**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 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