

8/3/2023 FMIA Board Meeting, 7 pm

Members Present: *Allen Johnson, Lisa Faatland, Kip Hollar, Gary de Leaumont, Phillip Lege, Mark Malous, Bobby Moffit, Jeffrey Seymour, DJ Johnson (partial)*

Meeting Place - French Quarter Realty - 1024 Esplanade Ave.

1. President's Report -Allen Johnson

502 Frenchmen St. -They were aggressive with HDLC who deferred the architect back to ARC to get approved plans.

St. Claude - People leaving the bars are running across St. Claude. Also, there is less visibility with barbecue grills, parked vehicles on the neutral grounds, all of which are creating safety hazards along the St. Claude corridor.

The 5th and 8th districts will coordinate sweeps of the area and include The John.

2. Treasurer's Report - Phillip Lege

We have \$53,763.82 in the bank. The treasure's report was unanimously approved

3. Committees - Kip Hollar

Jeffrey will no longer head up the Land Use committee.
Allen will head up the Blight committee.

4. Gene's Po-boys - DJ Johnson

The project DJ has in mind for the former Gene's building would be to offer free financial, literacy courses to the African American community which would include creating credit, savings, how to bank. This intertwines with the mission of Baldwin's which is to help children; give children books, literacy programs, establish bank accounts. DJ will be working with a foundation for this project.

For the use of this property, there would be no zoning change, no conditional uses.

5. Parklets - Allen Johnson

Allen, Jeffrey and Lisa attended a meeting at City Hall with Howie Kaplan and five bar representatives from the Marigny and Bywater along with others. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss extending parklets to residential streets as under the current ordinance this would not be allowed.

Freddie King has been approached to write a new ordinance which would permit parklets in residential areas. Of major concern would be enforcement of the rules for parklets in residential areas considering that enforcement in other areas is very little or none.

Of note is that a bar would need to apply for a conditional use to have a parklet and then the conditional use stays with the property.

6. Historic Marigny-Mixed Use (HM-MU) Parking Text Amendment - Allen Johnson

Zach Smith, a consultant, wants parking waivers for all HM MU projects. HM-MU includes warehouses such as where Paladar is located.

7. Homeless Encampments - Allen Johnson

The FMIA unanimously agreed to support an ordinance from Freddie King whereby the unhoused can receive distribution of food.

8. 621 Elysian Fields - Allen Johnson

The developers met with the neighbours and were quite aggressive with them. Winston suggested getting a petition of 70 plus people saying they don't want the hotel. Note: This hotel will need nine conditional uses. It is also worth noting that the Trash Palace is an existing building and an adaptive reuse not a new build as what is proposed at 621.

9. Audubon Wharves - Allen Johnson

The proposal is for this to be a passive park. Questions raised: How much is it going to cost, how will it be paid for?

10. Meet the Neighbours - Lisa Faatland

The September Meet the Neighbors will be at Doerr Furniture on Elysian Fields. Specific date to be decided.

11. Board Elections - Allen Johnson

The nominating committee has recommended four members: Gary de Leumont, Bobby Moffet, Kip Hollar and Jenny Takakura for the open positions on the Board. Maurice Sholas, Lisa Faatland, Mark Malous, and Jeffrey Seymour will remain. Chris Costello will serve as Past President. Nominations will be accepted at the August General membership meeting.

The board unanimously approved the slate of candidates.

12. Hide, Lock, Remove - Allen Johnson, Kip Hollar

The French Quarter Management District has decided to put up these signs in appropriate places. It costs about \$20.00, for the signs, and \$4.00, for the stickers. FMIA can have their logo put on the signs.

The board agreed unanimously to purchase 25 signs at cost for the membership and resell at cost.

13. Misc. – Kip Hollar

Mark will include the IV Waste recycling schedule for the Marigny in an eblast. Kip will investigate getting smaller cans for people who don't have space for the larger cans.

