**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Lafayette Square Restoration Committee**

**(dba Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association)**

***The neighborhood association of Lafayette Square***

Wednesday, February 12, 2024

7:00 pm

SqWires Annex

* **Call to order** @ 7:01pm
* **Approval of December minutes**
  + Motion to approve by Chris Budde; second by Wayne White
* **Approval of January minutes**
  + Motion to approve by Chris Budde; second by Wayne White
* **Welcome new residents/ sharing of news**
* **Guest Speakers & Community Updates**
  + **Alderwoman Cara Spencer** 
    - Dan Gunther (Cara’s legislative assistant) was present
  + **Officer Rojas (Community Outreach Officer)**
    - [slmpd.org/stats](http://slmpd.org/stats) to look up crime stats for the neighborhood and the rest of the city
  + **NIS Reign Harris**
    - working to get 2 of the portable/temporary SLMPD real crime cameras (sky cops) to be placed in the neighborhood
  + **Roxxanne Reed, Barr Branch**
    - Barr had a great year in 2024; higher circulation annually since 2020
    - New Youth Specialist, Brock Nicholson, has started and is doing the same programming that Lucy did
    - over 3500 people visited the branch last month
    - Only one notary at the branch until March
  + **LCP - Michael Bushur**
    - New bathroom doors for Kern Pavillion will be installed soon
    - seeking proposals from some engineering firms to address infrastructure issues (bridge, sink holes, cracking concrete around pond)
  + **Arts Council** 
    - Annual Valentine’s Day heart hanging in the park tomorrow at 4:30
    - 6/7 is the first concert in the park
  + **LS Community Directory 2025-2026**
    - will begin advertising in April
    - will be an opt-out
  + **Lafayette Prep - not present**
  + **Lafayette Park United Methodist Church**
    - both towers need tuckpointed and estimates are nearing $1million
  + **Moms in the Square**
  + **Lafayette Square Ladies Libation League**
* **Officer and Committee Chair Reports**
  + President
    - orient new board members, follow bylaws, 2001 urban Plan & Historic Code, budget transparency, recruiting future board members, outsourcing roles like webmaster, registered agent, fundraising/event coordinator
  + Treasurer
    - proposed 2025 budget reflects a deficit of approx $28K
    - Motion to approve 2025 budget
      * Motion by Monica Cross; second by Linda Weiner
  + Membership
    - Goal is 50 new memberships for 2025
  + Fundraising
    - working to recruit spring garden & parlor tour volunteers as well as homes/gardens for the tour
    - easter egg hunt in collaboration with the Methodist Church
  + Business Affairs
    - Support local businesses, particularly about Valentine’s Day
    - Would love to get folks who care about having a diverse business district given the vacancies on Park Ave.
  + Preservation
    - If you are doing an exterior project to your home, make an appt with Travis/come to a preservation committee mtg and they can assist with pulling permits
  + Safety
    - A lot of recent conversations re: winter storms and with Officer Rojas
    - send emails to [safety@lafayettesquare.org](mailto:safety@lafayettesquare.org) if you have ideas or suggestions
  + Improvements
    - fixing curbs
    - reworking so prior beautification work that needs revived
    - alley mirrors
    - dead trees in public areas
    - maintenance of fountain
    - graffiti cleanup
    - fixing some minor potholes
  + Communications
    - need a communications chair
    - put together a RFP for firms to revise website
* **Other Reports**
  + Block Captains
    - list of block captains will be on the website so residents can determine who their block captain is
  + Problem Properties update
    - committee met last week
  + Beautification
    - it’s almost spring!!!
* **Upcoming Events**
  + board mtg 3/4
  + general meeting 3/12
  + Spring House & Garden Tour 6/7-6/8
  + Cocktails in the Plaza a Wednesday in May
  + First Concert in the Park 6/7
  + Light Up the Square 12/6 (tentative)
  + Holiday Tour 12/14 (tentative)
* Announcements
  + March 12 - movie about Reign’’s son, Caught in a Trap, will be out on the ID channel.
  + Primary election March
* **Adjournment**
  + Motion by marlane Budde; Second by Broke Gocken