LaSalle Park Community Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th
7:00pm to 8:15pm

Meeting Information

In person: St. Louis Friends Meeting (Quakers)
1001 Park Ave, 63104

Zoom: ...

Topic	Time Slot	Lead(s)
Meeting Kick-Off **Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Review of Agenda**	**7:00-7:10**	**Jenn S** **David Boykin**
Alderperson & Neighborhood Improvement Update	**7:10-7:25**	**Jack Coatar** **Mauria Tomlin**
LCPA Board Update **- Discussion about committees** **- New Neighborhood Officers** **- Liability insurance**	**7:25-7:35**	**David Boykin** **Ben West**
Neighborhood Yard Sale? 5/28	**7:35-7:45**	**David Boykin**
LaSalle Park Website Update	**7:45-7:55**	**TBD**
Neighborhood Watch Update **- Waiting on Street Dept to hang signs** **- Revisit Block Captains?**	**7:55-8:00**	**David Boykin**
Financial Update ● **Fundraising ideas** ● **Fiscal sponsorship as fundraising**	**8:00-8:05**	**Marcia Garvens** **David/Jenn**
Meeting Wrap Up ● **Recap Next Steps/Agenda Topics for June 8th meeting** ● **Concluding Remarks**	**8:05-8:10**	**Jenn S** **David Boykin**

5.11.2022 Meeting Notes

Announcements
Apologies to Zoom attendance for the terrible audio! Our usual equipment setup wasn't working today.
New Neighborhood Officer Angie M!
Jack was unable to attend.

Neighborhood Officer Angie M
Angie wants to represent neighborhood south of Park Ave
Question about whether Lafayette is a snow route? Could use more stop signs to slow traffic.

Mauria Tomlin Neighborhood Update
Still working with city and MoDOT re: unhoused under overpass

- Unhoused are traveling here from downtown, i.e. after emptying encampments there
- Working with Health & Human Services how best to work with them
- Unsold food from Soulard Market understood to be unrelated to unhoused presence
- Mentions lack of transitional housing options in the area, makes very difficult to find places for unhoused to go

Alderman Ways & Means Committee budgeting processing is underway.

- Encouraging city residents to watch videos of proceedings online, also send comments or remarks to Mauria, or to the city's comment portal

Recycling collection from alley containers due start again this month, exact day still uncertain

Neighborhood Committees / Board of Directors
Importance of working by committees: Safety, preservation, beautification, website creation/mgmt
Please contact lpnastl@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in an existing or new committee! Looking to bring on at least one more Neighborhood Officer right away.
Re: board member elections, current 3 year term for all board members elapses April 2023.
Outgoing board elects new board, per by-laws. We want to shorten board member term to 2 years going forward.
Transitional process is to recruit Neighborhood Officers to establish working relationship with existing board members.
Necessity to maintain transparency in this process. This doesn't happen simply on its own.
Poor Ben has to type these minutes furiously!
Important detail that board members bear legal liability for ultimate use of funds.
We need to look into board liability insurance.

Ideas for using money from Mardis Gras, etc
Spending $$ for new website is already a consensus by existing board
Better Zoom equipment? Ben's poor laptop won't last forever.
Conduct a survey! Hunter Westbrook can put together an example online survey.

- Mailer or door hanger with QR code to point residents to survey
- Survey form will also allow respondents to add their own ideas to be voted on
- Try to also gauge why residents may have become disengaged with current neighborhood association, how to fix.
- Use survey to measure: resident satisfaction, degree of engagement, what things we spend money on

Neighborhood board is committed to using the money as informed by this survey/outreach effort, to extent feasible.

New Website

Here is the draft website Hunter made: http://www.lspca.info/
Here is the neighborhood instagram Hunter created: https://www.instagram.com/LaSalleParkSTL/
She provided a form asking for feedback, too: https://forms.gle/1vgqx7mUYKBbuvxC7
Hunter will submit to board survey results collected thus far
Neighborhood board members & relevant committee members will have edit access to the web.com platform
Hunter working on an SOP to show people how to use the service

Neighborhood Watch

Watch signs to go up any day now

Saturday 5/28 Yard Sale?

Participants could either host their own, or everyone gang together on vacant lot next to Frenchtown records.
Ask vendors contribute % of sales or items to the LPCA
We have a couple 10x10' pop-up tents to use.

Finances

Current balance is ~$1400
$300 expenses reimbursed to Ben
Check from Mardis Gras Inc next week, amount still unknown!