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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

General Meeting • September 17
 6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

OCTOBER

Board Meeting • October 3
 7 PM • Location TBA on website

General Meeting • October 15
 6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER

Walking Tour • November 4
 (Watch for Info)

Board Meeting • November 7
 7 PM • Location TBA on website

General Meeting • November 19
 6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

DECEMBER

Caroling in the Park
 December 9

Meet the Neighbors

2nd TUESDAY • 6:30 - 8:30 PM
3rd SATURDAY • 9 - 11 AM

NONPAC MEETINGS

5TH District

2nd Wednesday • 7 PM
3500 St. Claude Avenue

8TH District

2nd Thursday • 5:30 PM
Omni Royal Hotel

ST. CLAUDE URBAN MAIN STREET MEETINGS

Steering Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month
Promotions Committee, 3rd Wednesday of the month
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Green Project
Marais and Press Streets

EVERY SATURDAY

UPPER 9th WARD GREEN MARKET
1 - 4 PM

Holy Angels Convent
3500 St. Claude

CAST YOUR VOTE!

September 17th (General Meeting)

2007/2008 FMIA Board Elections and Adoption of revisions to the Article of Incorporation

(More info page 10)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Chris Costello

September marks the end of another year for our organization, and it also marks the beginning of another exciting chapter in our journey. It's been a challenge, but looking back I have nothing but pride at what we've accomplished. Our success is due to the hard work of many volunteers and the dedication of our membership to foster a neighborhood where we can enjoy living, working and playing all at the same time.

Thank you to the 2006/2007 Board for all their hard work over the past year. You have brought us where we are today.

Thirty five years ago a handful of hard working, dedicated individuals banded together to preserve our beloved 19th century neighborhood. They began to build this reality we enjoy today. And over the last thirty-five years people have stepped up to make sure their dream—our dream—that our neighborhood with all its uniqueness survive for future residents to enjoy.

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What we enjoy today in our neighborhood has been a work in progress. From the first designation as a historic district (we have three!) that protected the physical character of the neighborhood to the innovative zoning that has brought back our corner businesses and created a world renowned entertainment district on Frenchmen Street, this was all made possible by the vision and effort of residents. We continue with this work in progress by nurturing what we have accomplished while at the same time looking for ways to improve our quality of life.

As we start a new year for our organization we need members to get involved to help us keep this tradition, a neighborhood where we all enjoy working, living and playing, alive for years to come. Be a part of the true rebuilding of New Orleans. Help create the neighborhood you want to see in the world. We need your voice, your help and your love for New Orleans to rebuild it so that it truly reflects the uniqueness we the residents love and our visitors have fallen in love with.

What's Inside

The replacements parts to the playground equipment have been ordered with an estimated delivery date of early October. Thank you again all those who helped make this a reality especially those who generously donated to the fund to help us raise the \$12,000+ needed for the repair. (More on page 3)

Our revised Articles of Incorporation will be presented to the membership for approval at our September Meeting. This will pave the way for us to obtain our 501(c)3 status with the Federal Government. In case you did not have an opportunity to see the revisions printed in the August newsletter, we have included a summary in this newsletter as well. Please take a moment to look them over. (More on page 8)

The Music in the Park series has been a great success and we want to thank the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation and the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau for partnering with us to make this a reality. This series will end on 9/14 but we are planning on organizing a couple more throughout the year. We are looking for volunteers to help. If you can help, please let us know. (More on page 6)

Our October installment of our Meet the Neighbors event will be at Monahan's 13 on 10/9. Come enjoy good conversation and a cool off with a drink (alcoholic or not). Be on the lookout for our next morning Meet the Neighbors event. (More on page 2)

The St. Claude Main Street program hosted its first fundraiser on 8/24. It was a great success. They are working on putting together another event soon, so stay tuned for more information. If you can lend a hand, please let them know. (More on page 3)

As our organizational year ends and we prepare for a new year I would like everyone to consider how they can help to make our neighborhood a great place to live, work and play. While the City struggles to find direction we are left with the responsibility of rebuilding our City and our lives. Get involved. Be a part of the solution.

MEET THE NEIGHBORS UPDATE



— Stephanie Pedro

Thank you to Monahan's 13 for hosting our last Meet the Neighbors event. Our next event will be Tuesday, **October 9**, at **Schiro's**, starting at 6:30 PM.

If you are more of a *morning meet-and-greeter* then be on the lookout for our next Saturday morning Meet the Neighbors.



OUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Rectangle Residents Vote Closer to Home

Part of our right to vote is to have voting locations that are easily accessible, even for those among us without personal transportation. After the storm the residents of the rectangle were surprised to find their voting location was moved out of our neighborhood to a location that had poor access by public transportation and was perceived by many to be unsafe. The move out of our neighborhood was due to the fact that our normal voting location, Colton High School, was unusable due to damage and that other suitable locations were already at capacity.

Thanks to the persistence of Diane Lease and Dan Harris for keeping this issue in focus and to the leg work of John Luckett we have a guarantee from the Clerk of Courts that the voting location for the rectangle residents will be moved back into our neighborhood for the 2008 election cycle.

We would like to also thank Darrin Lombard from the Clerk of Court's Office for helping us with this issue as well as Kimberly Parker from Councilman Carter's office.

St. Claude Ave. Main Street

While we are still enduring hot, summer-time weather, you know it's coming. Fall and somewhat cooler air are coming to bring a change to our area.

St. Claude Avenue Main Street is experiencing some changes, too. Our dedicated program manager, Kina B. Joshua, who helped to launch our program is leaving the position to embark to explore new opportunities. The board is currently gathering resumés and will be interviewing potential candidates soon in the hopes that we can install a new manager by the beginning of October (when that cooler weather will hopefully begin)!

The organization is also stepping out on its own, securing our own non-profit status, and will soon function as a stand-alone organization. We'd like to thank the Renaissance Project for the support they have provided over the past year.

With all these transitions, you would think that St. Claude Main Street would be focused on that alone. Not in the least! We are currently planning our first "Main to Main" event, a state-wide series of events by all of the Louisiana Main Street communities. Our event is scheduled for Saturday November 10th and will give artists and opportunity to strut their stuff in a very public way.

Saturday, November 10 CHALK IT UP TO ST. CLAUDE

During the month of November, all 24 Main Streets in the state of Louisiana will have a MAIN to MAIN: A Cultural Road Show event. St. Claude Avenue Main Street is hosting Chalk It Up to St. Claude. The sidewalk in front of Colton Junior High School will be the target area for the sidewalk art contest. With no fees to artists, the area will be assigned to participants to design their masterpieces between the hours of 9am and 12pm. From 12pm to 4pm, the art will be judged and winners announced with prizes. We will have entertainment, food, beverages and vendors. Between the hours of 4pm to 9pm, Farrington Smith Gallery and Barrister's Gallery will be open to the public. During the course of the day, St. Claude Avenue Main Street will be collecting stories from the community on their memories and experiences of St. Roch Market.

St. Claude Avenue Main Street is seeking volunteers, food vendors and arts & craft vendors for the Fridays on the Roch and Chalk It Up to St. Claude events. In order to ensure the success, it is vital that we have individuals assisting in planning and implementation of these events. We need the expertise and energy of our community.

Please join us as we transition and grow! If you are interested in volunteering with any of our activities (or you have some ideas of your own), please contact us at :
stclaudesmainstreet@yahoo.com

NEWLY RENOVATED PLAYGROUND AROUND CORNER



We are proud of our efforts that brought more than \$12,000 to renovate the playground equipment in Washington Square Park.

Thank you to all those who worked to secured the funding and to those that donated to the fund to make this happen.

The new parts have been ordered and we expect delivery in early October. There will be a two-week period when the playground will be nothing more than a bunch of posts as the equipment will need to be dismantled and the reusable parts sandblasted and repainted to match the new parts. Barring bad weather, the playground will be back in tip-top shape ready for our younger residents to enjoy.

We ask that everyone be patient as we go through this renovation and to prepare for our celebration to dedicate our new equipment.

Be on the lookout for our progress. If you have not sent your check in it is not too late. We will be maintaining the fund to provide future repairs for the equipment. Donations should be made out to FMIA with Playground in the memo field and send to:

FMIA
PO Box 770080
New Orleans LA 70177.



FYI

Please note cell phone numbers of Lt. Ed Selby, 234-8072 to call about crime and Quality of Life Officer, Roger Jones, 201-1520, for urgent complaints about noise.

Everyone knows that non-violent crime should be reported to 821-2222 and emergencies to 911.

“Yours Truly in a Swamp”
by Leonard Earl Johnson



Nagin Sighted in the Land of Boudin

Greetings from The Land of Boudin!

My Birthday is August 22, 1943. This year's celebration -- not quite over -- has been a hoot.

Yesterday, in celebration, a friend and I went out to see an old Cajun cottage being moved to a site of loving restoration by another friend. On the way home, we lunched on boudin from Janice's Supermarket, in Sunset.

Best damn boudin this side of the Mississippi, cher! exclaimed a heavysset man next to me.

We went to the Catholic Academy of the Sacred Heart grounds, in nearby Grand Coteau, to find shade for our lunch, then returned to Janice's for more boudin to take home.

In line, buying a cooler full of boudin, was none other than New Orleans's long suffering Mayor Ray Nagin, whipping boy to the displaced, and the fearfully at home.

(Perhaps you know, The City is murder capital, not only of The Swamps, but all the lands plundered by Goofus W. and the Bush Crime Family. Not to mention, it is not rebuilt after two years of largely empty Federal words, and our levees are now built higher on one bank than the other.)

I told him he did not deserve all the criticism he was getting. Nagin's smile was as tender as smiles can be. His Wife nodded. His body guard looked around. I flashed my gold tooth.

Maybe, "On our way home from Alexandria," Nagin was buying so much boudin to share with Barack Obama. "We always stop here for boudin," he said. There were no license plates on his very dark-windowed Ford muscle van, by le way.

Which reminds me, do you recall him saying Goofus W.'s Airforce One was the ultimate pimpmobile? The spirited tongue of Long and Edwards lives!

Hope you be well, un-murdered and full of good boudin.

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CITY WALKS RESUME!

Fall 2007 City Walks schedule
(all walks on Thursday evenings):

September 27: Carrollton to Hollygrove

October 18: Hollygrove to Mid-City

November 1: Mid-City to City Park

November 15: City Park to Lakeview

November 29: Lakeview to Gentilly

*Full routes are posted each week at
www.silenceisviolence.org*

Thursdays at the Perks

Every Thursday in September we'll be presenting a different program. The dates, times, and topics are below. I hope you'll be able to join us for most, if not all, of these. The tentative plans for October include a visit from the Registrar of Voters to the shop for a Marigny/Bywater voter registration drive, a pumpkin carving contest, and a scary story night for Halloween.

Sept. 20th, 6pm

Rodney Montz — The publisher of *The Levee* tells it like it is — and like it was, starting up a new paper in (and about) our rare city.

Sept. 27th, 6pm

Robert McClintick — The Western Regional Director of the Guardian Angels talks about the origins of the group and its existence America's least generic city (yup, that would be New Orleans).

Bob Patience

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Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



To Stephanie Pedro for all her hard work with our Meet the Neighbors events.



To the 2006-2007 Board and all that they accomplished.



To St. Paul Lutheran Church for all their support to our community.



To all the New Businesses who have opened up in our neighborhood - WELCOME!!

ONIONS

To people who throw their trash on the ground and/or do not pick up after their dogs.



To politicians who tarnish the image of New Orleans by engaging in illegal activities.



Fall Into the Garden...

Join the New Orleans Botanical Gardens for Fall Lectures, Demonstrations and Special Tours!

With the pace of rebuilding and renovating homes going strong two years after Katrina, New Orleans residents are also turning their attention to greening the city overall, landscaping property for sale, and gardening in the front yards of their newly restored homes, as well as neighborhood neutral grounds, and public spaces.

To compliment the tradition, revitalization, and innovation of gardening interests around town, the New Orleans Botanical Garden in City Park is offering you a wide assortment of educational programs that will be held at the Botanical Garden this fall and throughout the year.

A series of twenty lectures begin Monday, September 10th and run through November 7th. Our lectures touch on everything ranging from aesthetic issues, to climate-specific and sustainable gardening, with special lectures on color, growing roses and orchids, vegetable gardening, flower arranging, insect issues, garden photography, etc. A cooking demonstration and tour of "Katrina Recovery" residential gardens around town is also featured.

Advance registration is recommended due to limited seating. The fee is \$10 per class unless otherwise specified. These events are sponsored by the Selley Foundation.

2007 NEW ORLEANS BOTANICAL GARDEN LECTURE SERIES AT CITY PARK

- Wednesday, September 19, 12:00 noon
Cooking Demonstration – Chef J.P. Daigle (\$20.00)
- Thursday, September 20, 6:00 p.m.
New Orleans Best Trees – Tom Campbell
- Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.
Seasonal Color for the Gardens – Melinda Taylor
- Wednesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.
Restoring City Park Lagoons and Shorelines – Mark Schexnayder
- Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.
Best Modern Roses for Our Hot, Humid Climate – Patrick Youngblood
- Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.
A Formal English Garden Using New Orleans Plants – Rosemary Sims
- Saturday, October 6, 8:00 a.m. (Couturie Forest trailhead)
Birdwatching in City Park – Mark Meunier
- Saturday, October 6, 11:30 a.m.
Year Round Vegetables in Your Garden – Dan Gill
- Monday, October 8, 12:00 noon
Flower Arranging with Fresh and Dried Flowers – Betty Bagert and Annamary Miester
- Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. (Pavilion of the Two Sisters)
One Man's Garden in Alaska – Les Brake (donations accepted)
- Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.
Good Bugs, Bad Bugs - What's Eating Your Garden? – Linda B. Auld
- Sunday, October 14, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Katrina Recovery Gardens Tour – Tour several New Orleans residential gardens. Includes entry to the Botanical Garden. (Donations Accepted)
- Monday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.
Wholistic Gardening – Sharon Henry

(watch October issue for the last remaining lectures!)

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Jump, Jive and Join In

What: A community celebration at the library to introduce the services and programs.

Sponsored by: Capital One who were the first to contribute to the renovation and recently to the landscaping and restoring the side garden. Capital One's corporate priority is literacy and volunteerism.

When: **Saturday, October 13th 1 - 4 p.m.**

Music - by **Charmaine Neville** and the **NOCCA Jazz Sextet**
Story telling and book giveaway.

Art making, Face Painting, Clowning and Juggling and More...
Food and Beverages by local establishments.

The popular series resumes this season through generous underwriting by the New Orleans Public Library Foundation. The Alvar Library serves the Marigny, St. Claude, St Roch and Bywater neighborhoods. Alvar Library 903 Alvar Street.

October 16th (Tuesday) 7 - 9 p.m. - **Shawn Hall**, the multidisciplinary artist will give a visual presentation on her work in painting, installation, set design, photography and more. Musician **Mark Bingham** will perform. A reception follows each presentation.

Thank you to the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation and the NOMCVB for partnering with us on

our Music in the Park series in Washington Square Park.



It has been a great community event . We want to thank all those involved from the FMIA especially Leigh and Jim Crawford, Chris Costello and Marshall Greis for cleaning up the park before and after the

events, to Scott Agies who was the master mind organizing the events, and to all our friends that came out to enjoy the music as well as helped pick up the trash after the event.

As part of the benefit to the Marigny a portion of the drink sales will be donated to the Friends of Washington Square Park Fund to further our goal of securing funding for the necessary repairs to the park.

We are planning to have several music series like this throughout the year. Stayed tuned for more information about our Music in the Park series. We are also looking for people who have an ear for music to help with organizing these events. If you can give a few hours a month to make this a reality, drop us a line.

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE THE VENDORS OF THE UPPER NINTH WARD MARKET -



by Margery Petuis, Manager

The House of Bread is a new vendor at our market. These guys have a flour mill at their Bakery milling flour to make sweet and savory breads. They have five varieties of sliced breads and a cinnamon/raisin bread that is very popular.

Dona Blanca House of Cheese and Dairy: Try Kathia Duran's hand-crafted cheeses and butters.

Kay Brandhurst of Four Winds Seafood: The freshest Shrimp in town.

Heather Champagne of Champagne Dreams: Heather prepares wonderful salad dressings and pesto. For Football and the Holidays, she has new cream based dips to be served hot or cold. She also caters!

The Farmers of Indian Springs Farmers Association: Seasonal vegetables, the last batch of watermelons.

Wayne Brown's Crescent Creams Pralines: Wayne's Pralines are a huge success at the Market. He has gift boxes.

Porteras Italian Gourmet is joining our market family. They will sell preserves, compotes, antipasto, olive salad, poached garlic, lasagna, stuffed bell peppers, meatballs in red gravy, chicken salad. They also make tea and lemonade and snowballs.

Deanne Feaster is at the Market for **Community Yoga!** Classes are held in the serenity of the Holy Angels Chapel at NOON to One PM through September 29th.

COMING UP • September 29

Community Wellness Day and Information Day at the Market.

I would like to extend an invitation all Community Organizations to contact me regarding our Wellness and Community Information Day on September 29. Please call the office at 482-5722 to reserve a space for your organization.

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501(c)3: Here We Come

At our August General meeting we opened the floor to questions and comments on the proposed changes to the Article of Incorporation. These changes are a necessary component that will allow us to pursue non-profit status with the Federal Government. There are 5 additions that specifically relate to the nonprofit status and one addition that is meant to strengthen our organization. We will vote on these changes at our September meeting but it is very important that each member understand the changes so we can move together in this effort.

Below are a summary of the changes.

1. A declaration that we are organized for 501(c)3 charitable purposes. (ARTICLE III, A)
2. A declaration that we as members will not financially benefit from our nonprofit status. (ARTICLE IV, B)
3. A declaration that we will not use our organization for political purposes. (ARTICLE IV, C)
4. A declaration that we will not carry out any activities that are not permitted by our nonprofit status.(ARTICLE IV, D)
5. A declaration that upon our dissolution that our assets will be distributed for exempt purposes only. (ARTICLE XIV, B)
6. A declaration that individual Board members will be indemnified against legal action for decisions of the Board.

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September 17th (General Meeting)

2007/2008 FMIA Board Elections and Adoption of revisions to the Article of Incorporation

Get to Know Your Candidates

The nominations committee has worked hard to get new faces with fresh ideas as candidates for this upcoming election. The FMIA is also very fortunate to 2 current Board Members returning for another term. With the fresh ideas of the new, and seasoned skills of the old, next year is shaping up to be a great one for the FMIA.

Those who may not have the time to be a Board Member can always get involved through committees. The FMIA works best when everyone participates. Let a board member know what your interests are. We especially need people to help with the newsletter, coordinating volunteers, our Walking Tour event on 11/4, and our Caroling in Washington Square Park event on 12/9.

Below is a brief bio on each of the candidates. Get to know them. They will be representing your interests in the coming year.

Stephen Fowlkes

I made a conscious choice to move to New Orleans in April of 1991, after spending most of my life in Mobile, where I grew up, and in Baton Rouge, where I attended college and worked for a bit. It was by chance that I landed in the Marigny rectangle when I came to town, and I loved it so much that I've stayed here for nearly 16 years, living on Dauphine, Mandeville, Chartres, and Spain Streets. With my partner of 13 years, Rich Wilson, I renovated a house on Chartres St. in 1995, and have been restoring a house on Spain St. since 1999, where we also run a small B&B. We love the neighborhood and love sharing it with others, so hosting visitors is something we naturally enjoy doing.

I worked as a librarian for over 22 years, most recently at Tulane University, where I worked from October, 1991 through August of 2007. While working at Tulane I completed a Master of Preservation Studies degree, an undertaking that was most definitely inspired by experiencing the magic of living in New Orleans, and especially, by living in the Faubourg Marigny. I have just accepted a job with the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation, and will be working with a team of architects and preservationists to administer the federal Historic Building Recovery Grant program. I am very excited to have made this career shift which will enable me to direct my energy full-time to preservation-related efforts.

I have been a member of the FMIA for many years, and am at a point in my life where I am now inspired and able to become actively involved in the organization. I continue to be totally smitten by the richness of life in an historic, urban neighborhood like the Marigny and want to take even more steps to keep it vibrant and attractive. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the FMIA Board to work with others in the community to make the Faubourg Marigny an even better place to live, work and play.

Deborah Oppenheim

My introduction to FMIA was an invitation by my neighbor six years ago to attend a Pot Luck /general meeting. That first meeting I met so many interesting people and felt the sense of community spirit;. I wanted to volunteer with the FMIA. For the past three years, I have been on the FMIA Board as Recording Secretary and worked on various committees including the Home Tour and Walking Tour. I feel a sense of pride being a resident of the Faubourg Marigny and want to continue working for the preservation and quality of life of our great neighborhood.

Reg Medellin

Having hopped-skipped-jumped my way to New Orleans from California, Washington, DC and New York City I am now permanently settled in the Faubourg Marigny neighborhood and have been for over ten years. It has been one of the best decisions I have made in my adult-life. The sense of community and neighborhood pride is contagious and provides the stimulus to make things better in the neighborhood. It is this stimulus that motivates me to seek reelection to the FMIA Board of Directors. In wake of rebuilding efforts throughout the city, I would like to continue to contribute my time and efforts to further make the Marigny THE best neighborhood to live in New Orleans. For the past four years I have been active in the annual Home Tour fund raiser for FMIA.

Stephanie Pedro

I am from Shreveport and am now an urban and transportation planner at the Regional Planning Commission. My undergraduate degree is in Computer Information Systems from Louisiana Tech and my Master's is in Environmental Planning & Management from LSU. I studied the effects of storm surge on populations in Orleans parish while in grad school and decided then that I would move to New Orleans after graduating. I moved to the Marigny in July 2006 because of its historic character and location to all the coffee shops, restaurants, bars, music, and parks one can imagine. This is the first neighborhood that I've lived in where I can walk and bike to just about everything I need. I've found great relationships with the residents of the Marigny which made me realize this really is a special place to preserve.

I became a member of FMIA in September 2006, and began coordinating the Meet the Neighbors night in December 2006. I've also tried tirelessly to be a part of the St. Claude Main Street program—although I now see a role for me in the future. Community enhancement & development is one of my passions—we get to see the difference that we made firsthand which beams success to our surrounding area.

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Absent: Simon and Marshall

Guests:

Hookah Café : Gil Birman, Natalie Ruschak, Donna Oliver
 E-mail zoning docket to nmruscha@gmail.com
 or gil@hookah-cafe.com

GIL: Applied for CPC conditional use license opposition from FMIA

CHRIS: Frenchmen Street Overlay - foster the music and would not turn into a Bourbon St. We are in a neighborhood and compromises were made on both side. Quality of life for the residents and foster the street. We are very unique neighborhood and want economic development. The overlay uses 80/20 to protect what we have and prevent too many of one style of business in one particular area. We love what you are doing as a restaurant. Don't see that your alcohol sales are more than the rest. Sales are related to the ordinance. Our decisions are looking at the future such as 5-10 years ahead. We are working with CPC to try and change these laws. Synergy between the residents/businesses. Try to make something work? Businesses need to thrive here and this is not a business district.

GENE: What is the problem: smoking and restaurant and selling more liquor? Belly-dancing. And bars that become nuisances. Very difficult to get enforcement -

NATALIE:

CHRIS: Red carpet thing - when did the change happen? Bar around 1-2 and weekend 3-4. We want the food -

GIL: Fri/Sat night reserve tables since Katrina

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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Old Business (Active)

A. Approval of minutes from 7/11 Board Meeting approved or corrections to Deborah YES

B. Projects -

- a. St. Paul Lutheran Church - None
- b. Mandeville Fire Station- Chris is in contact with them - copy of the lease and Chris will follow up

C. **Releaf Marigny** - No StatusOver 58 trees that will go in the Fall master plan for the neighborhood Landscape Course talk this fall GENE

D. **Neighbors 4 Neighbors** - Status Cutter's and Night Against Crime Stephanie Pedro's b-friend passed. Donation and tree and Card YES WaSp donate plaques when we are 501C/

E. Issues:

- a. Frenchmen- Hookah

F. **Playground Equipment:** Status raised the full \$12,000 to repair the equipment. Motion permission to sign the agreement and ordering parts and sent to Sal {insured (Calvin Rice) and installer. It is \$1,015 for the playground equipment; then, 45 days from the manufacturer and then talk to the rest of the people.

G. **501(c) 3 Status** - Status newsletter will have the changes that were approved and will vote on that at the September meeting - 3 months from the IRS

H. **Historic Districts Management Authority** - FQ-Marigny taxing district passed and only have \$50,000 HD Appointee - Chris approved

I. **Riverfront Alliance** - Meets weekly and Dewaney came this



week - FAR and height proposal - high-end designers. They were going to listen to us but there are problems. Gene feels it is a smoke screen. 4-6 Towers at the Industrial Canal - From the FQ down it is not in our favor. What they really want to change the zoning to change us to 75th and raise the FAR to 4 . A letter to CITY COUNCIL YES

- J. **FMIA's 35th Birthday** – Party on 8/20. No status historic markers have permission and need permission from Entergy. Positioning at FireStation and near Franklin at the sliver. Chris: Press event on the date that we sign the original date August 30 — save the date.
- K. **Joint Reception for New 8th Captain w/ NOHC** – No Status
- L. **District 7 CDC – Status?** Barry Marks - go forward – Chris has made contact with Shea Embry and Carolyn Leifovick they did not need to involve the Bywater Ass and they could start the BNA involvement. CDC is for all - Bywater Association must be involved with EDAW original went to them. No response yet Deborah/Bob
- M. **Visibility of Marigny: Banners** – Vote on size Leigh said we need the BIG ONE
- N. **Blighted/Vacant Property** – Howard is still collecting properties. He is going house by house and taking pictures. Chris is meeting with him and then start on the process. We need to check the property and check the property to see if it is blighted and fit the definition. Guardian Angels will escort the folks who go out.
- O. **LaFonta Letter**
- P. **Pet Fair at Baptist Friendship House** – Postponed until 9/15.
- Q. **Bellsouth (AT&T) and the Digital Loop Carriers**
2601 Burgundy – Wayne Stein will reschedule. Chris has copied Carter's office.
- R. **Issues:**
 - a. **About Time Lounge** – Status? Sold. Say that want to restore the building and need pictures of the building. Balcony back and keeping it a lounge - bar Tubby's out of Florida - sports bar and hiring a company to run the bar. They are not running the bar and it appears to be illegal. Send them the ordinances, zoning, letter Chris
- S. **Projects:**
 - 839 Elysian Fields – Status?
Being Sold or has a for sale sign

Old Business (In-active)

- T. **Q & A with Guardian Angels**
No news to date
- U. **Survey of District 7 via Tulane School of Medicine**
No Progress
- V. **Jazz Series in Park** – Deb O.
Was good and really nice time. One of the caveats was money for WaSp funds - Public Tent and change the location of the stage.
- W. **Issues:**
 - a. **2100 Burgundy** (Fred Morgan)
- X. **Projects:**
 - 1017 Touro (Friendly Touch Bar) - No Status
 - 801 Frenchmen - No Status

New Business

- Y. **Next Board Meeting?** Gene - Sept 5
- Z. **Main Street Invitation to setup a Booth at Fridays on the Roch** behind the market - One Fri out of the month - each

month - 5-9 food, arts/craft/kids/music/alcohol sales FMIA - issues, crap sales - brochure- story on St. Roch (Shell was going to pay for the restoration but it is so expensive) YES August 24

- AA. **Property taxes** – Multi calls - letter to Carter Consistent - Put on web, e-mail
- BB. **Hooka Invitation** –When?
- CC. **Voting Locations** D & D are troopers - attention has been brought to all the powers to be - Moving our voting location outside our hood, elderly , vacant area - Letter - State Murray, Shepard, La Fonta; Sect. of State, Jay Darenne Carter at Large
- DD. **Go through committee reports**
- EE. **Guardian Angels are doing a fund raiser** - WaSp Park OCT. Donna from Guardian Angels doliver8@gmail.com
- FF. **Nomination meeting** - the Committee is giving us Stephanie Pedro and Steven Folwks
- GG. **Renaissance Project - Main St. Program**
They are the fiscal agent – The State main Street is stepping in and spin off on its own.- Steering Committee has a meeting and relationship. Who is going to take it? \$500 donation to get Fri on the Rock? YES
- HH: **Committee Reports**
Treasurer – books audited and hand over Sept. meeting to do the audit. Bob - when we do the audit, hand the books over – old new and audit. The new treasurer hears the content of the audit. RON PETTY is our auditor. Ron can meet with both and transition it and then change the ByLaws later. CD Status? - doing fine - money to new account – Bob will do this - Bank account is ok - ING Direct Newsletter – Ideas for newsletter. Ron Orchids/Onions, Questions, Ideas? Jazz Series NOMCB people who helped cleaned up Leigh, Jim, Marshall after the series Rick cleaned before.

GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 20, 2007

Meeting opened at 7:15pm

Announcements:

- 1) **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT** - FMIA raised \$12,000 for playground equipment. Thank you to these key people: Calvin Rice, Rob Reddington, Reg Medellin, Joan Guiacone, and Chris Costello and the many people who donated money to this worthy project.
- 2) **JAZZ SERIES** - Worked with the Metro Convention and Tourist Bureau and Jazz Fest to have “Jazz in the Park” – great community event and there are three more Saturdays of fabulous local music in Washington Square. There is a possibility to have this expanded. THANKS to Scott Agies and all the people who helped cleaned the park before and after the event – Leigh and Jim Crawford, Marshall Geis, Chris Costello, and Rick Fifield.
- 3) **WELCOME New Orleans Cake Café and Bakery** - Steve, is going into La Spiga's location. He will is



working with Dana on residents favorite breads. His is planning to open for breakfast and lunch Wednesday – Sunday. Steve wants to build a foundation within the community and I know the community will readily support his efforts.

- 4) **MEET THE NEIGHBORS** - is a great time on every second Tuesday of the month. This is a social event as well as helps crime prevention because you meet your neighbors and watch out for each other. DAYTime Neighbors for Neighbors was the first at Marigny Perks every third Saturday of the month.
- 5) **Re-Leaf Marigny** - Jeff Johnson - plant trees in the neighborhood. A master plan is needed. If you want to volunteer and/or interested in having trees planted, please contact Jeff at 504-944-8658 or e-mail him at danv96@aol.com
- 6) **St. Claude Main St.** - St. Claude from Elysian Fields to Press St. - LA designated Main St. Façade, street improvements, and fundraising to bring it back to a Main St. *Friday on the Roch* 5-9pm behind St. Roch Market, music, food booths, drinks, kid area is a community event to raise money and get people on St. Claude Avenue. We need people to volunteer and as a community we NEED TO GET BEHIND THIS because it is IMPORTANT. Contact Chris Costello for more information.
- 7) **Listen Up Studios** - Kevin and Elizabeth Martinez 669-9523 or listenupstudios@gmail.com - Recording Studio is looking at one of the Gendusa Bakery buildings (St Andrew and N. Rampart). They will have the plans approve by FMIA and HDL. The zoning is HM2 and a text amendment is needed. There is no opposition from the City. They have contacted all their immediate neighbors. Gene Cizek felt that it is a perfect business for the concrete block building. A question of parking was mentioned but it is a low profile business and would not be an issue.
- 8) **Providence Community Housing** –will be located at Peter and Paul Church. Debora A. Simmons, Assistant Project Manager 504-821-7222 x243 www.providencecommunityhousing.org introduced her project to the attendees. The goal of this private, nonprofit 501©(3) organization which will provide affordable housing and community services in the Gulf region for seniors, special needs populations, mixed-income apartments, and affordable homes. Their goal over the next five years is to restore, rebuild and/or develop 7,000 units of housing both homes and apartments. This project is still in the development stage. Their plan is to use the Rectory , the cottage, the gym for apartments, and parking lot will have new construction for senior housing.
Q: Why develop the parking lot?

- A: Next meeting more information given
Q: Will Peter and Paul Church will used?
A: Don't know, early stages
Q: Rehab school at Marigny and Burgundy
A: Yes
Q: How many units for the site?
A: At least 58 at Peter and Paul and working on the other numbers
Q: Exactly what existing buildings and what is new construction?
A: Don't know, still in conceptual stages

- 9) **Nomination for the 2007-2008 Board**
Elected 4 people to serve 2 years - Brian, Chris, Leigh, Marshal and will continue and Reg, Deborah, Bob and Simon were elected for 1 year. There are four people needed for the BOARD and the Nominating Committee nominated: Reg Medellion, Deborah Oppenheim, Stephanie Pedro and Stephen Fowlkes for the next two year term. Gene Cizek will continue as Past President. Gary opened nominations stipliating the criteria to live in the neighborhood for one year.
- 10) **Pastor Goodine** - 1840 St. Paul Lutheran Church announced that their patient advocate will continue working with people in our community as a patient advocate. Please contact St. Paul is you need assistance.
Other announcements included: A significant anniversary which a service beginning at 7:30 service will be on August 29th. September 8th movie night with song sheets (Wizard of Oz - prizes for the best costumes The Church recognizes the NEED FOR A GROCERY STORE. Pastor Goodine has a dialogue with the old Robert's to help with this urgent need. If you have any ideas what is needed for this community, please contact Pastor Goodine with you suggestions
- 11) **Awards Night in the Bywater** on August 29th at Holy Angels at 7:pm and all are welcomed.
- 12) **Blight** - Howard 710-0519 - is out and about recording all the blighted buildings in our neighborhood. His priority to close the crack houses down such as 2702 St. Claude (others too) , reporting illegal electrical hook ups , and photographing all blighted houses. Once this is complete, FMIA is going back and checking to see if the building is blighted by the City's definitions

Dan mentioned that Ed Blakey in the Gambit's article mentioned that he sees our city directions towards a push for rehabilitating blighted properties.
- 13) **Angela Carll** - Advertising - great job with 6 new ads



- 14) **FOR SALE** T-shirts \$10 and Mugs \$5
- 15) **501© (3)** printed in the August newsletter and a vote in September at the general meeting.
- 16) **Recovery School District** Russ Carll - receive funding to renovate 1 school - Input to Russ - Colton - Adult Learning Center were mentioned.
- 17) **Printed FMIA business cards** with information - pass them out if you want to
- 18) **Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference**
Oct 16-20 showcasing new materials
- 19) **Oct 28 - Walking Tour** NEED HELP - art, music, tour guides, volunteers plus we will celebrate the 35th year of the organization. Jane Stubbs, Simone Cifuentes, Gretchen Bomboy have already signed up to be TOUR GUIDES. For more information, contact board@faubourgmarginny.com to get involved.
- 20) **Polling Booths IMPORTANT** - Contact Arthur Morrell to change the voting polls for the rectangle. FMIA will put this on the e-mail list. The problems are that they were moved to a vacant, blighted location, with no bus service, not convenient for elderly, sick, and anyone. PLEASE call and/e-mail Arthur Morrell immediately.
- 21) **Phoenix Recycling** - For more information, call Steven O'Connor or David McDonough at Phoenix.Recycling@gmail.com or call 914 0739. \$14 for FMIA members and if more residents sign up, the price is lower significantly. Phoenix Recycling will begin curbside collection of recyclables in the Carrollton area of Uptown Aug. 6. The rest of the city is divided into routes designed to avoid garbage collection days. Biweekly collection schedules and routes are available at www.PhoenixRecyclingNOLA.com. Recyclables include: glass bottles and jars, plastic containers (No. 1-7), tin and aluminum cans, newspaper, mixed paper and corrugated cardboard. The charge is \$15 per month with a \$1 discount for neighborhood association members.

Phoenix Recycling offers commercial and curbside recycling services in Orleans and Jefferson parishes.
- 22) Sept 17 - next general meeting

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General Meeting, Monday, 9/17

Next General Meeting, Monday, 10/15

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