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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Board Meeting • June 4
7:00 PM • Location TBA

General Meeting • June 16
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

JULY

Board Meeting • July 2
7:00 PM • Location TBA

NO GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST

Board Meeting • August 6
7:00 PM • Location TBA

General Meeting • August 18
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

3rd Annual Walking Tour
and Art Market
October 10, 2008

24th Annual Candlelight Caroling
and Art Market
December 14, 2008

Meet the Neighbors
2nd **TUESDAY** • 6:30 - 8:30 PM
See Website for location

NONPAC MEETINGS
5TH District
2nd **Wednesday** • 7 PM
2372 St. Claude Avenue

8TH District
2nd **Thursday** • 5:30 PM
Omni Royal Hotel

ST. CLAUDE AVENUE MAIN STREET MEETINGS
4th **Wednesday**, 12 Noon
Green Project
Marais and Press Streets

EVERY SATURDAY
UPPER 9th WARD GREEN MARKET
1 - 4 PM
Holy Angels Convent
3500 St. Claude

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Chris Costello

Congratulations all around for our most successful Home & Garden Tour to date. It was a beautiful day filled with great art, music and fun. Thank you to the 2008 Home Tour committee for all their work especially our Chairman Reg Medellin. This event was a great success due to the overwhelming support of our volunteers who shared their time and love of our neighborhood with the over 500+ people who took the tour and enjoyed the music and art market in Washington Square Park. (more on page 8)

We're getting close! We have less than \$2,300 to raise before we reach our goal of \$10,000. We only need 23 more people to donate \$100 to start the renovation of Washington Square Park. Can you be one of them? Or can you help find others to donate? (more on page 6)

The New Orleans Food Co-op is now 450 members strong! As they gain more members, the reality of a healthy food store in our neighborhood becomes stronger. As we rebuild we must individually invest in our future. Please consider joining today. A healthy, alternative source for food is good for everyone. (More on page 4)

The promise of a linear, open, public green space along our riverfront is moving closer to reality thanks to the leadership of Councilmember's Clarkson and Carter and Representative LaFonta. Our representatives, in a meeting with Reinventing the Crescent, stood up for our neighborhoods by requiring a Community Benefits Agreement between the city and the neighborhoods before the implementation of the plan. This allows the neighborhoods to get more details about the use of

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spaces and to work out with the planners the best ways to mitigate the inevitable issues of parking, traffic, noise etc that these developments will on our unique neighborhoods and way of life. (more on page 10)

June winds down the calendar year for our organization. We have no meeting or newsletter in July so that we may prepare for our Nominations meeting in August and then our Election meeting in September. If you are interested in being on the Board, please let us know. (more on page 4)

Summer is here and our tourists are scare. Let's remember to support our local businesses during this slow time of year. You can help by stopping by our monthly Meet the Neighbors event that helps support our local bars. Or you can get together separately with friends and enjoy great food, music and a cool drink at one of our many businesses. Either way, help support our local businesses.



Membership Committee Meeting

There will be a Membership Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Gary deLeaumont. We will discuss our current demographic membership, dues rates and initiatives to bring in new members. Please stop by. If you have suggestions but cannot make the meeting you may submit them via phone at 888-312-0812 or via email at info@faubourgmarigny.org.



MEET THE NEIGHBORS UPDATE

Thank you to Mimi's for hosting our June Meet the Neighbors night.

Come meet your neighbors and socialize with your fellow Marigny residents at our Meet the Neighbors night. We are on our second year of monthly Meet the Neighbors night social and it keeps getting better.

Our next installment will be on **July 8th at DBA** from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Stop by and enjoy your neighborhood and neighbors!

Marigny Welcomes Bike Lanes



St. Claude Avenue was the sight for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the 1st bicycle lanes in New Orleans since the storm. A big thanks goes to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) for its Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiative. In order to help improve walking and biking conditions in the New Orleans region, the Regional Planning Commission has undertaken this first-ever Regional Walking and Bicycling Master Plan. The Plan aims to accomplish several important tasks which include surveying the current, existing conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians, developing the best practices in pedestrian and bicycling planning and applying this knowledge-base of appropriate policies to practical work in examining the existing policy programs in place.

The result of all their work was the 3 mile stretch of bike lanes from St. Claude Avenue at Elysian Fields, over the industrial canal to the parish line. The goal is to make a contiguous bike lane to the river bend in Uptown to connect with the levee bike paths that take rides on a scenic tour along the river.

Although this effort was initiated by the RPC, a special thanks goes to the Louisiana DOTD and the Metro Bicycle Coalition for their coordinated efforts to make this a reality.

Now that we have proper bike lanes everyone must educate themselves on the proper rules of the road so that cars, bikes and pedestrians can co-exist safely. The rules below are taken Greater New Orleans Pedestrian & Bicycle Program which is produced by the RPC.

ENFORCEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SAFETY

Pedestrians

Everyone is a pedestrian at some point in their day, whether you are walking from your car to the office, going across the street for lunch, taking a stroll in the local park or walking to and from school. Motorists pose the greatest danger to pedestrians, but reducing this risk requires actions from both the pedestrian and motorists.

Pedestrians

- Look both ways before crossing, even when given the right-of-way
- Avoid crossing at locations where a motorist has obstructed vision

Motorists

- Yield to pedestrians when turning
- Remain alert when near obstacles such as trees or parked cars

Bicyclists

Under Louisiana law, bicycles are considered legal vehicles and have all the rights and responsibilities as drivers of other vehicles. This law provides bicyclists the right to ride on the road with other vehicles but also requires that bicyclists obey many of the same laws as motorists.

Bicyclists

- Ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic
- At night, use a white light in the front and a red reflector in the rear

Motorists

- Watch for and yield to bicyclists when making right or left turns
- Provide plenty of space when passing a bicyclist

ST. CLAUDE AVENUE MAIN STREET



By Robyn Blanpied, Manger

Exciting things are happening on St. Claude Ave. Take a look at what is in store for our main street.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with our programs and initiatives below. Call (504) 616-7637 to volunteer and for more information.

1. St. Claude Corridor Cultural District (St.CCCD)

Application to establish the ST.CCCD was submitted to the City for review. Thanks to HRI's Richard Allen for his work to pull together the maps, narratives and materials to make a strong



case for us. The St.CCCD will help artists through sales tax exemptions and property owners through tax credits from the State.

St. Claude Corridor Cultural District (St.CCCD) ORDA Application Cover photo (photo by NoGoddess)

2. Colton Jr. School News – CANO to use the building

The Creative Alliance of New Orleans, (CANO), is an organization formed to promote the creative sector of New Orleans as a way of growing our economy and improving the quality of life for our citizens. An important part of our mission is to encourage our younger generations to realize the potential of their creative talents, whether music and theatre, visual or design arts, film and video, building arts, culinary or the evolving internet related design arts.

The program, the "Studio at Colton School: Work in Progress" is to create an innovative educational environment that will provide both work space and exhibit opportunities to facilitate the creative activity of students with the guidance of professional artists from many disciplines in a collaborative/workshop environment.

This fall a major biennial visual arts exhibition, Prospect 1, is being presented in New Orleans and is expected to draw thousands of national and international visitors interested in the arts between November 1st and January 18th. (The exhibition will feature the work of internationally known artists, the majority of whom are not from this region.) CANO feels this is a "don't miss"

opportunity to present the creative products of our community to this audience/market, as well as to enable our talented students to gain an understanding of the potential of the marketplace for their arts.

We hope to work with existing arts organizations, collectives, and individual artists and producers who will fashion the collaborative, educational and presentation programming for different spaces in the building. CANO's biennial committee will oversee the development of the project, but encourage participating organizations to develop the programming.

The Colton school building's 1,100 seat capacity auditorium, with three story ceilings, provides a grand theater space for musical, theatrical, film and video, and dance presentations. It is in need of a thorough cleaning, minor repairs, and new flooring on the stage. We will enlist CANO members – architects, engineers, preservationists, and building professionals, as well as other arts, civic, rebuilding, and student oriented organizations to support this building preparation process. We will also attempt to secure funding support to address these needs.

To volunteer please contact:

Sarah K. Hess, Creative Industry Cultural Development (504) 218-4807

3. Fringe Festival

Along with the Prospect 1 Art exhibit in November, St. Claude will also host the first New Orleans Fringe Festival Nov. 13-16. Fringe theatre is a term used to describe alternative theatre, or entertainment not of the mainstream. (Wikipedia) Fringe festivals bring together all types of performing artists at multiple venues.



St. Claude Main St. will be sponsoring an open air stage behind St. Roch Market on Saturday November 15. Because this is also Louisiana Main 2 Main month, we are integrating our "Chalk it Up" chalk art event and the Taco Truck Festival into the Fringe events. The Taco Trucks will be present as "Fringe Food" and the "Chalk it Up" event will take place as part of Saturday's Family Fringe. The Good Children Carnival Club is planning to roll that morning, inviting the Fringe performers to parade with them.

4. St. Roch Market

The City has awarded the contract for architectural survey and planning for St. Roch's revival. Preliminary reports are that the job is less difficult than originally thought (Keep fingers crossed!) The City hopes to begin physical work by late summer. They will be issuing RFP (request for proposals) to solicit bids for a professional manager for the market. The market will return as a seafood market.





The New Orleans Food Co-op (NOFC) is up to 450 members! Thank you for joining and helping the Food Co-op move that much closer to its goal. They need your help. Take a moment to let your friends know about the food co-op and ask them to join. Membership applications can be downloaded from their website at www.nolafoodcoop.org.

Beside members, NOFC is looking for volunteers to help more them forward.

Until the store becomes a reality, the NOFC currently operates a monthly buying club where members can place on-line orders that are delivered by a natural foods wholesaler from Arkansas. Eat Healthy, Join Today!

For more information visit their web site or call John Calhoun at 914-6936.



LOOKING FOR...

good, dedicated people

As we end our calendar year for our organization we begin the process of electing new members to our Board. The Board consists of 8 members chosen by the membership, 4 are elected every year, and one Past President chosen by the Past Presidents Council. We are looking for 4 members to make the commitment of time to help the organization carry out its mission and ultimately make the Marigny a better place to live, work and play.

Board members are responsible for attending a board meeting once a month, taking on several duties that help move the organization forward and helping out with programs and tasks as needed. Board members spend an average of 5 hours a week. If you are interested please contact Gary deLeaumont at 352-8517. Our Nominations meeting is our August meeting (8/18).

We understand that time is precious and some may want to help out but they cannot commit so much of their time. We have many volunteer opportunities such as committee chairs, event coordinators and helpers of the former two. If you can help in this area please contact Chris Costello at 710-8789.

Save Our Trees!

We have made it through another buckmoth caterpillar season while still being able to enjoy our beautiful park. Thank you to all those that donated to the fund so we could spray and fertilize them to both rid them of the caterpillars and provide rich nutrients to keep them healthy.



If you wanted to support the trees in our park but forgot to donate you can still do so and help us get a leg up on funding for next year's spraying. Send a check made payable to

FMIA with "Save Our Trees" in the memo.

Send to:

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New Orleans, LA 70177

The cost is \$55 per tree and \$30 for half a tree. All donations are appreciated and 100% tax deductible.



Blue Mailboxes Are Back —

Things seem more normal when life's conveniences come back. As of Wednesday, June 6th, two blue mailboxes were installed in our neighborhood. One is located in front of NOCCA and the other is on Esplanade at Royal. Thank to all the hard work of Ron Petty and the diligence of Daisy Comeaux, District Communications Coordinator for the Main New Orleans Post Office for making this a reality for our neighborhood.

As you may know, the United States Postal Service removed all of the blue mailboxes in response to a lack of man power, safety concerns and a lower population. They did, however, reinstall the blue boxes at post offices as they reopened. This is a great step forward in returning our lives back to some sort of normalcy.

We are working to return all the blue boxes back to their original locations in our neighborhood but need your help. The records on where blue boxes were located throughout the city were destroyed in the flooding. We need your help in identifying where blue mailboxes were before the storm in our neighborhood. If you remember a location of blue mailbox, please contact Ms. Comeaux at (504) 589-1039 with the details.

Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



To NOCCA for mowing and keeping their new property on Press Street clean and manicured



To Julian Muter Doerr for adding a new RUG SHOW ROOM (910-912 Elysian Fields) to the neighborhood.



To Brian for saving us money on postage.



To Home Tour Chair, Reg Medellion, for having incredible and enjoyable Home Tour Committee Meetings



To Stephen Fowlkes for attending a grant writing institute.

ONIONS

To property owners that let their properties become blighted.



To 2328 Royal Street for illegal demolition - the wall has fallen down.



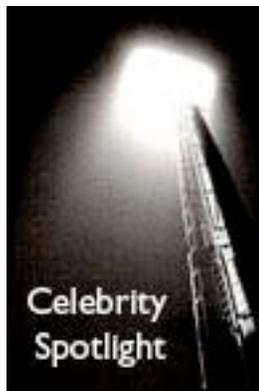
To those who do not pick up after their pets.



To businesses who do not adhere to proper zoning laws.



The Marigny has been getting great press about our unique neighborhood. The latest was an article about our own Rick Fifield and Deborah Oppenheim and their newly renovated digs in the June issue of *New Orleans Magazine*. The article, "Drawing the Line," which is the magazine's annual presentation of the area's best new architecture touts Rick & Deborah's adaptive reuse/second story addition as "a success story to report this year." To read the article visit www.neworleansmagazine.com.



Congratulations Rick & Deborah!

NO MORE BLIGHT — Join Us in Our Fight

Nothing is ever easy. And in New Orleans, it is even more difficult. The hearing on April 23rd gave us great hope that we could get something done about the blight that is crippling our city. To our surprise, the owner was able to get his fine reduced and an extension on the time to do the repair even though the property had already been sighted for neglect before the storm. Although this is a setback it in no way has deviated us from our path of staying on top of this issue and eliminating blight in our neighborhood.



We have sent a letter to the Office of Environmental Health to request an explanation. We will keep you posted.

We are keeping a running list of properties so if you know of a property that has visible damage and/or is vacant; please let us know so we may add them to the list. You can e-mail us at info@faubourgmarigny.org with the address of the property, or call us at 888-321-0812 with the same information.

We all want to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood. We are asking these neighbors to help us in rebuilding our neighborhood and City by taking care of their property.



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Help Us Renovate Washington Square Park

We have raised \$7,700 so far! We are almost there. Can you help us get to our goal of \$10,000. If you can, we can turn our \$10,000 into \$20,000 thanks to the generous \$10,000 matching donation from Julian Doerr Mutter.

One of our first projects with this money will be the renovation of Washington Square Park. Help us make it a reality. Any and all donations are appreciated and accepted but to make it easier and to recognize different levels of donations we have come up with the following levels:

\$1000+	Friends of Bernard
\$500 - \$999	Friends of Mandeville
\$250 - \$499	Friends of Elysian Fields
\$100 - \$249	Friends of Frenchmen
\$50 - \$99	Friends of the Marigny

Donations should be made payable to:

FMIA
PO BOX 700880
New Orleans LA 70177

Thanks!

Thank you to the following for donating to the campaign so far:

Friends of Bernard
Gene Cizek & Lloyd Sensat
Chris Costello & John Deveney
Friend of the FMIA

Friends of Frenchmen
Deborah Oppenheim & Rick Fifield
Mathew Schwarzman and Miriam Zarsky
Ron Petty & Reg Medellin
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Celebrating Our Past

New Orleans because of its rich history has many things to remember and celebrate. Like our city, the Marigny has a rich history that we want to remember and celebrate. This month our newest Historic Markers, which celebrate our history, will be erected in our neighborhood as part of our continuing efforts to memorialize our past, educate people on our unique history and beautify our neighborhood.

Of the two markers, one will be located on the sidewalk next to the Fire Station on Esplanade Avenue and the other will be in the island at the intersection created by the N. Rampart split and Franklin Avenue. Thank you to all the hard work of Gary deLeaumont and Chris Costello for moving this project thought the city and to Nelson Belou for donating the time and materials to place the posts. We will be memorializing this accomplishment with a ribbon cutting ceremony. We will announce the details via email.

Patronizing local businesses promotes a more heterogeneous community.

Sweet!

Caffeinated beverages, tasty treats, and brand new veggie items.

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ANOTHER SUCCESS —

Our 2008 Home & Garden Tour

On Sunday, May 18th the FMIA sponsored our 36th Annual Faubourg Marigny Home & Garden Tour which featured six architectural homes plus a special exhibit of the Den of the Krewe du Vieux, where costumes and parade floats were on display.

Once again the residents of the Faubourg Marigny put their best foot forward and showcased any amazing event. The event hosted over 500 ticket buyers who toured the homes and many hundreds more who shopped the over 25 artists and listened to live performances in Washington Square Park. An exciting new addition to this year's event was the inclusion of the Kids Activity Area which proved to be a major success and we will definitely look forward to expanding this venue next year. The event raised over \$8,000.00 for FMIA with some of the proceeds earmarked for improvements to Washington Square Park and new banner flags on St. Claude Avenue.

It takes a village to make to make an event like this happen and we definitely had a village of volunteers who came to the call. The Home Tour committee sends out major thank you's to all the volunteers who gave their time and energies in making this event such a success. I personally would like to recognize and give thanks to the following Home Tour coordinators whose contributions made the event so joyous and enjoyable:

Deborah Oppenheim - Volunteers
Nancy O'Neil - Art Mart
Simon Hocart - Brochure
Angela Carll – Advertising
Brian Frye - Photography
Kelly Shutt – Music
Jim O'Neil - Site Layout & Setup
Chris Costello - Media/PR
Gretchen Bomboy - WSP Clean up
Russ Carll – Homes & Gardens
Thomas & Deena Woody - Kids Activity

And a special thanks to the following Marigny home owners who so graciously opened up their homes and allowed the viewing public a glimpse into these architectural jewels:

Kelli & Dorian Bennett
Linda & Nelson Belou
Terry & Jane Smith
Robert Johnson
Joe & Joy Sunseri
Barry & Gracia Siegal
and to Ray Kern et al who opened up the Den of Krewe du Vieux.

I would also like to thank and recognize the following who volunteered the day of the event. We appreciate your help and thank you for your time.

Andy & Lacy Gallagher
Angela & Russ Carll
Bill Whiting
Bobby Moffett
Brad Conard
Carol Gniady
Dan Harris
David Wagner
Diane Lease
Donna & Robert Rachal
Gary deLeaumont
Gene Cizek
Gretchen Bomboy
Joan Guccione
John (Brian's Friend)
Kellye Deel
Ken Shields
Leigh Crawford
Lisa Boudreaux
Lisa Suarez
Liz Tahir
Lloyd Sensat
Lolita & Ed Cherrie
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Paul Lynch
Polly & Vic Brown
Rachel Smith
Robyn Blanpied
Ron Petty
Roy Malone
Sally & Paul Hooper
Simone Cifuentes
Stacy Shimek
Stephen Fowlkes
Tom Rolison

As always we welcome any suggestions people may have in making this event better. You may leave any suggestion at the General Meeting greeting desk, by phone at 888-312-0812 or email at info@faubourgmarigny.org

Again, thanks to all for all your support and energy.

— Reg Medellin

2008 Home & Garden Tour
and Art Market

Scenes from
Washington Square Park
and Beyond





by Chris Costello

It has been a long, difficult journey but the neighborhoods have prevailed.

As an organization we have remained steadfast in our assertions that the riverfront should be used as public, open, green space and that any development, regardless of its intended use, go through the proper city processes which include public input. This gives the neighborhoods most affected by these developments a chance to express their opinions, so that they are not saddled with a plan for which they've had no input. More importantly, this facilitates the creation of a plan that reflects the views of all the stakeholders, not a select few.

We have been on record since the beginning that we want the riverfront developed. The issue has not been the development of the riverfront, but making sure the impact of such developments do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhoods.

So why all the confusion about our efforts? Many have been misled by those that have a personal stake in the riverfront. Instead of listening to our concerns and trying to come to a consensus, they have resorted to half truths and negative attacks. It is counterintuitive that they would be against protecting our neighborhoods and quality of life. Don't they live here?

The answer is these people have a personal stake such that without the development of the riverfront, their project will not be as successful. Therefore, they do not have the same level of interest in our neighborhoods or quality of life. Their

interest is in their project and in turn their pocket books. You have heard the rhetoric. They have to build outside our zoning laws to make a profit.

Such developer-driven planning trades financial benefits for a few at the expense of long-term dividends for the surrounding neighborhood. Frequently, neighborhoods' concerns are brushed off as less important and concerned residents are labeled obstructionists or visionless simpletons. In the end this leads to serious issues for the neighborhoods as their concerns go unmitigated and the residents bear the brunt of the consequences.

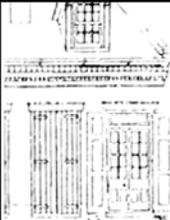
Thank you to the leadership of Councilmembers Clarkson and Carter, along with Rep. LaFonta. They ensured that our neighborhood's concerns were heard and made sure all stakeholders had a seat at the table. In a recent meeting between the neighborhood leaders, representatives from the Port and Reinventing the Crescent, our concerns were discussed and changes were made to the plan to benefit everyone.

First and foremost, the plan will move forward, providing us with what we were first promised: open, public, green space. The few changes that were made only affect the proposed uses for the spaces. They are:

1. The proposed towers and amphitheater at the current naval support area are on land that the city does not control and should be "off the table" and totally removed from the plan;
2. The function of the Mandeville Street Wharf was tabled but the design will remain intact so that a Community Benefits Agreement could be drawn up to ensure open, public access to the river while addressing issues of parking, noise, traffic and uses for the space;
3. The function of the Piety Street Riverfront Park was tabled but the design will remain intact so that a Community Benefits Agreement could be drawn up to address issues of parking, noise, traffic and uses for the space;
4. The proposed gathering space on the wharfs at the foot of Esplanade/Elysian Field is on land the city does not control, and it conflicts with plans the Port has for the wharves. This element is "off the table" and must be removed from the plan.

I hope you will agree and stand firm with us that any development should go through the proper city processes including public input so that whatever is developed mitigates the inevitable impact on the neighborhood and our quality of life. We know best what will or will not affect us.

This plan should not be hastily made nor the process forced under the auspices of a deadline. This will be a multi-million dollar investment in our city and neighborhood with public funds. What is created here will remain for a very long time. Let's take the time to do it right. Let's listen to all sides that have a stake in the riverfront. Let's come up with a plan we can all live with for the next 100 years.



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SUMMER ART STUDIO ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

Come learn new techniques in art-making with the Summer Art Studio at the New Orleans Museum of Art. NOMA will be offering a variety of summer art classes for children and teens, which will be taught by professional art teachers. The classes introduce participants to the Museum's collections and special exhibitions while providing students with an exciting atmosphere of learning. In the classes, students can express their creativity using a variety of art materials. Our teachers stress the importance of the creative process over the final product. All classes begin with a brief tour through NOMA's collections to view a series of artworks relating to each art project.

The cost of each session is \$75 for members of the Museum and \$90 for non-members. All materials are included, and classes are limited to twenty students. Pre-registration and payment in advance are required. For more information and registration, please contact the Associate Curator of Education at 504-658-4113 or mrobinson@noma.org

June 16th - 20th • *Around the World with NOMA*, Ages 8 - 12

Bring your passport as you travel to different cultures throughout the Museum. Spend each day focusing on the art that represents these civilizations. Use patterns, materials, and techniques from around the world to make fantastic creations as keepsakes of your adventures.

Morning Session • 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Session • 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 30th - July 2nd • *Intensive Teen Workshop*, Ages 13 - 17

Morning Session • 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Working with the Figure

Teens will work with art teachers to learn the basics of figure drawing through the study of proportion, line, shape and more. Art from the permanent collection and the Besthoff Sculpture Garden will serve as inspiration as students sketch from sculptures and a clothed model. The class also will examine the work of Fernando Botero, featured in The

Baroque World of Fernando Botero on view at NOMA through September 21, 2008.

Afternoon Class • 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3-D Design

What is the 'D' in 3-D? What are the dimensions in three-dimensional? Teens who enroll in this art studio will work with clay, wire, wood, found and natural objects and more to create realistic and abstract art in three dimensions. The Sculpture Garden and Fernando Botero exhibition will be fully explored during this exciting three-day session.

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Approvals by email –

1. Purchase of stage: Yes.
2. Letter to ATC RE Jerricho's. Yes. Neighbors are complaining about the noise, smoke, and music. They are licensed for a restaurant only.
3. New website hosting: Yes..

OLD BUSINESS (Active)

- A. **Approval of minutes** from 4/2 Board Meeting & 4/21 General Meeting Minutes were approved by consensus.
- B. **Projects – None**
- C. **Relief Marigny:** No Status
- D. **Meet the Neighbors:** Next one is at the Hookah on May 13, 6:30 PM. The summer schedule thanks to Leigh is the following: June 10 and MiMi's July 8 DBA.
- E. **Visibility of Marigny:** Chris has contacted a designer to work on a design for the banners.
- F. **Historic Markers:** Nelson Belou, a licensed contractor and FMIA Member, will put them up and an event will be scheduled for their official presence in the Marigny
- G. **Blighted/Vacant Property:** Howard and Reg went to Thorick Hearing re the building at Dauphine and Franklin. The judge listened to the pros and cons. She fined him \$500. Every day a measurable repair is not done, an additional fine of \$500. He went to the judge and had it reduced to \$250. He has not done any work. MOTION: To write a letter to the Commissioners of Environmental Health and ask why his fine was reduced and we opposed any postponement. VOTE: Unanimous
 Howard said that some people are working on their property and he has taken names off the blighted list. Chris will work with Howard to have the completed list for the next general meeting. Stacy offered to type up the new list.
- H. **Issues:**
 - a. *525 Frenchmen:* No Status
 - b. *2705-7 Decatur:* Nothing has happened.
 - c. *2706 Royal - Mardi Gras Zone:* HDLC had cited the illegal vent on the side of his building. Stephen made a Motion: To write a letter that MGZ conform to the ordinance. Gene second VOTE: Consensus
- I. **Insurance Policy:** Still looking.
- J. **Office Space:** Chris is checking into the possibility of renting office space.
- K. **Yearly Agenda:** Ron and Chris are working on this.
- L. **Riverfront Alliance:** Many articles have been in the Time Picayune re the proposal for the Riverfront. FMIA , Bywater, VCPORA met with Councilperson J. Carter. They discussed the need for a traffic, parking, and environmental studies. Another major concern is the Mandeville Wharf not is used for commercial purpose but for public open space. Gene reiterated that the buildings are eligible for 106 review. Some of the State Legislators in our district will not support the project unless the neighborhoods are in play. Reinventing the

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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Crescent has had "public meetings" but has taken no input from the affected neighborhoods. There is a meeting on Thursday May 8, 2008 by invitation only called Reinventing the Conversation. Those that were invited were not the people and organizations that have been working for our neighborhoods. Also, the meeting is to re-discuss the issues. Motion: To decline the meeting and set-up a meeting with the affected neighborhoods, City Council members and Reinventing the Crescent to hash out our particular concerns and issues. Leigh second. Vote: Consensus

M. **Grant Writer:** Chris is in contact with grant writers.

N. **T-shirts Idea:** No status

O. **Marigny Advertising:** Radio/Brochure no status

P. **5th District Police Staffing:** A letter will be written regarding staffing.

Q. **RDO Changes:** Gene, Stephen, Chris met to go over the RDO and marked all the different properties that would fit under this. More work will be done.

R. **Board Member Responsibilities:** Ron and Chris are working on this.

OLD BUSINESS (*In-active*)

A. Issues:

1. *606 Frenchmen St.* Neighbors and B&B have called regarding the music on Saturday, May 3, 2008. They said it was so loud that they could hear the words of the music. The entrance was on Frenchmen but the building is 2112 Chartres St., Sydney Torres complex. A letter will be written to Sydney Torres in response to these complaints.

2. *2100 Burgundy:* No status

B. Projects:

a. *Mandeville Fire Station:* Michael and Danielle Pizzolatto 862-3347 mpizzola@tulane.edu New Orleans plans for recreation center was identified by the UNOP Plan. There are few schools and none of these schools have after school programs. The Mandeville Fire Station is an unflooded facility. Michael is proposing a community center in the site. A level of interest is good. How would FMIA be involved? Possibilities include helping with the non-profit status, fiduciary agent, and support. Chris MOTION: That FMIA works with the Mandeville Fire Station as a project for a Community Center. Second: Deborah VOTE: Unanimous

b. *AIDS Memorial for Washington Square Park:* Mark Thomas, NOAids Memorial said he met with Fielkow and Clarkson and they are interested in an "in kind" donation. They are in touch with the Magic Johnson Fund for additional donations. Clarkson and Fielkow would draft an ordinance that this will be the only monument in Washington Square Park. The first phase is funded which included installation, pavers, moving of the landscaping, and the benches behind the memorial. The benches (8 – 10) are two slabs of granite and a slab on top – 4ft long – permanent and low maintenance. Those who donate \$1000 –\$ 2500 will have a bronze plaque placed on the memorial

benches. Pavers around the memorial are the size of bricks – 4x8 granite bricks and names are engraved. Erika Larkin and Wayne will do the installation of the glass pieces. Estimated cost **Phase 1** - \$ 25,000. There will be a plaque that describes the monument either embedded on the ground or a rectangle piece that is canted up in the center. Susan Levison is the Chair of the organization. The group has talked to Ann McDonald of Parks and Parkway for money to improve the landscaping of the Washington Square Park. Trash cans might be available. **Phase 2** - Perpetual Care Fund There would be an opportunity to raise a lot of money and the Committee should be doing this. Jack Sullivan is in charge of getting the grants. Discussion: Perpetual Care is imperative. FMIA needs to factor money for Perpetual Care for the entire park. Another concern is who will maintain the care? The group should hire someone to do this. Trash cans are needed. The contractor has to be bonded and licensed. FMIA is asking for a definite commitment for perpetual care with a given amount and the other issues discussed. We will talk to our attorney. All flora and fauna removal must be approved by FMIA. They will present their proposal at the May General Meeting. MOTION: We are in favor of the concept continent upon perpetual care, liability, insurance and the monument and fundraising is confined to the immediate area discussed. SECOND: Reg VOTE: Unanimous

C. **Policy for Visitor/Observer Attendance at FMIA MEETINGS:** Stephen has worked on his first draft and is being read by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Next Board Meeting:** June 4 at Reg - 7:00 pm Deborah MOTION: To change the time of the Board Meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 Chris: Second VOTE: Consensus

B. **Stephen Fowlkes - Grant Writing:** Stephen Fowlkes has enrolled in a grant writing institute for five days, eights hrs. per day beginning May 19, 2008. The class will teach people to become expert grant writers. The Board discussed awarding Stephen a \$400 scholarship towards tuition. When he completes his institute, he will have a completed grant for FMIA. He also proposed to write another grant before the end of his term. The Board brainstormed various ideas that could be used as the training grant. Motion: Leigh moved that a \$400 scholarship for Stephen to take the grant institute. Stephen will submit to FMIA two grants, one during training and another during the balance of his term. Reg Second VOTE: Unanimous

C. Issues:

Enforcement Issues: Gary deLeaumont came to the Board to discuss enforcement. He said that it has been 3 years since Katrina and it is time that these issues are addressed. For instance, zoning has not changed but owners are trying to tear down properties and ille-



gally operate. He said it is time to speak to the Council and ask them to support closing those operations that are operating illegally. As illegal operations are identified, the clock ticks and then they become grandfathered in by not taking action. FMIA needs to start the process. He suggested that we all need to know the laws. Gary also suggested inviting 5th and 8th District, Councilman Carter and Council-at-Large Clarkson and Fielkow and all others involved with enforcement issues. Rewarding bad behavior is back to the "old ways" which should not be tolerated.

D. **Projects:** None

E. Go through committee reports:

F: **Treasurer:** Brian has worked diligently balancing the books and any corrections that are needed. He met with the post office to discuss postal rates. If we decide to do this non-profit postage rate 700 – 701 and sorted, postage is printed on the newsletter and if not mailed we do not pay and the cost is .164 cents. FMIA purchases the soft ware and pay a one time fee \$175. No staples are needed. We will have an account to draw from. Computer software is needed. We are still working on the turn around time and verification of the new rate.

H: **Trash Cans Washington Square Park:** Leigh has been talking with Julie from SDT to have them empty the trash in the Park once a day when they pick-up Frenchmen Street. Leigh will continue this conversation with SDT.

I: **Home Tour:** 36th Annual Home and Garden Tour May 19th, 2008.

J. **Newsletter :**

Orchids - Brian saving Postage; Lauren Tucker from Green Light; Stephen for attending a grant writing institute; NOCCA - Cleaning and mowing Press St.; Doerr Furniture - new Rug Show Room 910 -912 Elysian Fields Room; Home Tour Chair, Reg Medellion for having incredible and enjoyable Home Tour Committee Meetings
Onions - Blighted Property; Illegal demolition on 2328 Royal St, the wall has fallen down

Meeting ended at 10:15

**FMIA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2008**

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Joy and Joe Sunseri, new owners, who had their home on the House Tour.

Announcements and Speakers:

House Tour: The House Tour has become so much bigger over the years, it was decided that this year for the first time we would have coordinators for the various areas. Reg Medellin, Chair, said that final figures were not in yet, but it is estimated that attendance was between 400-550 people; there were 35 advisers, 27 artists, and three bands in the park. The Cake Cafe said that they had had their

best day since they opened. Deborah Oppenheim talked about the Kids' Area which was new this year and how well received. She showed art that the kids had done (based on drawings of Lloyd Senat). She also praised the YaYa volunteers. It was a beautiful day, the houses were great and the community spirit generated was wonderful. Thanks to all volunteers who made this fundraiser possible.

Blight: Howard is cataloging and will soon have a list and will be on the website. Jim Thorick, who has a blighted property was recently fined \$500 per day and given 30 days to make improvements. (This fine was just reduced to \$250). The association will monitor this progress. It was noted that he is the owner of six properties and all in serious disrepair. One in the Treme may be demolished. There will be a hearing regarding 1005 Franklin Street.

Fred Radkie: *Operation Clean Sweep* has been eliminating graffiti by painting gray over what he has determined as graffiti. Because of some complaints Chris had Mr. Radkie attend the meeting to explain his operation. He said the key factor is to eliminate the graffiti quickly. It has been a volunteer operation. Mr. Radkie said they have many colors and will paint the original color if they are contacted. He said his goal is to work with the community.

Q: When are you starting this new method of painting with colors and not gray? I have seen gray squares for the past ten years. A: I contact the owners before covering the tag. Sometime the situation does not work contacting the owners. There is a graffiti ordinance and the fine is \$500 a day and after thirty days the police are called. It takes energy and money to paint with colors.

Q: What is graffiti ? A: Chris said in a perfect world the property owner is called and the color is matched. Now Mr. Radkie said he will make the effort to get the color. They come within 7 days after called. The service is free.

Q: What is your method to preserve the brick? Gray primer over the brick is not the answer. A: He is researching products.

Q: Traffic signs are covered with gray primer which is dangerous for residents and tourists. A: Mr. Radkie said he is working with Mr. Mendoza. It is a process to deal with the city. He will try new products and possibility of using a graffiti barrier on the new Stop Signs.

Q: Do you register the buildings you choose to cover? I had an experience that my mural was removed. I want to make sure it is not going too happened again. A: Call the hotline and tell them not to touch your building.

Q: Any literature? A: Working on fliers and sponsors and check the website www.operationcleansweepnola.com , Hot Line 486-9694

Health and Resilient Center: Shawna Herbst (504-299-3439, ext 5461) or www.reachnola.org presented her non-profit organization. They are having an open meeting for the community on Thursday, May 22, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. at St. Anna's Church on Esplanade. They would like to meet with the community to see what their needs are in health and mental health care.



New Orleans Food Coop: Chris said they had reached their initial goal of 300 members. They are now pushing for 600 members. Chris encouraged everyone to join at \$100.

Roberts Market: Chris reports that Darren (at Roberts) said they were working on the Canal Street store within 6-8 months and the next store is the Marigny.

AIDS Memorial: Mark Thomas made a presentation. He stated that a movement was made for a memorial over 12 years ago. The initial location for the monument was on the neutral ground in front of the Mint. A national competition was held and a winner was chosen. The work was completed 10 years ago and has been in storage since that time. Because so many of the victims of AIDS were from the Marigny, it felt appropriate for the monument to be in our community at Washington Square Park. The monument (as described by Gene Sizak) consists of a series of metal and glass circles surrounded by a few benches. It is hoped that it can be completed by AIDS day which is December 1st. They have raised \$10,000 for the installation and the city has promised an additional \$15,000.

After an objection from the FMIA Board that they didn't want to set a precedent by having other memorials in the park. Mark went to Councilman Carter and he said he would draft a resolution that said there would be no more allowed. He said it was supported by Feilkow and Clarkson. The Board also questioned the placement of the monument and how much area it would take. It was agreed that it would be confined to a small circle in the middle of the block near the gate at Dauphine Street. The only unresolved issue seems to be perpetual care of the monument. The FMIA Board wants to insure that a sufficient sum is realized and that it will be under the control of the association.

New Business: Brian Nelson (261-8446) and John Vickerson (220-7987) plan to open a new bar/restaurant in the location of the Old Harbor on Franklin. Their plan is to serve home-cooked food (particularly breakfast) all day. They stated the hours they will be open are from 7 AM until midnight Sun through Thursday and from 7 AM until 2 AM on Friday and Saturday. The zoning for this is HMC1. They said that they were not having a 24 hour restaurant, bar and live music. Chris cautioned them that they were responsible for noise not only in their establishment but outside as well. They said they were aware of this. There were questions about it being within 300 feet of a school, and how long the business had been idle. The new owners said that they were working non-stop to fall within the 6 month deadline. They said that they have their licenses to operate the business.

Next General Meeting is June, 16, 2008.

The meeting ended at 8:15pm.

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