

# Lafayette Square Restoration Committee (LSRC)

## Minutes to July 2026 General Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 8th July 2026, 18:58-20:26 GMT-05:00

### Meeting Summary

The Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association general meeting (President LSNA chaired) covered neighborhood updates, upcoming events, development proposals, city and state policy items, and committee needs. Key items: a moment of remembrance for a recently deceased neighborhood leader Tom Keay; a presentation by a state senator representative (Marty Joe Murray) summarizing ballot amendments and legislative items including recommendations on Amendments 1, 4, and 5 and recent bills; introduction of Jerry Ehrlich as the new Lafayette Park Conservancy Executive Director and upcoming park events and volunteer/fundraising needs; Arts Council programming and new event plans; a detailed presentation by architect Carlos Goldberg on a proposed 150-unit, seven-story residential project at Missouri/LaSalle/Choteau with commercial activation, parking plans, and construction staging; updates from the Alderman on city budget items, the Rams bill allocation, water rate/town hall notice, and traffic calming priorities; reports on membership, directory work, property code enforcement actions, preservation and maintenance activities, volunteer recruitment for the house tour and other events, and Parkhouse lease/maintenance plans. The meeting closed with announcements, reminders of election and volunteer opportunities, and adjournment.

### Next Steps

- Attend state representative Marty's town hall for details on water rates and legislation — residents invited; representative available after meeting for questions. [\(06:29\)](#)
- Register/attend Lafayette Park Conservancy events and consider volunteering or donating — contact conservancy via website; membership drive continuing. [\(15:14\)](#)
- Provide feedback on 2000 Missouri development proposal (design, activation, parking) and expect future traffic studies — outreach to developer/zoning process anticipated. [\(24:47\)](#)
- Consolidate and submit traffic calming/speed hump requests to Alderman's office for prioritization next fiscal cycle — Alderman to follow up after September return. [\(45:07\)](#)
- Form working groups: bylaws review, house tour marketing/sponsorship/coordination, preservation/maintenance committees — interested members to contact board; specific volunteer roles listed (marketing communications, sponsorship leader, tour coordinator). [\(51:24\)](#)

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- Follow up on problem properties (1730 Nicholson, 1713 Carroll): await attorney responses and committee review; expect updates within 1–2 months. [\(70:56\)](#)
- Finalize Parkhouse lease/maintenance planning and convene interested parties for scope of repairs and projects. [\(67:38\)](#)
- Distribute and finalize neighborhood directory corrections; decide on electronic version and publication timeline. [\(62:23\)](#)

### AI Insights

The meeting was information-rich and community-focused, effectively combining policy updates, development review, park and arts programming, and volunteer recruitment.

Strengths: clear presentations (development and conservancy), active civic engagement, and concrete volunteer/action asks. Improvements: designate specific owners and deadlines for several follow-ups (e.g., traffic studies, directory publication), reduce lengthy monologues to allow more Q&A time, and circulate slide materials and meeting minutes reliably beforehand to streamline discussion and decisions.

### Topics & Highlights

#### 1. Memorial & Opening

- Moment of remembrance for a long-time neighborhood leader, Tom Keay, who passed a few weeks earlier. [\(01:01\)](#)
- Meeting called to order by [@President LSNA](#) at 7:00 PM and overview of agenda/rules. [\(02:00\)](#)

#### 2. State Representative Update

- Missouri 5<sup>th</sup> Senator Marty Joe Murray summarized ballot amendments: recommends YES on Amendment 1 (sales tax for water/parks). [\(06:29\)](#)
- Explained Amendment 4 risks (would require majority in all 8 congressional districts) and urged NO. [\(07:56\)](#)
- Opposed Amendment 5 (eliminate state income tax) citing revenue and governance concerns; encouraged NO. [\(08:55\)](#)

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- Reported five bills sent to governor (healthcare, garnishment modifications, inflation-tied property value protections) and invited contacts/questions; provided office number and website reference. [\(09:53\)](#)

### 3. Lafayette Park Conservancy

- Introduced Jerry Ehrlich as new part-time Executive Director (fundraising and park programming) and his office hours at Parkhouse. [\(15:14\)](#)
- Announced upcoming events: Sam Moore lecture, annual fundraiser (Sept 18), Fall Festival (Oct 18); membership drive and volunteer/fundraising asks. [\(18:21\)](#)
- Request for volunteers for park gardens, event planning, and donations; instructions to register via conservancy website. [\(19:43\)](#)

### 4. Arts Council Programming

- Arts Council previewed events: concert on July 18 (90s alternative covers), food truck and popsicle vendor, Shakespeare in the Park on Sept 6. [\(20:31\)](#)
- Proposed new craft nights series (community DIY craft events) based on Facebook poll interest; seeking names, volunteers, and craft ideas. [\(22:24\)](#)

### 5. 2000 Missouri / Development Presentation

- Kileen Studio Architects presented a proposed 150-unit, podium-style residential building on Missouri/LaSalle/Chouteau with limestone-look podium, recessed 7th floor, rooftop pool, and landscaping. [\(24:47\)](#)
- Proposal includes commercial activation along 2350 LaSalle frontage (gym, yoga, coworking), a co-working/cafe space for neighborhood use, and art installations facing the approach corridors. [\(27:51\)](#)
- Parking plan: initial garage 98 spaces on first floor, total up to 179 depending on program; street parking/drop-off spaces discussed and parking likely included in rent per current ownership discussion. [\(34:48\)](#)
- Construction staging strategy: early foundations/garage tilt-up, most staging inside garage to minimize traffic disruption; estimated 18-month timeline with brief tower-frame period. [\(43:04\)](#)

### 6. Alderman / City Updates

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- Alderman Jamie Antwi provided city updates: Board nearing end of session; Rams bill allocations for tornado recovery, infrastructure (water department), vacancy reduction, and downtown revitalization. [\(45:07\)](#)
- Announced town hall (details provided) to discuss water rate increases and other policies; encouraged attendance. [\(46:57\)](#)
- Traffic calming and safety projects prioritized for next fiscal cycle; consolidating speed hump requests and seeking community inputs. [\(48:00\)](#)
- Zoning workshop reminder (July 14/16 referenced) to review updated zoning drafts and preliminary districts. [\(49:19\)](#)

### 7. Membership, Directory, and Events

- Membership report: stable membership (~4,313 individual/household unit count referenced) and new resident social moved to Aug 23 at 4 PM. [\(60:06\)](#)
- Directory work in progress; solicited corrections and discussed creating an electronic version (Excel) and publication timeline. [\(62:23\)](#)
- Reminders: Missouri primary Aug 4, board meeting Aug 4, house tour planning and volunteer recruitment for marketing, sponsorship, and coordination roles. [\(73:49\)](#)

### 8. Problem Properties & Preservation

- Property enforcement: demand letters sent for 1730 Nicholson and 1713 Carroll; 60-day response window ending late July/early August; attorney reported family contact for 1713 Carroll and possible resolution to avoid lawsuit. [\(70:56\)](#)
- Preservation committee meeting announced (Parkhouse, maintenance skills requested); Mark Kapp to chair preservation and invite participation. [\(69:00\)](#)

### 9. Parkhouse, Trees, and Maintenance

- Parkhouse lease secured for five years; discussions underway for repairs and improvements and convening interested parties. [\(67:38\)](#)
- Emergency tree removal after a weather event: contractor engaged, eight trees removed for approx. \$3,000; gratitude expressed for rapid response. [\(64:14\)](#)
- Smaller concrete accessibility project planned (raised tactile bumps at Kennett & Mississippi) due to rising concrete costs; larger curb projects deferred. [\(65:49\)](#)

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### 10. Volunteer Recruitment & House Tour

- Significant volunteer needs for house tour: marketing communications professional, sponsorship leader, tour coordinator, and content organizer; chairs reported success but open roles remain. [\(54:33\)](#)
- Encouragement from members to volunteer citing community-building and fundraising benefits; co-chair roles announced for future tours. [\(58:02\)](#)