

## **10-5-22 FMIA Board Agenda 7 PM**

Members Present: Allen Johnson, Jeffrey Seymour, Lisa Faatland, Kip Hollar, Bobby Moffit, Dr. Maurice Sholas, Mark Malous, Margaret Walker

Place: Latter & Blum, 912 Elysian Fields

### **President's Report-** Allen Johnson

1. We thank Kip for use of Latter & Blum space for board meetings. Also, Kip is due thanks for organising the Night Against Crime which went well. Captain Nolan was present as well as EMS workers.
2. E scooters - Current City Attorney says there needs to be regulations put in place for E scooters. Need to tightened up rules. If want to rent, rent from dedicated location and return to dedicated location where a rental fee is paid for street/ sidewalk use. Liability is an issue as well as safety, particularly with the streets of New Orleans. An app is suggested for E scooters. Council person Harris is working on regulations for E scooters.
3. Homeless situation is an issue as locations have spread in the city. Freddie King had a meeting at Claiborne overpass which is quite bad as well as Crescent City Park and encampment by hardware store on Elysian Fields. The health dept cleaned out underneath the wharfs at Crescent City Park. There needs to be a plan instead of just pushing the homeless around. 2614 St. Claude is also a homeless problem.
4. The location for **Meeting on Crime** with King will take place at the October 17, during the regular FMIA general meeting. The general meeting will start at 6 rather than 7 pm. There will be representatives from the health department, the 5th and 8th police districts.

### **Treasurer's Report-** Phillip Lege - not present

Phillip was not present but emailed the report to all on the board. Some filming is going on in the Marigny which brings revenue to FMIA.

### **Committees-** Gary de Leumont not present

#### **Short Term Rentals -** Margaret Walker

Margaret had some suggestions regarding STR regulations. Federal court threw out homestead requirement for STR ruling it unconstitutional. All new STR renewals were stopped temporarily for six months. Several Council people thought the STR moratorium was not a good move. Please find suggested STR rules attached.

## **Elections-** Allen Johnson

The first meeting of the new board was held. There were five positions to fill: President - Allen Johnson nominated and approved with unanimous vote. Allen accepts for one more year. but... Allen will delegate more and work on a transition to a new President next year. Allen wants to work on big picture items such as hotel percentage in the neighborhood, security similar to the French Quarter, etc. Allen wants to leave day to day to other people on the board. The following were nominated and unanimously approved: Vice President - Kip Hollar; Treasurer - Philippe Leger; Recording Secretary - Lisa Faatland; Corresponding Secretary (manages social media, e-blasts) - Mark Malous will accept but will need to step down when he's called up for the army reserves. Mark will write the policy and procedure manual. Doc will be Mark's back stop.

## **Meet the Neighbours** - Lisa Fatland

Meet the Neighbors for November will be on November 9 or 10, at Peps Pub, on Franklin from 6-7:30.

The annual Christmas Carolling will be held at Peter and Paul Hotel on December 11, from 6-7:30. Refreshments to be determined. Who Dat Cafe suggested for refreshments as well as Mag's who provided refreshments in past. Phoenix could be considered also for refreshments.

## **Land Use-** Jeffrey Seymour

502 Frenchmen will appeal HDLC denial to City Council on October 27. There is currently no approved plans. We will need a letter writing campaign.

Trash Palace - The CPC approved 5 to 1 conditional use and gave parking waiver for all 37 parking spaces. CPC takes the position that in order to bring businesses back, they won't let parking requirements stop a building from being brought into use. We need to keep a running tally of how many hotels keep asking for parking waivers.

621 Elysian Fields - Aquatic Gardens has been turned into paid parking. Is it illegal?.

## **Major Projects- Allen Johnson**

1. Moratorium or limitations on hotels in the Marigny
2. Security tax for the triangle - would need to pay overtime for officers. Ground Patrol would hire former NOPD for security detail.
3. STR's

Meeting ended about 9.