

**LAFAYETTE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**SqWires 7 PM**

**9 October 2024**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm Chris Budde** *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

Unable to attend

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

 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

 (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*

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*

Unable to attend

**Lafayette Square Arts Council Donna Korando**

*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*

* 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*

* 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*

* 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*

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

**Fundraising Jill Peckinpaugh**

*fundraising@lafayettesquare.org*

 **Bev Murphy**

*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*

* 10 new members this past month

**Preservation Marsha Delcour**

*preservation@lafayettesquare.org*

**Communications Tim Strickfaden**

*communications@lafayettesquare.org*Unable to attend

**Safety George Boulware**

*safety@lafayettesquare.org*

Unable to attend

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

*improvements@lafayettesquare.org**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*if you notice this happening!

**Beautification Linda Weiner**

*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

**ADJOURN at 8:12pm**

**Motion to adjourn by Ty Lipe**

**Second by Sarah Hurst**

 ****LSNA Membership Sign Up