Sunday, Dec 15
	+ Looking for homes to be on tour; need about 5 more email housetour@lafayettesquare.org
* Light Up the Square, Sat, Dec 7

**Membership Kimberly Winters**

*membership@lafayettesquare.org*

* 1 new member this past month
* Only 1% of residents are members of LSNA
* **Preservation Marsha Delcour**
	+ *preservation@lafayettesquare.org*
* Has offered KatarinaMichalova the vacation spot on committee
* **Communications Tim Strickfaden**
	+ *communications@lafayettesquare.org*
* **Safety George Boulware**
	+ *safety@lafayettesquare.org*
* An individual has been identified through a line up
* Anticipate that the circuit attorney will issue charges; once this is done, we will work to get a Neighborhood Order of Protection
* If there is an $850 cumulative amount of items stolen, it will be a felony charge
* **Improvements/Maintenance Mitch Hunt/Matt Negri**
	+ *improvements@lafayettesquare.org**maintenance@lafayettesquare.org*
* Historic signs continue to go up

**Beautification Linda Weiner**

*linderweiner@gmail.com*  **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Events:**

* Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, 02 July 7pm @ Park House
* Next General Meeting: Wednesday, 10 July 7pm @SqWires
* Neighborhood Yard Saturday 6/22 from 10am -5pm - looking for more participants; [sign up form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkOx0Fdg2ugTcY6Ig3vaQXhtfyN5FpL1XphQet7WnWCswUEQ/viewform); please email sapbhakta@gmail.com or aliceggleston@gmail.com with any questions
	+ Will be a digital map on Facebook event page
* Masquerade Ball Friday 10/18
* Primary Election 8/6
* General Election 11/5

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

* Strategic Plan Review June-July - contact Chris at president@lafayettesquare.org
* Light Up the Square Committee - contact fundraising@lafayettesquare.org
* Holiday House Tour Committee - contact fundraising@lafayettesquare.org
* Holiday House Tour Home - contact housetour@lafayettesquare.org
* Police Substation Cleaning - an ongoing need - contact safety@lafayettesquare.org
* 2025 LSNA Board - looking for volunteers for board members - contact Chris at president@lafayettesquare.org

**ADJOURN at 8:45**

motion by Sarah Hurst

Second by Matt Ingalls ****LSNA Membership Sign Up