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**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**SqWires 7 PM**

**9 October 2024**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm Chris Budde** [*president@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:president@lafayettesquare.org)**Welcome New Residents**

**Approval of September 2024 minutes**

Motion to approve by Ty Lipe

Seconded by Marlane Budde

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**8th Ward Alderwoman Cara Spencer**

[spencerc@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:spencerc@stlouis-mo.gov)

Unable to attend

**POLICE REPORT-3rd District Officer Rojas, 314-444-2595**

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

* <https://slmpd.org/stats/>
* Aware of aggressive panhandlers (ie Veronica)

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

Unable to attend

**Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Reign Harris**

[harrisre@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:harrisre@stlouis-mo.gov)

(314) 901-3615 (cell)

* Helps to assist with issues between neighbors; has been helpful to our neighbors
* Can helps with nuisance issues (ie lots of calls re: concerns for drug use, overcrowding, etc.)

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

**Barr Branch Library Tiger Reed**

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

Unable to attend

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

**Development and Communications**Unable to attend

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

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

Unable to attend

**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

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

Unable to attend

**NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**Block Captain Updates Wayne White**

*wmw@studio2108.com*

* National Night Out was a success!
* Some blocks will have parties at a later date

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

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

* A developer has a contract to purchase all 3 properties with a closing date in the next 3 weeks
  + Developer has ties to LS
  + Developer believes that he will have these habitable in 8 months
    - Will present time to the LSNA board next month
* Lawsuit remains in place and would be dismissed when the sale closes

**Holiday House Tour Bev Murphy**

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

* Sunday, December 15, 10am-4pm
* 11 houses on tour this year
* Volunteers get a ticket to the tour
* Trolley ride, carriage through the park, and a holiday market at Fountain Plaza
* 10/23 for $40 each; LSNA members can purchase for $30 a week early. Watch your email for the code!

**2025 Board Positions: Chris Budde**

* Communications Chair - only remaining vacant position
* There were no additional nominees presented at the meeting. All board positions were uncontested.
* By unanimous vote of members in attendance, the following board members were approved as the 2025 Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association Board of Directors:
  + President: Vince Volpe
  + Vice President / President-Elect: Butch Young
  + Past President: Chris Budde
  + Treasurer: Tom Murphy
  + Treasurer-Elect: Fanny Chang
  + Secretary: Jennifer Whitter
  + Membership Chair: Kim Winters
  + Improvements Chair: Mitch Hunt
  + Preservation Chair: Travis Gocken
  + Preservation Chair-Elect: Mark Kapp
  + Communications Chair: Vacant
  + Fundraising Chair: Monica Cross
  + Safety Chair: Ty Lipe
  + Business Affairs Chair: Bart Lissner
  + Member-at-Large (2 year): Chris Lehmuth
  + Member-at-Large (2 year): Rhonda Sciarra
  + Member-at-Large (1 year): Donna Hagerty-Payne
  + Member-at-Large (1 year): Mykel McIntosh
  + Preservation Committee:
    - Matt Negri
    - Katarina Michalova
    - Linda Pallman
    - Ron Gorman
    - Michael Visintainer
    - Marsha Delcour
* Concern was expressed about VP and Treasurer Elect residing in the same household as both positions sign check; Board will address this and put in a measure/measures to address this concern

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

* Thanks to Tatiana for her service as treasure!
* In a good position financially; expenses are also in line
* $122k in CD deposits and just over $100k in operating income in checking account
* $218k in an endowment fund thanks to the generosity of the King Family

**Business Affairs Bart Lissner**

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

* Working to revamp and revitalize business affairs let him know if you have ideas

**Fundraising Jill Peckinpaugh**

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

**Bev Murphy**

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

* Masquerade Ball, Friday 10/18 from 7-10
  + Ticket sales will close Sunday evening, 10/13
  + <https://lafayettesquare.org/halloween2024/>
  + If you’re not able to attend, silent auction will begin Monday 10/14 and will close at 9:15pm on Friday, 10/18
* Light Up the Square & Holiday Pet Parade - 12/7
  + <https://lafayettesquare.org/light-up-the-square-pet-parade/>
* Holiday House Tour 12/15

**Membership Kimberly Winters**

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

* 10 new members this past month

**Preservation Marsha Delcour**

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

**Communications Tim Strickfaden**

[*communications@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:communications@lafayettesquare.org)Unable to attend

**Safety George Boulware**

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

Unable to attend

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

[*improvements@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:improvements@lafayettesquare.org)[*maintenance@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:maintenance@lafayettesquare.org)

* New fence at Mississippi & 44 has been put in
* Continuing to work on historical street signs
* Maintenance committee takes care of graffiti, the fountain, reporting dead trees, irrigation, etc.
  + Building at Jefferson and Chouteau get tagged frequently - please mail [*maintenance@lafayettesquare.org*](mailto:maintenance@lafayettesquare.org)if you notice this happening!

**Beautification Linda Weiner**

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

* Saturday between 9-12 planting; meeting at Fountain Plaza

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Events:**

* Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 7pm @ Park House
* Next General Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 7pm @SqWires
* Masquerade Ball Friday, 10/18
* General Election 11/5
  + <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register>
  + Sample ballot located at: <https://www.vote411.org/>
* Light Up the Square/Pet Parade, Saturday 12/7
* Holiday House Tour, Sunday 12/15

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

* Light Up the Square Committee - contact [fundraising@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:fundraising@lafayettesquare.org)

**ADJOURN at 8:12pm**

**Motion to adjourn by Ty Lipe**

**Second by Sarah Hurst**

****LSNA Membership Sign Up