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A TIME TO RENEW

March is the last month newsletters will be sent to anyone not current with dues. Please take a moment to send in your dues.

Renew through this streamlined method:

1. Cut out your mailing label from your newsletter.
2. Make any changes to your name/address on the label.
3. Write a contact phone number and email address (if you have one) on the label.
4. Write the word volunteer on the label if you can volunteer time.
5. Determine your dues:
Individual - \$15, Individ'l Sr. (65+) - \$5
Household (2+ individuals) - \$20,
Senior Household (2+ seniors) - \$10
Business - \$25
6. Place the label and check for your dues in an envelope.

- Mail your renewal to our P. O. box:
- Drop it off in the mail slot at: 2408 Chartres Street, 2817 Burgundy or 2101 Burgundy #1;
- Or, bring it to the March 19 general meeting.

Thank you for supporting your neighborhood.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Chris Costello

Remember when you were 30?

For those that can, it most likely brings back fond memories. As a youth, 30 seemed ancient, but at 30, life just seemed to be getting started. The experience of the past, highlighted by the awkwardness of the 20s, was starting to pay off. Your 30s was a time of fun and growth, where things just started to fall into place.

Here we are as a 35-year-old organization. Those that have made it to 35 recognize it as a time of reflection. A time to evaluate the past and simultaneously plot a course for the future. We are moving forward and to that end we are working on bringing ourselves up-to-date.

You might have noticed from the new layout of the newsletter that we have already begun. I am happy to announce that we have a new Newsletter Editor, Ron Budenich. He comes with years of experience in the layout of publication pieces and has great ideas that will make our newsletter even better. Thanks to Simon Hand for all his work in doing the job over the last year.

An exciting part of the updating process will be to redesign our logo. We are soliciting designs for our new logo from you. Additionally, we are looking for new designs for 2007 mugs & t-shirts. If you have some ideas jot them down and send them to us. (More info pg 5.)

Our neighborhood Crime Prevention Meeting at Washington Square Park was a great success. Thank you to Captain Kelly and Officer Jones for speaking at the event and Councilman Carter for showing his support of our efforts. Much was accomplished including the creation of a Crime Prevention Committee which will be headed by Kerrie Ramsdell. Kerrie has great enthusiasm for the position as well as great experience and connections with the NOPD. (More info page 2.)

Our 35th Annual Home Tour is right around the corner. We are looking forward to another successful event with a bigger Art Market and more music. The event will be on May 20th. We are still looking for homes and gardens for the tour as well as help during the event. Contact Reg Medellin to help out. (More info page 4.)

One of the main focuses of the organization has been the protection of the neighborhood from incompatible development. I am happy to announce that Robyn Blaupied has offered to lend her expertise in this area and will be our new Neighborhood Development Chair. Robyn comes to

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CRIME PREVENTION MEETING A BIG SUCCESS

A big thank you to Captain Kelly of the 5th District and Officer Jones of the 8th District for speaking at our Crime Prevention Meeting held March 3. An enthusiastic crowd listened to how the NOPD is adapting to our needs in the fight to reduce crime. Of particular note was the change in policy to increase foot and horse patrols in our neighborhood.

Also in attendance were Councilman Carter and his community relations liaison, Mary Cunningham, and the Guardian Angels who reported on crime reductions effort at the City and neighborhood level.

At the meeting we also unveiled several programs from our January brain storming session and one program from the City to help us reduce crime in our neighborhood. They are:

WHISTLE ALERT: *Eyes on the Street*

This program is to help citizens alert one another if a crime is happening so that we respond quickly, and hopefully deter criminals from committing crimes. Residents should carry a whistle when they are out on the street and blow it if they feel they are in danger to alert people and draw attention to the area. Should someone hear or see someone blowing a whistle, they should call the police immediately and report the location. This is like when one smells smoke, they rush to check what is burning and call the fire department immediately. Every second counts.

The FMIA is providing whistles at cost. If interested in purchasing whistles, please email us.

LIGHT THE MARIGNY FOR SAFETY

This program is to help keep the Marigny well lit so citizens can walk the streets safely. Residents should keep their outdoor lights on at night for safety. This helps people walking. It illuminates their surroundings and minimizes shadows and hiding places.

Installing photo sensors will automatically turn lights on at dusk and off at dawn. To further reduce cost, many fixtures can be fitted with long-lasting, energy-saving bulbs. United Hardware is providing photocells at cost to us for this program. **(Thank you, United Hardware!)** We also help people install them. To be included in this program, please email us.

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

To welcome residents new to the Marigny, and support neighborhood businesses, we gather monthly as friends

as well as neighbors. This familiarizes neighbors, so we can better watch out for one another. Join us **every 2nd Tuesday of the month** at one of our amazing local hot spots. Turn a neighbor into a friend. And help protect the Marigny. **For this month's location, visit our web site www.faubourgmargny.org.**

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Information saves lives. And quick dissemination of information is critical in preventing crime. We are seeking volunteers from each block to participate in our block captain system. Block Captains would share important crime information with their immediate neighbors. To participate in the system, please email us with your name, number and the block you would like to serve as captain.

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The City of New Orleans has created the Good Neighbor Program so that residents can report blighted and/or vacant property. If you know of a blighted home (broken doors, windows, etc.) visit the city's web site at www.cityofno.com.

We also began a discussion on more long-term strategies. They are: **Security Crime Patrol, Citizen Crime Patrol** and **Cameras on Street Corners**. After the discussion we asked participants to fill out a quick survey to prioritize strategies to pursue. You can fill out the survey online on our web site.

The meeting ended with more discussion and suggestions, including the recommendation for the creation of a crime prevention committee. Kerrie Ramsdell stepped up to the task and is now our Crime Prevention Chair. **(Thank you Kerrie!)** The purpose of this committee is to promote current programs, investigate and research long-term strategies and come up with new programs to reduce crime. Kerrie will be the point person for all crime prevention related initiatives. You can reach her by email at: crimeprevention@faubourgmargny.org.

If you can help out or have ideas on crime prevention, please let us know.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(cont'd. from page 1)

New Orleans by way of Hawaii with experience in zoning and development which is a great asset to our neighborhood. Thank you to Brian Frye for his work as the committee chair.

A BIG thank you to all those who already sent in their dues. If you have not already paid your dues, please make a point to do it by the end of the month. March is the last month we send newsletters out to those that have not renewed their dues. (Renewal info page 1.)

March 13th will be the fourth Meet the Neighbors night. Stop by, join in on the fun and meet your neighbors. This event was created to welcome the many new residents to our neighborhood, to support our local businesses and bars and to help prevent crime by getting to know your neighbors. (More info page 4.)

In the coming weeks we will be spraying the trees in Washington Square Park to rid them of those pesky buck moth caterpillars. With over 40 trees in the park, the cost of \$55 per tree adds up quickly. If you can help out with the cost of spraying please let us know. Additionally, we are working towards the repair of the playground equipment. We are asking residents to help out by reaching into their pockets to make the playground safe for our children. Please consider making a donation. (More info pages 4 and 7.)

We are at a great point in the life of our organization. At 35 we have accomplished a great deal and will continue to do great things for our neighborhood and New Orleans for years to come. We need everyone so please take some time out of your month to get involved with us or with the many other volunteer opportunities in the city. Working together we can bring back the New Orleans we all love.

— School Volunteers Needed ASAP —

The LEAP test is coming up in ten days, and the students we have been working with at Rabouin High School need more preparation. Your presence and assistance can really make a difference in these kids' future.

If you would be willing to volunteer at Rabouin at any point this week (March 12-16) in order to help students with special tutoring sessions in the library, please contact librarian Dennis Monn at rabouinlibrary@yahoo.com or call Program For Peace coordinator Helen Gillet at 224-558-1492.

Volunteers with math skills are especially needed.

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REPORT FROM LAST PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

The City Planning Commission heard the last public input on the UNOP City Wide plan on March 7 at 5pm. The meeting was packed with the number of speakers approaching 40 by 8pm.

Overall, there was no call to scuttle the process and begin again. However, much of the commentary reflected the Bureau of Governmental Research's (BGR) concerns about the plan's lack of consistency and outright contradiction, vagueness, and failure to realistically prioritize projects.

Footprint issues (such as how to evaluate opportunities and challenges in rebuilding specific neighborhoods; and the failure of the plan to clarify fund allocation methods: whether community need or community population density will be used) were discussed; as well as the need for timelines in plan implementation.

The newly-formed Planning Districts Leadership Coalition, a group of neighborhood organizations and concerned citizens dedicated to pushing this process forward, was well represented. Many speakers called for instituting and maintaining a process/structure for ongoing citizen participation to provide support, guide rebuilding and address the problems of the loss of momentum and burnout etc. among participants. Many wanted to know how, and especially when, the district and neighborhood plans would be open for public comment. The need for a Master Plan with the force of law was called for often.

The City Planning Commission got the message that citizen participation in city planning is an important and necessary part of the rebuilding process.

The Planning Districts Leadership Coalition is meeting to discuss the next steps on March 13 at 8am at the Chateau Sonesta Hotel (800 Iberville St.) in meeting room D.H. Holmes B. Breakfast is served for \$6 a person. Please bring cash or a check.

The City Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting on March 13, 3:30pm in City Council Chambers to hear public comment on the neighborhood plans, including the Lambert and ACORN plans.

A copy of the City-Wide Plan or the District Plans can be reviewed or downloaded at the <http://unifiedneworleans-plan.com>.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the plan, please let us know. We want to bring up all issues to help City Planning develop a plan that incorporates the needs, wants and desires of our neighborhood.



PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

Our goal is to have the equipment ready for spring, and we are getting closer. Calvin Rice has completed the list of parts and sourced the folks who can do the work.

We need to raise money to pay for the repairs.

The total for the parts is over \$2,600 with an additional \$9,575 for the labor to install the new parts, sand-blast and paint the playground. Currently we have collected \$120.00 for the playground through the generous donations of our members.



We are looking for donations of all kinds: individual donations, corporate donations and donations of labor from contractors to do the work. If you know of a company that would be interested in making a donation or a licensed contractor in our neighborhood who could do the work for a reduced cost or free, please let us know.

Donations should be made out to FMIA with Playground in the memo field and send to PO Box 770080, New Orleans LA 70177.

2007 HOME TOUR

Help us show off the Marigny on May 20th. We are looking for homes and gardens for our 35th Annual Spring Home Tour and need your help. If you or someone you know would be willing to open their home or garden, please contact Reg Medellin at (504) 940-4042 for more information.

We need volunteers for planning and as house sitters the day of the event. If you are interested, contact Reg or drop by Home Tour Committee meeting on 3/21 at 2119 Decatur St.

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MEET THE NEIGHBORS



Come meet your neighbors and socialize with your fellow Marigny residents at our next Meet Your Neighbors night, Tuesday, April 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Location can be found on website: www.faubourgmarigny.org.

Rave reviews from neighbors:
"This was a lot of fun."

"Looking forward to meeting more folks at the next event."

"Had a good time, talked with Matt and his lovely lady, Julie, for most of the evening."

Thank you to Stephanie Pedro and Justin Kalina for organizing this event to help us rebuild our community.



Nickel-A-Dance: TWO MORE to GO

Nickel-A-Dance has two more shows in March. They are held at Cafe Brazil (Chartres/Frenchmen), Sundays from 4-7 p.m., AND IT'S STILL FREE! Families and children welcome.

March 18 – New Orleans Joymakers

March 25 – Lionel Ferbos & the Palm Court Jazz Band



St. Claude Avenue Urban Main Street

Offices to Open Week of 3/12

The St.Claude Main Street program is moving full steam ahead with its new offices in the Green Project's Building at 2831 Marais St.

The steering committee is organizing the four main committees, and the St Roch sub-committee (a sub-committee of the Economic Recovery committee) is planning a mini festival called Fridays on the Roch starting in May. The festival be every other Friday in front of St. Roch Market.

They are looking for donations of furniture, equipment and supplies, specifically:

DESKS, CHAIRS (DESK AND COMFORTABLE), COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, FILE CABINETS, LIGHTS, STATIONERY ITEMS (PAPER, PENS, ENVELOPES, FILE FOLDERS, ETC)

Have questions, need more information or have items to donate: Contact Kina Joshua, Project Manager, 504.920.9873 or kina.joshua@stclaude.org. **Many thanks!**

Sign Up to Get Rid of Your Plastic Beast Today



For those with narrow side alleys, the new trashcans have become a fixture in the front yard. Switch to a smaller trash can. Here's how:

Call Metro at 520-8331; Give your name and address; and they'll replace the 96 gallon can with a smaller can.

There will be no charge for the replacement, but they are not certain when they will complete all the switching.

You can use other garbage cans until March 31st.
****After March 31st anyone not using one of the new cans risks citations from the trash police.**

35 YEARS & GROWING

It was just last year that we celebrated the milestone of 200 years since the founding of our neighborhood. It was hard to believe that our neighborhood has been around so long. It was an even bigger shock to realize that as an organization 2007 marks our 35 year of making the Marigny a great place to live, work and play.

To celebrate this milestone and promote our re-newed direction, we are updating our image for the next 35 years.

We are still working on ideas but to start we are looking for an updated logo and new designs for our 2007 mugs & t-shirts. Can you help us? Please submit ideas for all three. The only requirement for the logo is that it must incorporate the original houses image. The requirements for the mugs and t-shirts are that they must include the word Marigny and a reference to New Orleans, LA such as 504, the zip code, etc. or the actual words.

All designs are due April 2 and can be emailed to info@faubourgmarigny.org. The designs will be posted on our web site for review.

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There are also bi-centennial coffee mugs for \$5.

Interested? Email info@faubourgmarigny.org.

Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



To Jim Crawford for picking up the park and keeping it clean for others.



To Krewe du Vieux Parade members for walking through our historic neighborhood to bring joy and laughter, and for cleaning up after the parade.



To S.D.T. - for keeping Frenchment Street as nice and clean as the Quarter.

ONIONS

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NONPAC Meetings

5th District NONPAC meetings
2nd Wednesday of the month
at Holy Angels (3500 St. Claude Ave) at 7 PM

8th District NONPAC meeting
2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm
at the Omni Royal

Highlights of the NONPAC, 8th District Meeting March 8, 2007

A large crowd attended the NONPAC 8th District Meeting on March 8, 2007 and expressed the importance of solving the crime problem in the French Quarter and Marigny Triangle.

E-Mail Program — After numerous complaints from citizens at the meeting about the lack of information on recent crimes in the 8th District, Capt. Ed Hosli, commander of the district which polices the Quarter and Triangle, announced an e-mail program will be set up in the next couple of weeks to alert residents to crimes in their neighborhoods. The information -- transmitted from this email address -- will include the type of crime, where it occurred, when, the MO ("modus operandi" = the way it occurred). "I want to avoid the rumor mill," said Hosli, who came from the Uptown's 2nd District, and was amazed at how fast information -- whether accurate or not -- travels through the Quarter. The email program received the enthusiastic approval of the captain's boss, Chief of Operations Tony Cannatella. The 8th District will be the only NOPD district doing this in the city.

Auto thefts — Hosli reported a rash of auto thefts in the district in the past month, but noted many of the cars had been towed not stolen. He is going to set up a log at the district headquarters to keep track of the time of the tow and the location of the towed vehicle so it can be checked before reporting the vehicle stolen.

Scoters — Captain Hosli was asked about use of the bicycles donated by the FMIA. At this time, Hosli wants the officers to use the scooters located at the 8th District Headquarters. The officers will be in training classes for the scooters this month.

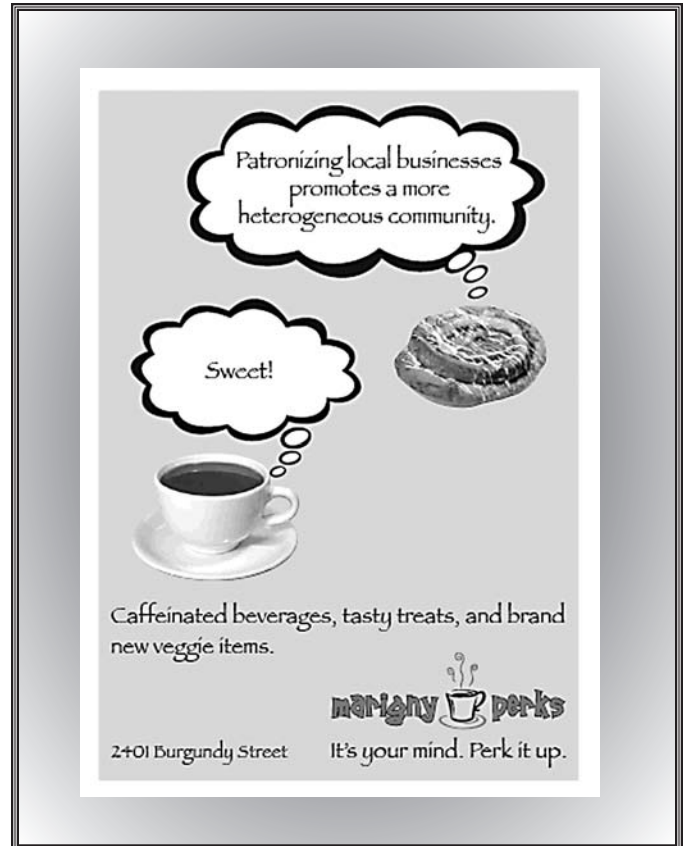
More Patrols — The Criminal Sheriff's Department will begin mounted horse patrols in the Lower Quarter beginning next week. Patrols will also be expanded to the Marigny Triangle. Thirty Louisiana State Troopers are assisting the 8th District during patrols.

Reporting crime — Hosli urged citizens to report crime to 911 as soon as it happens. And for suspicious situations -- "something doesn't look right" -- he urged contacting the district directly (658-6080 or him personally by email at EHosli@cityofno.com). "I firmly believe if we address the little things it'll take care of the big things," he said.

Councilperson Carter spoke about a Criminal Tracking Program to guard against crime. It is planned for real-time access through n opd8.com. He also spoke about plans for a Court Watcher's Program, where you may track the crime process from inception to conviction through the criminal justice system.

Get involved in crime fighting efforts in the French Quarter and Marigny Triangle by attending the NOPD 8th District's monthly NONPAC (New Orleans Neighborhood Policing Anti-Crime Council) each second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, 621 St. Louis St.

Brian Frye, FMIA
Excerpts from Thom Kahler — nocrimeline@gmail.com



REINVENTING THE WHEEL

by Chris Costello



Now that the concept of Riverfront Vision 2005 Plan has been adopted by the City Council, the New Orleans Building Corporation is moving right along "Reinventing the Crescent." A process that is without public input unless you consider sitting in a meeting listening to ideas from people that have no idea what New Orleans is about a public input process. Well, to be fair, the architects did get a gift bag of New Orleans "things" to play with, so if you believe in osmosis they can be considered New Orleanians just like I am a New Yorker because I have a statue of the Empire State Building.

Again, we are faced with a process similar to the Sanitation Departments' fiasco with the new trashcans, which if they included the public in the discussion, we would have been able to inform them of the problems and solved them before the plan went into action.

We have a plan for our riverfront. Just ask. And instead of reinventing the wheel you might be able to develop a riverfront that we can all enjoy.

No exploitation without representation.



Have you seen them? They may be weeks away but the sooner we spot them the sooner we can start the process of spraying to control their population.

If you see them let us know.

The Friends of Washington Square Park instituted a Save Our Trees program after Katrina to help the oaks in Washington

Square Park stay healthy and buck moth free. With more than 40 trees in our park, the cost for spraying as well as fertilizing to keep them healthy is expensive, but what they give back in cool shade and beauty is well worth it.

We are asking people to either adopt a tree by donating the money to pay for the yearly buck moth spraying and fertilizing or make a donation towards the spraying and fertilization of a tree.

The cost is \$55 per tree, \$30 for half a tree or whatever donation you would like to give.

Please send a check made payable to FMIA with "Save Our Trees" in the memo. Send to:

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ALVAR ARTS SCHEDULE

Alvar Library
 903 Alvar Street



7:00 - 9:00 PM

First and Third Tuesday of each month

March 20 • Michael Cain

April 3 • Christopher Porche-West

April 17 • Elizabeth Shannon

May 1 • Shawn Hall

May 15 • John Costa

MEETINGS

FMIA General and Board Meetings are open to the public. Committees and committee meetings are also open to anyone who is interested or would like to help.

Board Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Location TBA (see www.faubourgmarigny.org)

General Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month and begin with a potluck at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street. The meeting starts at 7:15 PM. (There are NO general meetings in July and December.)

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Ads and articles for the monthly newsletters are due by the Friday following the Board Meeting.

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Neighborhood Crime Prevention Meeting Notes - 3/3/2007

1. Welcome

Why having this meeting – Crime March / Jan Meeting

How we got the word out – Flyered the neighborhood. Thank you to those who helped out.

What we hope to accomplish – announce our crime prevention initiatives, get feed back about long term solutions.

2. Programs

Whistle Alert: Eyes on the Street

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3. Speakers

A. Office Jones (8th District Quality of Life Officer) -5th & 8th Quality of life Officers are working together. You can call either one to report quality of life issues. Call 201-1520 or email: nopolice29@yahoo.com

B. Captain Kelly (5th District NOPD) – We have instituted police on beats. If you have problems call 658-6056 or email bwkelly@cityofno.com

C. Silence is Violence Update – go to: silenceisviolence.org to help out.

D. Guardian Angels – They are looking for volunteers. Training on Thursdays @ 6 St Paul's

E. Mary Cunningham – Councilman Carter's Office) - Call to report problems. 658-2030 or mbcunninghamcityofno.com

4. Long Term Crime Prevention Initiatives – Fill out survey sheet to register interest in these initiatives. Will follow-up with more detail once we get direction from neighborhood.

a. Crime Patrol

1. Self Fund -

2. Taxing District

b. Cameras on Corners

c. Other ideas?

5. Suggestions/Comments

1. Do a tally on home owned video cameras and coordinate with the cameras that will be (maybe) placed in the neighborhood.

2. More Stop Signs on streets that have lots of traffic

3. The need for enforcement

4. Blighted property enforcement

5. Whistles are a good idea but need to look at the British Police whistle. Much better.

6. Email out contact info and notes



FMIA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

February 7, 2007

Called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

OLD BUSINESS (Active)

- A. Approval of minutes from 1/10 Board Meeting and 1/15 General Meeting -approved
- B. Retaining Legal Council for Zoning Issues - Galen Brown - Hamilton Brown and Babst LLC
gbrown@hamiltonfirm.net 504-566-1805
Fax 504-566-1569 would be interested in giving legal advice when the situation is needed.
- C. Projects - None
- D. Jazz Series in Park – Deborah O. will continue to contact Don Marshall of Jazz and Heritage and the Musician Clinic to research the possibilities of jazz series in the park.
- E. Survey from UNO Professor. Responses to questions. - none
- F. ReLeaf Marigny – Status? Julian Mutter is interested in ReLeaf Marigny. Jean Fahr of Parks and Parkway has been contacted. Mark Thomas would help in selecting appropriate trees. FMIA has a program Save Our Tree to get rid of buckmoths and donations are always welcomed.
- G. Neighbors 4 Neighbors – Next one?
- H. Issues
 - About Time Lounge** – Leigh went to the ABO to discuss the problem. There is a continuance till March 20 for About Time Lounge to come into compliance. They are not zoned for live entertainment and other pertinent permits to operate the Lounge.
 - 2112 Burgundy** (Fred Morgan) – Deborah and Brian has been in contact with NOPD regarding the problems with this property. Officer Roger Jones 8th nopolice@yahoo.com 201-1520 is 8th District Quality of Life Officers who is working on this situation.
- I. Playground Equipment. Bob gave the original manufacturer the plans and a list of parts to repair the playground equipment. We are waiting on a quote for sand-blasting and painting.
- J. Frenchmen Street Services –The commercial part of Frenchmen St. is now getting daily trash pickup and regular sweeping.
- K. 501(c) 3 Status. – Chris is working with Camille to finish the lengthy paperwork for this status.
- L. Riverfront Development Committee – No progress Status FQ has set up a meeting with Sean Cummings and FMIA will be receiving information from the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS (In-active)

- M. Q & A with Guardian Angels – No news to date
- N. Circle K Store – No news to date Is the sign is illegal? - NEEDS ACTION
- O. Bellsouth and the Digital Loop Carriers, 2601 Burgundy – No news to date
- P. Survey of District 7 via Tulane School of Medicine - No Progress
- Q. Visibility of Marigny No Status
- R. Projects:
 - 839 Elysian Fields No Status
 - 1017 Touro (Friendly Touch Bar) No Status
 - 801 Frenchmen No Status

NEW BUSINESS

- S. Next Board Meeting? Where. March 7th at Gene Cizek
- T. Questions from Student. Sent via Email - Will invite to a general meeting
- U. Next Steps from 1/10 Crime BrainStorming Session - The outcome was to give people information through flyers with the following information:: 1) whistles –see a crime - blow and alert to call police and have the local businesses sell the whistles 2) keep your lights on at night - Hardware Store on Elysian Fields will sell at cost Dawn to Dust Sensor which screws into the light. 3) crime patrol -Some neighbors want to have this. There are many pros and cons with this approach. FMIA feels that a special meeting to discuss this is needed. The scheduled date is March 3rd in Washington Square Park at 9:00. All groups involved with protection our citizens are invited as well as Councilperson Carter and other pertinent people. Help is needed to circulate flyers for this meeting.
- V. District 7 CDC - this is a Community Development Corporation that is a suggestion that EDAL has given to District 7 from the UNOP plan to bring back commerce and housing to District 7 through grants, planning, financing low income housing and community improvement. This might be another layer of bureaucracy. It was decided that research and development be continued through attending the scheduled meetings.
- W. Historic Districts Management Authority – Marshall attended this meeting. It is a group in the French Quarter who wants the area to be like the management program in the CBD. The area including the Marigny triangle only would pay a special tax for additional services. It also could be no incentive for the city to give the existing services to the residents. FMIA is still gathering information and attending the meetings.



X. Mimi's Proposal for an Entertainment License - Mimi wants to be legal in having music. The zoning is pretty clear on this which is no music. Mimi is planning to give a proposal to FMIA

Y. Change Bank Accounts to Whitney? Since Whitney is the only bank in our area and on the Main St. corridor FMIA is looking into the possibility of moving the account. ACTION IS NEEDED on THIS.

Z. Home Tour? How can we help. HOUSES needed. We talked about adding gardens to the tour. It is the weekend after Mother's Day.

AA. Go through committee reports:
Treasurer - Bob will send the report. He is working out the signature cards.

Newsletter –
Orchids/ SDT Frenchmen St. Krewe du Vieux Parade
Jim Crawford picking up park Silence is Violence Keep our Triangle Safe
Onions, Dog poop on neutral ground, sidewalks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Nickel-A-Dance at Café Brazil
March 18 & 25 • 4-7 PM • FREE

Home Tour Committee Meeting,
March 21 • 7pm • 2119 Decatur

APRIL

Board Meeting
April 4 • 7 PM • Location TBA*
*See www.faubourgmarigny.org

General Meeting • April 16, 2007
6:30 PM Potluck • 7:15 PM Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church • 2624 Burgundy

MAY

2007 Home Tour • May 20

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays • 1-4 PM • Upper 9th Ward
Holy Angels Convent • St. Claude at Gallier

Sundays • 1-4 PM • Lower 9th Ward
GRAND REOPENING, MARCH 18
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