

## **3-2-23 FMIA Board Meeting, 7 pm**

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

**Meeting Place** - French Quarter - Realty 1024 Esplanade

1. **President's Report** - Allen Johnson
  - 502 Frenchmen St. wants to build into the courtyard as owners say it can't be seen from the street. This would require a new permit.
  - ARC Commissioners may take a field trip to review the situation.
2. **Treasurer's Report** - Phillip Lege (not present)  
Report to be submitted by email.
3. **Committees** - Kip Hollar  
No new requests to join any committees.

There are active questions that Doc is seeking answers.

- a. infrastructure at Press St.- For some time there have been water leaks. Ownership has passed back and forth between federal and city. (NB. Noca owns 600 block) Unfortunately the sewer and water lines are under railroad tracks. Water lines have been replaced, paved over, then water leaks appear again. It's a complicated situation ie, don't know where all the lines connect.
- b. Kip has been trying to get data on accidents at Elysian Fields (Marigny Section). We have not heard back from the neighborhood engagement liaison, Julie Stern.
- c. The FMIA is responsible to weed and water the pocket garden at N. Rampart and Franklin. We are not responsible for N. Rampart and Burgundy pocket garden.
- d. Kip has granted access to the FMIA repository to 5th and 8th district chiefs regarding nuisance bars. He spoke with Captain Rogers and gave him a bit of background on the John Bar.

Captain Rogers wants to put a regular detail in the Marigny Triangle, doing a dedicated Frenchmen St. promenade like Bourbon St. has.

The night mayor, Howie Kaplin, is deflecting that bars have any responsibility outside of the bars. Riccardo Campos, of Burgundy St., has created a google drive regarding The John. Allen suggested that Kip could liaison for this. Gretchen discovered some time back that there was possibly a state statute called an “attractive nuisance” in which the business creates the nuisance. In the past, a business was shut down under this edict. Gary to speak to Gretchen. Helena Moreno just passed legislation regarding bars that have occurring illegal activity. This might help.

Kip has been accepted on the Citizens Police Academy. This is community outreach. Congrats!

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

There will be no March Meet the Neighbours. NOAB is interested in hosting a future Meet the Neighbours.

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

The CPC will hold hearings on subdivisions on March 14. Staff report will be released on March 7. Comments need to be received by 6 March. Jeffrey gave out a handout re the major issues.

Jeffrey will prepare and submit the FMIA comments tomorrow regarding our issues with the subdivision regulations to the CPC staff. These comments will go at the back of the CPC staff report.

#### STR's - Allen Johnson

Many people have been attending the str meetings including housing advocates, a representative for service industry, neighbourhood groups, etc. It has been very contentious as the French Quarter and Garden District wanted to continue with existing restrictions on str's whereas others felt there should be equal treatment for all.

The major issue with the council came down to density - how much or little. They voted on one str per block square. There was also talk of a financial hardship which would lead to spot zoning. As Doc put it - The campaign is about neighbourhoods need neighbours. The Fmia would be better served as a neighbourhood association, espousing and explaining our principles and where we are. Also, what our constituents want.

### **Misc.**

Kip mentioned that illegal parking, illegal barbecues on the neutral grounds are out of hand on Elysian Fields and St. Claude. Parks and Parkways are in charge of the neutral grounds.

Gary suggested that for the next meeting we could ask Park and Parkways to speak and tell us what they are doing and also ask Parking Control to speak on writing tickets for the illegal parking. We should send photos of the illegal parking to michaelkaram@nola.gov as well as the captains of the 5th and 8th districts.

Gary brought up the 501 C3 non profit - what are the requirements - do we need to keep the membership sign in for 501 C3? Ask Philip to look into requirements.

Doc reported back after conversation with King - needs to be owned by a person, no llc, response time need - respond in 1 hour. A problematic issue would be how can the state interferes with peoples rights,