

## 12-2- 2022 FMIA Board Meeting 7 PM

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

**Place:** **Latter & Blum**, 912 Elysian Fields

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

#### Problem Bars -

-Big Daddy's had another shooting. There will be some coordination with the 5th District as well as the Night Mayor Kaplan.

-Iggy's - Allen will follow up with Kaplan in regards to what Iggys is going to do, ie, no go cups, etc based on what was required in the past.

Big Daddy's & Iggy's Block Co-Captain - Brock Andersen agreed to be Co-Captain.

-Royal Frenchmen - King is not reinstating their music renewal permit (every six month renewal) until advertising billboard on the Royal Street wall is removed.

*Historic Home Tour* - Lisa Sanchez can't do the historic home tour this year. Allen will ask her to do it again and mentor someone. She is willing to help someone and train them. Lisa had the last tour organised for 2020, before Covid hit.

*STR's* - No staffer has been assigned for STR's at the CPC office. Allen and Margaret Walker will meet with the CPC staff. A lot of pro STR people have already met with CPC. We need to have the same rules for all neighbourhoods. Need to have density rules ...

St Paul Lutheran classroom space - Are there any ideas for St. Paul's space? Roots of Music will be moving. It could be an artists studio, but the church has Sunday school. Artists would need to remove their work as the Roots of Music and other groups sharing the space do now.

Jam NOLA - representative could not come to the meeting tonight. Jam is going to rent the old Benders property at Frenchmen and Rampart . Some of the property will be rented to another group.

### 2. **Treasurer's Report**- Phillip Lege

Phillip will send report out once he gets the information he needs.

Question - could we stop charging dues for membership? All agreed we can't do this. There has to be some threshold for membership. We could accept people to join at Meet the Neighbours. Keep in mind that FMIA will not always be as flush as it is now.

### 3. **Committees** - Kip Hollar

No one reached out to Kip after the meeting to volunteer except Brock who agreed to join the Quality of Life Committee. Kip feels that every board member should be on a committee.

Quality of Life Committee Chair - Kip

Infrastructure chair - Doc. Doc also represents district C on the sewage and water board. Let him know of any problems.

Land Use Chair - Jeffrey Seymour

Communications chair - Mark Malous.

Finance chair - Phillip Lege

8th District Liason- Bobby Moffit. He's attends Cops Aid meetings already.

### 4. **Meet the Neighbors**- Lisa Faatland

Carolling - Mags will be a one off this year providing alcohol. Bacchanals is the only provider of alcohol at Peter and Paul; an exception was made for this year for Mags. The donations will go directly to FMIA.

Doc suggested asking the ART Bar on St Claude in the Triangle to host a Meet the Neighbors in the new year. The street car will be starting back up also which is just across the street.

### 5. **Land Use** - Jeffrey

**502 Frenchman roof top addition** - This topic was deferred with the City Council in October as quite a few of the council people were against the roof top addition. The building has been successfully in commerce since 1838 without a roof top addition. The permit states that the iron work is for shoring given that the interior walls have been demolished. If place remains dormant for six months they lose the permit.

**440 bourbon** - The proposal to allow this historic, entresol building to have another gallery was approved five to one. The decision was based on artistic renderings and not architectural drawings which would have given a more accurate picture.

Another piece of the project would add 2 stories at the back, but this has been deferred for now. They will need to provide drawings as there were none submitted.

**2121 Chartres** - They received a full 38 parking spaces waiver today. They no longer have to rent space across the street. As an aside, Winston is a transplant to NOLA and doesn't understand the needs for historical preservations, parade routes etc. Doc proposed sitting down with him and other transplants why parade routes matter, why architecture matters and so on. That said, many transplants want to embrace the culture of New Orleans, and is why they purposely moved to historic areas.

Jeffrey and Allen tried to find out how many parking waivers exist in the city. City Zoning should be recording this in a log. However, currently there are no records of any waivers. How can parking waivers be given out when there is no idea how many waivers have been given out?

**2600 Chartres** -trying to sell property with bar license which is not technically correct. It seems the property has been sold, but time will tell. The building needs extensive work so the sale may fall through.

**6. Parking is a problem** - As Bobby noted, there will be six new hotels in the area which means residents will have less available parking. Parking would be a good membership drive topic The FMIA could ask - Are you fed up with STR's, are you fed up with so many new hotels coming, and do you know the city doesn't know how many parking waivers have been given out. Join the FMIA.

7. Doc suggested asking staffers and others to do a walking tour of the Marigny and in a very soft way, educate them re the importance of architecture, parade routes etc.

The meeting finished at 8:15 pm.