

Date: Wednesday, 9th September 2026 at SqWires Restaurant Front Room

Meeting Summary

The Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) general meeting on 09 Sep 2026 covered public-safety concerns, city and neighborhood updates, community programs, preservation and neighborhood operations. Attendees heard a City Alderman representative provide ward updates on upcoming Board of Aldermen activity, traffic-calming plans, irrigation/median work, and follow-ups on dilapidated properties. The SLMPD outlined recent incident statistics (one robbery, two burglaries and one felony for the August period), introduced a tip email (tipsdistrict3@slmpd.org) for non-urgent media submissions, and explained response priorities. The Circuit Attorney's Office introduced a Neighborhood Collaboration program with a designated contact ([@President LSNA](#) was the listed meeting participant) and a submission form/QR process for neighborhood inquiries. A juvenile-court representative described youth referral, assessment, supervision and service processes. Neighborhood leaders reviewed park and arts programming, summer concerts, upcoming events (National Night Out, fall festival, holiday tour), sidewalk repairs and preservation/property updates including efforts and legal steps to address problem properties. The meeting included LSNA board business: retaining the organization's operating alias, announcing open board positions and contested member-at-large candidates, and requests for volunteers for communications, tour-book coordination, and other committees.

Next Steps

Residents with video or photos of the August shooting/incident to send media to tipsdistrict3@slmpd.org and copy the circuit attorney or neighborhood contacts (police tip line emphasized by SLMPD). (20:21)

Community members to use the Circuit Attorney submission form / QR code or email (CNC program) to raise neighborhood legal or public-safety questions for follow-up by the assigned assistant circuit attorney (Adam Field). (57:58)

Preservation/problem-properties committee to collect and forward reputable developer referrals for 1713 Carroll and 1730 Nicholson to problemproperties@lafayettesquare.org for vetting and potential development agreements. (109:55)

Neighbors to email directory corrections to directory@lafayettesquare.org to receive updated annual directory distribution or missing copies. (100:52)

Interested members to self-nominate tonight (meeting) for open LSNA board positions; President may appoint vacancies after tonight for non-elected roles; contested member-at-large speeches limited to two minutes each. (86:52)

Neighbors to send specific street/park improvement requests (crosswalks, park entrances, median irrigation) by email to the city contact provided by the LSNA so they can be included in upcoming initiative submissions. (45:55)

Residents to submit inquiries to the Circuit Attorney program and indicate confidentiality requests; the office will respond directly or include neighborhood report-outs if broadly relevant. (59:25)

Topics & Highlights

1. Public safety and police response
2. Resident accounts of an August shooting and delayed 911/dispatch response, multiple callers placed on hold and concern why incident did not show up as a recorded police response. (22:24)
3. SLMPD community outreach provided crime stats for Aug 3–Aug 30: four incidents (one robbery, two burglaries, one felony) and announced tipsdistrict3@slmpd.org for submitting videos/photos (non-911 submissions). (30:32)
4. Officer explanation: shift-change/priority triage can delay responses to adjacent calls; police cannot disclose operational strategy details publicly but stated increased controls and coordination with housing management near the incident area. (25:38)
5. Police urged submission of media to tips email and emphasized calling 911 for immediate threats; residents were instructed to copy neighborhood contacts when sending media. (31:45)
6. Circuit Attorney Neighborhood Collaboration (CNC)
7. Circuit Attorney introduced the CNC program launched in January to provide assistant circuit attorneys at neighborhood meetings and direct access for residents to the office. (51:19)
8. Adam Field named as the assigned assistant circuit attorney for Lafayette Square with direct contact (office number provided: [314-589-6369](tel:314-589-6369)) and process for confidential inquiries via a QR/form/email routed to Adam. (53:26)

9. Program goals: improve community engagement, increase witness participation for prosecutions, and provide guidance on how security measures (e.g., cameras) affect cases. [\(62:29\)](#)
10. Community engagement staff described intake form, QR code, and confidentiality handling for submissions; neighborhood-level follow-up or report-outs planned when broadly relevant. [\(56:51\)](#)
11. Juvenile court and youth services
12. Juvenile-court representatives described referral sources (mostly police or schools), intake screening, the statewide detention-assessment instrument, and that youth proceed to hearings faster than adults. [\(67:26\)](#)
13. Supervision includes individualized treatment plans, community-based service referrals, GPS monitoring when indicated, sanctions for violations (community service, detention, restitution), and frequent parental contact. [\(71:00\)](#)
14. Emphasis on restorative justice, family stabilization, and multidisciplinary support (schools, mental health, job resources) to reduce recidivism and support discharge when stable. [\(73:44\)](#)
15. Representatives encouraged neighborhood understanding that youth services aim to balance public safety with rehabilitation and resource connection. [\(76:32\)](#)
16. Preservation and problem properties
17. Preservation committee reported active outreach to owners/families of 1713 Carroll and 1730 Nicholson; the neighborhood seeks development agreements and prefers known, reputable rehab developers. [\(109:31\)](#)
18. 1730 Nicholson: co-owner death reported; a stay in nuisance litigation may be requested to pursue negotiated development agreements rather than immediate enforcement. [\(111:08\)](#)
19. Neighbors asked to forward developer suggestions to problemproperties@lafayettesquare.org for vetting; association noted lawsuits are costly and development agreements preferred when feasible. [\(112:24\)](#)
20. Separately, updates on other demo/rehab sites (LaSalle/18th) showed stop-work orders and required additional structural drawings; neighbors expressed frustration about incomplete demo sites and safety hazards. [\(117:18\)](#)
21. Neighborhood maintenance, events, and programming

22. Park and arts reports: summer concerts recap (high attendance), arts council programming (DIY craft events), and upcoming events including National Night Out (Oct 6), fall festival, and holiday tour (Dec 13). [\(78:50\)](#)
23. Parks/street initiatives: plan to address park entrances and perimeter traffic calming, median irrigation repair discussions, and coordination across city departments (forestry noted as understaffed). [\(45:55\)](#)
24. Sidewalk improvement updates shared with before/after photos for multiple locations (Kennet, McKay, Dolman, Mississippi); neighborhood appreciated visible concrete repairs and donor contributions. [\(103:20\)](#)
25. Arts council and park volunteers thanked; call for volunteers for tour-book coordinator and content creators for upcoming holiday tour and events. [\(97:20\)](#)
26. LSNA governance, membership, and communications
27. LSNA business: decision to retain the Lafayette Square operating alias, upcoming elections, open board positions (membership/fundraising, communications/IT, safety, business affairs, preservation), and contested member-at-large candidates presenting. [\(86:28\)](#)
28. Communications role: currently vacant; described as covering social media, directory maintenance, Google Workspace/IT oversight, and general publications—neighbors urged to self-nominate. [\(101:02\)](#)
29. Annual directory released; residents asked to email corrections to directory@lafayettesquare.org and report missing printed copies. [\(100:48\)](#)
30. Volunteer and committee recruitment requests for tour-book coordinator, sponsorship/marketing, and other event roles noted with deadlines tied to upcoming seasonal events. [\(97:02\)](#)