



LaSalle Park Community Association Meeting

Wednesday, April 13th

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
Alderpersion & Neighborhood Improvement Update	7:10-7:25	Jack Coatar Mauria Tomlin
LCPA Board Update - Need for decorum, explain 100% volunteer nature of this organization - Mission Statement - Differences from how "Neighborhood Association" operated, and why - Feedback from counsel re: rights / responsibilities of board members - Preferred practices going forward - Neighborhood Officers	7:25-7:45	David Boykin Ben West
LaSalle Park Website Update	7:45-7:55	TBD
Neighborhood Watch Update - Street Dept has the Watch 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 May 11th meeting - Concluding Remarks	8:05-8:10	Jenn S David Boykin

4.13.2022 Meeting Notes

Announcements (including some from Match)

- Comments about need for decorum at neighborhood meetings. This is a 100% volunteer organization, can only be what we all agree to do.
- **Please contact Mayor Jones administration** asking they agree to release funds to Building Commissioner to stabilize 1000 Morrison against collapse. Funds are now available from ARPA and also Rams settlement.
- The city has just opened applications for the Small Business Grant Program:
<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/sldc/sbgf/>

Alderpersion Updates from Jack

- Board of Aldermen in recess, but still working.
- City has an open survey right now asking for citizen input on ARPA funding use:
 - We have broad leeway what uses can be, anything related to pandemic disruption
 - Be aware no requirement a minimum % be used in particular wards, not like ward capital funds
- 2nd installment of ARPA funding dispersal discussion, at present a lot is mainly earmarked for distressed biz districts in north St. Louis
 - Jack wants a lot used on Soulard Farmers Market
- New legislation for NGA complex and adjacent zoning changes.
- Graffiti on overpass and stop sign cleaned up
- Still waiting for Streets Dept to put more boulders at Mall entrance off Park, replace burned stop sign at off-ramp
- Please call police about people driving on Mall
- MoDOT to visit unhoused camping under overpass
 - Jack mentions success of tiny house project at MLK and Jefferson, tentative support for similar in 7th Ward
- Water Division working to triage water pipe leaking under Mall near Park Ave, reminder to please not cover with aggregate. Neighborhood can muster volunteers to put bricks back, if that's what it takes.
- Badly busted up curb at 9th & Hickory still on list of stuff to fix
- Discussion of Association taking control of land under overpass, similar to how Clean has a parking lot.
- Still unknown when alley recycling collection resumes, uncertain if materials collected can even find vendors

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Mauria Tomlin

- Asking for license plates or description of cars driving on Mall, can also follow up with housing management
- Clarification Mauria's purview is the entire 7th Ward, just like Jack
- Mauria is liaison to city services, e.g. health & human services for unhoused encampments, refuse department
- Tomlinm@stlouis-mo.gov / 314-657-1376

Public Safety Update

- From PO Chris Murray: There were 11 Part-1 crimes the past 30-days compared to 15 in the 30-days prior, or a decrease of 26.7%. This same period last year had 9 Part-1 crimes or a 22% increase (9 to 11) this year.
- Overall, there have been (35) part-one-crimes thus far in 2022 in LaSalle Park. There were (23) part-one-crimes at this point in 2021, or an increase this year of 52%.
- Report attached

LaSalle Park Community Association (LPCA) 501.c3 Update

- Have reviewed Bylaws, conferred with counsel
- Introducing new **Neighborhood Officer** role
- *Use of 501.c3 nonprofit status has to be cleared with board, they bear liability for it*
- The 501.c3 is structured to require agreement/cooperation of majority of board members. Absent that consensus, very hard to get anything done.
- New (draft) Mission Statement for website, etc
 - Perhaps more explicit language about encouraging cooperation among neighbors
 - Draft and the full language from 501.c3 application quoted below
- Clarification about 501.c3 board membership determined by vote of existing membership. The org is by necessity a private non-profit corporation, not chartered by the city. Neighborhood Officers and Committee membership is a pathway for residents to get involved, develop working relationship with board of directors. Establish rapport to later become voting board member.
- Current 5 board members: David B (President), Jenn S (VP), Marcia G (treasurer), Ben W (secretary), Danielle F-S (board member)
- Explanation of 3 year term, desire to later amend bylaws to shorten term and other details.
- Paperwork filed so that "LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association" is fictitious biz name for LPCA.

La Salle Park Website

- Here the website Hunter just posted on the FB group for review: <http://www.lspca.info/>
Here is the neighborhood instagram page she also created: <https://www.instagram.com/>
She provided a form asking for feedback, too: <https://forms.gle/>
- Lots of content (logo!) still to go up!
- New Website Committee!
- David has copy of architecture study of neighborhood from 70s, also some urban planning book for city of similar vintage
- Colleen has similar material relevant to neighborhood

Neighborhood Watch Update

- Watch signs delivered to Streets Dept this morning! Signs to be hung soon!
- Discussion about having block captains again, encourage interested parties post on private FB group, or email lpnastl@gmail.com

- Will print car window decals with neighborhood logo

Financial Update

- No expenditures in recent months, so should be same
- Mardi Gras funds will be available at end of month

Fundraising through donations

- Working on logistics and infrastructure
- How do you contact people, e.g. those not on Facebook
- Ben has boilerplate for donation receipts

Open Discussion

- Discussion about 1000 Morrison, appeal to Building Commissioner, emphasize also environmental hazard of substantial collapse, proximity of children living
- Big project: berm at 9th & Park, dog park, something like tiny house village, encourage

Meeting ended 8:15pm

New Mission Statement

The new 501.c3 Community Association needs a Mission Statement, ideally concise yet clear. Here is our current draft:

We strive to unite and engage the diverse residents of LaSalle Park in a common vision to beautify our neighborhood, preserve its historic past, and deepen relationships with public officials.

For reference, here is the full language from our 501.c3 application:

2. Charitable and Educational Activities

The primary activity of the Organization is to organize and sponsor events within the Community to engage volunteers in projects to improve, preserve, beautify, and maintain the Community's public and historic spaces. The Organization will focus on clean-up and preservation efforts in the Community's public parks and thoroughfares to promote the continued use of such areas for public recreation. The Organization will also focus on restoring and preserving the historical architecture of the Community, as well as encouraging appreciation of the historical significance of the Community, for public benefit and enjoyment. Although the Organization will not engage in legislative activities and will not support or endorse candidates for public office, the Organization will deepen relationships with the elected officials in the area to achieve a common vision for the Community that encourages preservation, restoration, and stabilization of the Community.

Through these activities, the Organization aims to foster civic pride and cohesion [among the varied demographic populations of the Community]/. The Organization seeks to foster cohesion and unite all residents of the Community to create a common vision for the Community that simultaneously celebrates its historic past and embraces the evolving needs of the Community's residents. In addition, the Organization will seek to foster unity among Community residents by hosting social events and recreational activities to build relationships and lessen neighborhood tensions. Specifically, the organization [seeks to unite residents of varying races and backgrounds through these activities to bring together the residents that are physically separated by the Pedestrian Mall]/. This will set a good example and educate youth in the Community as to the benefits of diversity and inclusion to achieve a common goal and overall stronger community. The Organization will educate Community residents about services offered by the City of St. Louis and [develop educational materials to promote crime prevention awareness and further unite and stabilize the Community.]/ The Organization has already undertaken efforts to unite the Community by establishing a Community herb garden, compost pile, and a monarch butterfly migration garden, each of which is open to the public.

Finally, the Organization seeks to aid the Community's population of transient residents by developing educational programs (e.g., brochures, web-based materials) designed to raise awareness of, and increase access to, social services available to such residents within the Community and the greater St. Louis metropolitan area.