



LaSalle Park Community Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Meeting Information

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

Zoom: No Zoom this month

Topic	Time Slot	Lead(s)
Meeting Kick-Off Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Review of Agenda	7:00-7:05	President Hill-Chasnoff
Aldersperson & Neighborhood Improvement Update	7:05-7:25	Aldersperson Cara Spencer & NIS Qiana Baxton
Employment Connection Update	7:25-7:35	Sal Martinez
Public Safety Update	7:35-7:45	Capt. Dickerson/Sgt. Phillips
Financial Update	7:45-7:50	Treasurer Aerne
Report on Kickball Event May 11, 2024	7:50-7:55	Treas. Aerne
Purina Cares Day, May 23, 2024	7:55-8:00	Meg Holmes
Report on Tree Planters, Street Plan for Park Ave.	8:00-8:05	Meg Holmes
Report on 1000 Morrison Ave.	8:05-8:10	Ben West
2024 Upcoming Events	8:10-8:20	Board
Open Comments Session	8:20-8:30	
Meeting Wrap Up - Recap Next Steps/Agenda Topics for {date} meeting - Concluding Remarks	8:30	

Minutes of April 17, 2024 LPCA Meeting

Vice President Brent Holmes welcomed everyone. Board members present: Treasurer Deb Aerne, Secretary Colleen Finnegan.

Cara Spencer was not present. NIS Qiana Baxton said she had nothing to report, is eager to hear what reports LPCA has planned. She sees our facebook posts. Re neighborhood incidents of

crime or nuisance, without visuals or addresses a report cannot be submitted. She has interior recycle cans for free from Birghtside. She can help provide mulch for Purina Cares Day, May 23.

Dean Pruitt from the Friends Meeting House would like to get a boulder to block access to the 1860s signpost by the House, to keep cars from hitting it.

VP Holmes said Streets Dept. promised a gate for the Mall, it's time to follow up.

Sal Martinez reported that EC is still trying to reopen its Violence Prevention site, with a meeting scheduled this week. Lt. Gov. Kehoe toured Peabody-Clinton Housing and learned of EC's work. WIOA programs are expanding and seeking youth ages 16-24 for paying jobs and seeking employers with 240 hours of subsidized work. Also looking to expand senior services for people 62 and older to assist owner-occupied homes with mowing, snow removal and exterior repairs. Treasurer Aerne asked if letters of support are helpful. Yes, please send to Will Pinkney, Director. Sal thanked Lucius Bennett of SLHA "for sticking with us."

Lucius Bennett reported that the security camera installation has issues with trenching but has begun, with a 30-day completion plan. LSP Apartments had 2 Violations given to residents which may result in evictions. Regular resident meetings will begin soon and LPCA members will be invited after they are established. Q. Baxton suggested LPCA seek volunteers and participants for LPCA events at these meetings.

SLHA and SLPD are working together on issues of crime and violence. Meg Holmes asks, if someone knows of a child in trouble, skipping school, etc. is there staff to turn to for help? LB said to contact him. An attending resident noted that as a juvenile social worker, she knows that some of these issues trigger "must report" laws.

With the absence of a PD rep, there was no Public Safety report.

Treasurer Aerne reported:

- \$15,088.57 earned \$2.33 interest.
- \$150 expenses in March-April; \$14,930.70 on hand
- Board member Mouton got LPCA a \$2,000 grant for zoom equipment.

The January Financial Report included a list of activities which have now moved to specifics.

Treasurer requests approval for the following budget:

- 3 kickball games, 2 Music on the Mall concerts, 1 Bingo Night, 1 Neighborhood Night Out
- Insurance - \$1,000
- Bricks & Workers to replace Mall bricks
- Website renewal
- Mowing Purina Hill by Red Oak Mowers

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$6,500

TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME: \$7,000

Income projections are “ultra conservative.”

Member Marcia Garvins moved to accept the budget; Member Ed 2nded; Motion passed 10-0.

Keith Garvins said he would ask Kevin Lemp at 4Hands if his mowers would also cut the alley fence (our side).

Member Ben West introduced Nathan Jackson, local historian and specialist in neighborhood and homes tours, who reported that 1000 Morrison was built by a butcher in 1888, a French 2nd Empire style building with an unusually vertical and steep mansard roof and some German influences to the architecture. For the first 70 years it was a corner grocery store with residents above. When it entered the National Historic Registry in 1984 it was in pristine condition. It was purchased by Steven J. Leo in 1996 and the present owners have simply left it to rot.

The oldest standing house in LaSalle Park is 916 Hickory, built for John Pohls of P. Brothers Iron Works. 936 and 938 Morrison and 1300-1308 10th Street were built by the St. Louis mutual House Building Company, the first real estate investment company for housing west of the Mississippi.

Ben West reported that our attorney Peter Hoffman said the continuance until June for the owner to produce evidence of safety improvements is typical. He expects there will be a judgement by end of summer, which could lead to a trial or the owner putting the house on the market.

Resident Meg Holmes reported on Purina Cares Day, Thursday, May 23. This is a nation-wide half-day program by Nestle Purina. LaSalle Park will get a headcount on participants in May, but it could be up to 40-50 people. The event lasts from 8:30 to 11:30, Purina employee volunteers arrive by bus and news coverage may occur. They will work on the Mall and some side streets, with accompanying security, performing mulching, weeding and clean up. LPCA needs to crowd source tools to spend money on trees and plants. QB can get some tools from Brightside and can arrange dumpsters.

Dean Pruitt reported that the unhoused at the Meeting house were down to 4 people still in transition to housing and it is moving along.

Marcia Garvins asked if there was any news on the buyers of the lawn plot on the Green. Meg Holmes reached out to them, they have not responded. They may be considering how to use the property.

Brent Holmes noted that it is time to encourage people to pay dues for voting privileges. Dues are \$35 per person, \$25 for seniors over 60. Ben West is trying to get a Paypal button on the LPCA website. QB asked if direct mail would help. Secretary Finnegan said yes, it certainly would. QB said it could potentially be included in mail sent by Cara Spencer's office.

Vice President Holmes encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming events and do some strong community building. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

