

**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**SqWires 7 PM**

**14 August 2024**

**AGENDA**

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

**Approval of July 2024 minutes**

Motion to approve by Maralene Budde

Seconded by Monica Cross

 **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Candidate for St. Louis Mayor and Cara Spencer**

**Current 8th Ward Alderperson** spencerc@stlouis-mo.gov

* Entered public service because of a desire to see improvements
* Helped turn Cherokee St around as Ward 20 Alderperson
* Sees enormous promise for our city but sees our city failing in many ways, on very basic levels
* Losing population faster than anywhere else in the US
* Will focus on the basics first - infrastructure, city streets, public safety, picking up trash
	+ Pledges to professionalize city services
* ARPA funds - reorient leftover money to infrastructure
* Rams settlement - spend that money in a way that puts StL on a long-term path to strengthen the city, figure out a growth strategy for our city center
* Earnings tax makes up ⅓ of the city budget

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

 rrojas@slmpd.org

* <https://slmpd.org/stats/>

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

* Not present

**Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Reign Harris**

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 (314) 901-3615

* Is seeing better results regarding departments closing out service requests without them being completed

**Metrolink Green Line Impacts Jeff-Vander-Lou Neighborhood Assoc.** **jvlneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com**

* Statements of concerts:
	+ Acquisition of homes and property
	+ JVL has no desire to be used as a test run light rail to nowhere
	+ This will create an unnecessary problem for JVL and will create additional expense when the light rail project fails
	+ Input from homeowners in the JVL neighborhood should have been sought
* 16 neighborhoods along the corridor; historic communities will be impacted including national historic neighbors
* BiState has not addressed the following:
	+ Light rail running in front of homes
	+ Zoning changes to decrease parking
	+ Structural damage to older homes
	+ Health concerns
	+ Safety concerns
	+ Gentrification
	+ Sales tax increase on the ballot
	+ No flexibility when breakdown occur
	+ Traffic congestion
	+ Takes away bus stops
	+ Abruptly stops at Grand and Natural Bridge
	+ Clashes with community’s vision for green space
	+ Sam Page opposes
* JVL opposes this expansion and is asking for a Letter of Support to oppose this expansion

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

**Barr Branch Library Tiger Reed**

*treed@slpl.org*

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

 **Development and Communications

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

*Michael.Bushur@lafayettepark.org*

* Exploring St. Louis’s LGBTQIA+ History by Dr. Ian Darnell of the Missouri Historical Society this Sunday, 8/18 @ 2:00

## [Soirée for the Park 2024 - A Benefit for the Lafayette Park Conservancy](https://www.lafayettepark.org/event/soiree-for-the-park-2024-a-benefit-for-the-lafayette-park-conservancy/), 10/5

* Fall family day in the park on 10/20

**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

*acls@lafayettesquare.org*

* Ivas Johnson Band next Saturday
* Storytime at 5:00pm before the concert

**NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**Block Captain Updates Wayne White**

*wmw@studio2108.com*

* Need more block captains
* National Night Out 10/1

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

*pastpresident@lafayettesquare.org*

* Court order for inside of the 3 properties and this is scheduled on Tuesday; will not allow us in one of the properties and LSNA is pursuing holding them in contempt
* 1900 LaSalle - only 2 condemnation issues and both involve the roof; building inspector has state that the city does not come out and inspect the work
* Structural engineer will be going on the inspections; this was an added expense but felt it necessary
* Photographs taken during the inspections will not be shared with the general membership
* Still moving forward with the Motion for Summary Judgment

**Support to The Gateway Cup Bike Race Julie Padberg-White**

* Starts in Lafayette Square on the Friday of Labor Day weekend
* Pulled from Benton Park and moved to Florissant for closing race
* Costs approx $80k/night to put on the race
* They have come to LSNA looking for a donation
* The ask is for the LSNA to approve a $4k donation to the bike race
	+ Tom made motion to make this donation to the bike race
	+ Brooke Gocken seconded the motion
	+ Approved by majority of members in attendance
* LSNA will also be manning two beer tents; ½ of the cost comes back to LSNA
* Great way to bring people into our neighborhood

**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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 **Bev Murphy**

*housetour@lafayettesquare.org*

* Planning in progress for holiday house tour on Sunday, 12/15
	+ Major fundraiser for the neighborhood
	+ Ticket sales alone profit of $67k
	+ Looking for market vendors
* Masquerade Ball, Friday 10/18
	+ tickets go on sale on 9/6 for LSNA members; discount code will go out that day
	+ Will be a silent auction

**Membership Kimberly Winters**

*membership@lafayettesquare.org*

* 4 new members joined LSNA
* Will be at WireWorks on 8/24

**Preservation Marsha Delcour**

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**Communications Tim Strickfaden**

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**Safety George Boulware**

*safety@lafayettesquare.org*

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

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**Beautification Linda Weiner**

*linderweiner@gmail.com*

* Breathe Better StL, <https://www.breathebetterstl.com/>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2025 Board Positions:**

* Vice President/President-Elect
* Fundraising
* Treasurer-Elect
* Communications
* Safety
* Members-at-Large

**Upcoming Events:**

* Gateway Cup, August 30
* Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 7pm @ Park House
* Next General Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 7pm @SqWires
* Masquerade Ball Friday, 10/18
* General Election 11/5
* Light Up the Square/Pet Parade, Saturday 12/7
* Holiday House Tour, Sunday 12/15

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

* Bike Race Beer Tents 8/30 - president@lafayettesquare.org
* Light Up the Square Committee - contact fundraising@lafayettesquare.org
* Holiday House Tour Committee - contact housetour@lafayettesquare.org
* Holiday House Tour Home - contact housetour@lafayettesquare.org
* 2025 LSNA Board - president@lafayettesquare.org

**ADJOURN at 8:39pm**

**Motion to adjourn by Kim Winters**

**Second by Brooke Gocken**

 ****LSNA Membership Sign Up