**Minutes of the 12 March 2025 Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting**

* Meeting called to order by Vice President Butch Young at 1900
* Minutes of the February meeting were approved (motion Marlane Budde, second Monica Cross)
* Welcomed four new residents
* Officer Rojas presented the police report
  + 6 incidents in last month, all felony thefts
  + Informed membership that they could go to slmpd.org to see neighborhood crime data and status of tier 1 incident investigations and crime mapping.
  + Q: What can be done about racing cars on Choteau?
    - A: There is no manpower to handle traffic stops. Additionally, department policy prevents high speed pursuits. Most racing vehicles have either stolen or no license plates, preventing RTCC from being useful.
  + Q: Why no speed bumps to prevent racing?
    - A: Not a police decision.
  + Q: Impact of state takeover of STL MPD?
    - No information as of yet.
  + Q: What to do about behavior on the property at corner of Jefferson and Park. Foul language, marijuana use.
    - A: Apartment management may help if approached, but no laws have been violated yet.
* Reigh Harris: Lafayette Square is doing well, compared to other neighborhoods.
  + Someone reached out regarding trees, the forestry division is beginning work for the spring.
  + Recapped what neighborhood improvement specialists do.
  + Pointed out that nuisance statutes can help with problem neighbors.
* LPC (Michael Busher):
  + Meeting with engineers to determine what is needed for the water in the grotto pond.
  + Field day 27 April, volunteers needed.
  + One of the swans died of natural causes.
  + Q: What about the toxic algae signs posted at the pond.
    - A: City posted them last year as a precaution and never took them down. There is no toxic algae in the park. Overall algae will not come down unless the number of waterfowl in the pond is reduced to about five birds.
* LPA: Presented facts and upcoming events.
* Arts Council (Patty): Summer concert list out soon. 7 June first concert, Southside Johnny Band.
* Community Directory (Donna Hagerty-Payne): Explained process from last year and this year’s inputs. Directory due out in July.
* United Methodist Church: Taking donations for homeless.
* City Church: Working on building rehab.
* Committee Chair Reports:
  + President: NTSR
  + Treasurer: NTSR
  + Membership: 304 memberships (14%) Target 350
  + Fundraising:
    - Need volunteers for Spring Tour (homes, gardens, docents).
    - Tour is 7 June. Addition of 8 June if sufficient volunteers
  + Communications: New Chair Ben introduced
  + Preservation: NTSR
  + Safety:
    - Working on a list of non-emergency numbers to call for safety issues.
    - Police substation moving to Park Ave
    - Lock your car!
  + Business Affairs:
    - 21 May cocktails in the plaza
    - Park house no longer rented out by LSNA
  + Improvements:
    - Curbs on Park Ave repairs commencing
    - Sidewalk repairs commencing
* Block Captains: Still empty positions to fill
* Meeting adjourned at 2010