

## FMIA Board Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2022

Meeting held at Robert Sonnier's home

Members Present: Allen Johnson, Phillip Lege, Robert Sonnier, Gary de Leumont, Jeffrey Seymour, Lisa Faatland, Kip Hollar, Bobby Moffit

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

1. Rampart St streetcar line should be running early next year, but will be confirmed.
2. Meeting Ideas: Two more meetings with this board. Allen to reach out to Public Works and see if they could attend a meeting and speak.
3. 2600 St. Claude, the old Frankie and Johnny's. Met with architect. Construction costs and people not paying rent due to Covid. Developer is from Missouri and is unloading all properties in New Orleans.
4. Elections will be held in September. There are five nominees. Gary will meet with past presidents who would like to be on the board.
5. 502 Frenchmen would require 100% demolition of the roof for creating penthouse and terrace. VCPOA, PRC, Louisiana Landmark Commission, will support the Marigny in denying permission for the penthouse/terrace. ARC denied this design, and it does not meet HDLC requirements. We will need to do an email rush to vehemently oppose the roof demolition for penthouse/terrace. Note: the number of emails count in King's office.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Phillip Lege

The board approved the report. Not much has changed from last month.

### **Membership:** Robert Sonnier

Membership has flattened out. We are getting one or two new members a month. Gary and Robert are working on a membership brochure.

### **Committees:** Gary de Leumont

Allen will try to set up a meeting in August at Peps with the Krewes. It would be great to have businesses feed the police.

### **Meet the Neighbors:** Lisa Fatland

August 11 Meet is at Ayu Bakery at Dauphine and Frenchmen, from 6:00-7:30.

### **Land Use:** Jeffrey Seymour

1. 2121 Chartres, the Trash Palace - the critical issue is the lack of parking. There will be no 3rd floor as the project would not get tax credits. Hotel is accepted as adaptive reuse. The board agreed unanimously that a) valet parking will be paid for by the hotel and not the client, b) no parking waiver.
2. FMIA should prepare a survey of the neighbourhood areas considered for parking and community feelings about parking. As we canvas the neighbourhood re parking we can also use it as a membership drive.
3. Acquatic Gardens faces three different streets: Chartres, Royal and Elysian Fields. The developer tried to have the singular parcel subdivided into 5 parcels which failed. The ownership has since changed, and it appears they are trying to develop one parcel at a time.

### **Aids Memorial:** Phillip Lege

Phillip is doing deep research re the missing bench which was built in 2008. Perhaps Franck Perez can be of help.

### **Outdoor Live Entertainment:** Jeffrey Semour and Allen Johnson

The current rules Live Entertainment, Secondary Use, which is indoors, is that it's not allowed in HMC-1 (interior spots in the neighborhood), allowed through the Conditional Use process in HM-MU (which is the area along N Peter's and the NOCCA lots along Homer Plessy) and allowed in HMC-2, which is basically Elysian Fields and St Claude, by Conditional Use, but with a one per block face limitation.

The plan now is to do the same for OLE, with a 30 ft buffer zone (from the proposed 15 ft) with the music facing away from the residential property line, and a curfew of 10 PM on weekends and 9 PM on weeknights. The max allowed will be 3 nights a week. Those numbers can be negotiated more stringently through the CU process, if the neighbors want. This is in line with what's happening in other neighborhoods. (from Allen's email)

**Scooters** The board unanimously moved to oppose the use of scooters.

The meeting ended approximately at 8:40