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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Board Meeting • October 1
7:00 PM • Location TBA

**3rd Annual Walking Tour
and Art Market**

October 19, 2008

General Meeting • October 20
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER

Board Meeting • November 5
7:00 PM • Location TBA

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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR**

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**

2372 St. Claude Avenue
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EVERY SATURDAY

UPPER 9th WARD

GREEN MARKET

1 - 4 PM

Holy Angels Convent

3500 St. Claude

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Chris Costello

It is that time of year again where tropical storms and hurricanes seek to land on the Gulf Coast. Gustav was a sobering reminder of how vulnerable we can be as a city. I was reassured by the response of the City to the hurricane and their handling of the evacuation. Although there are always a few kinks to iron out and room for improvement, the City handled the process well.

High wind storms like Gustav remind us of another danger that blighted properties cause our neighborhood: flying debris and collapsing on homes around them. There are currently over 50 properties that have been either cited or will be cited by the Historic Districts Landmarks Commission for blight. We are making great strides in combating blight in our neighborhood thanks to Howard Allen who has been keeping track of the blighted properties in our neighborhood. (more on pg. 5)

Our 3rd Annual Home and Garden is just under two months away. We are looking for volunteers to help us plan and carry out the event. This event is a great opportunity for us to showcase our neighborhood with all its history and architecture. It is also a great event where one can enjoy the neighborhood we all love and live in. Can you spare some time to help your neighborhood? (more on pg. 3)

Life is about living. And where you live is a big part of that. What would make living for you even better? We are looking for members to give some of their time to make our neighborhood better. Get involved. Make the change you want to see happen. (more on pg. 8)

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I understand that many do not have the time to give to the neighborhood. Another way to give back is by supporting our initiatives. We need 23 people to invest \$100 in our neighborhood. Can you be one of them? We have a great opportunity to raise funds for the renovation of the park thanks to matching funds generously donated by Julian Mutter Doerr. Can you help the park out? (more on pg. 6)

The weather is cooling so there is no excuse not to join in on one of our monthly Meet the Neighbors events. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and catch up on what is happening in the neighborhood. Congratulations to Donna on her debut event at Feelings. Mark your calendars for our October event! (more on pg. 2)

There are many exciting events planned to help St. Claude Ave come alive again in the coming months. To make them and the redevelopment of the street a reality we all need to get involved. Take a look at what is happening and see where you can help. A healthy, safe St. Claude Ave equals a healthy, safe neighborhood. (more on pg. 3)

As we move past our hurricane season and the fall weather gets us out and about make sure to take advantage of all the fun events we have scheduled for the fall. Also, consider how you can help your neighborhood. We are a village and we need your help. Get involved and let's continue to make our neighborhood a great place to live, work and play.



MEET THE NEIGHBORS UPDATE

Thank you to The Friendly Bar for hosting our August 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 October 14. Location TBD.

Stop by and enjoy your neighborhood and neighbors!

**2008 - 2009
BOARD ELECTIONS**

Here we are again at the end of another Board year for the FMIA. The nominations committee has worked hard to find candidates that have a passion for the neighborhood for this upcoming election. Thank you to Gary de Leumont for all his hard work in finding this year's nominees.

Two of the nominees are current board members while two will be new faces on the Board. Of the two new, one has been a past board member and brings extensive experience of the organization and the neighborhood to the Board.

Our Board is the voice of our organization. With the addition of these candidates to the board, we will have 4 triangle and 5 rectangle residents representing us. Seven of the Board members own their own businesses in the neighborhood. With the fresh ideas of the new board members, and seasoned skills of the current board members, next year is shaping up to be a great one for the FMIA.

For those who do not have the time to be a Board Member you can always get involved through committees. The FMIA works best when everyone pitches in so if you have something you are interested in let a board member know. (A list of committees is on page 15) We especially need people to work on the newsletter (ad sales, layout, and proof reading).

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

Gretchen Bomboy

Having been a Marigny resident since 1973 I know our history fairly well. Having served on the Board for years I know its functions well also. When Mayor Barthelemy appointed me to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for six years I had to leave the Board where I had served as newsletter editor, secretary, treasurer and president.

I have been in charge of cleaning the park for the tour for the last several years, and for those of you who may not know me, I am the blond that Chris is always telling to be quiet in the meetings. Often I am too exuberant, but it is because I care so much for this neighborhood and this city. We really need to marshal all of our residents to clean up. Katrina is three years past and we have neighbors who have not cleaned their sidewalks even once since that storm. I personally pull down the illegal posters on my three daily dog walks, and it just does not phase them. We have to work toward forcing City Hall to enforce the city's laws.

Lisa Boudreaux

My name is Lisa Boudreaux. I live in the rectangle. I have been a member of the FMIA going on 3 years. I also own a business in the rectangle: Fleur De Lis Physical Therapy. I thought I could be of service to the Board and our neighborhood as someone who could help others go through process (some would say

ordeal) of opening a small business in our neighborhood. I have learned quite a bit about navigating City Hall and getting all the permits etc that are needed to do business here. I would be happy to share what I have learned with anyone who is thinking of opening a business here.

It's wonderful being able to walk to work and spend your work day with your neighbors. The more services and goods we can provide for ourselves the more cohesive we are as a community. And the more businesses we have open and scattered through the neighborhood, the more eyes we have watching what's going on, and the more people can see what a beautiful place it is here.

With all that is going on with St Claude Avenue and St Roch, we have a wonderful opportunity in the Marigny to create even more of a walkable lifestyle here where you can go days without having to get in your car. To me that is a real measure of a good quality of life, and that is one of the things that attracted me to the Marigny in the first place.

Chris Costello

I have served on the FMIA Board for the last 5 years and am currently serving as president. I'm very interested in remaining on the board so that I can continue to improve our neighborhood while preserving and nurturing the quality-of-life and character of the Marigny.

As an organization we have accomplished a great deal in the last three years. We have continued with our maintenance of Washington Square Park to keep it open for all to enjoy, renovated the playground equipment in the park, installed 2 new Historic Markers in our neighborhood, organized several clean ups, and enjoyed success in our Walking Tour, Caroling and Home Tour events.

My interest in helping to improve the Marigny started in 1998 with the purchase and renovation my home on the corner of Chartres and Mandeville, which earned the 2001 Historic District Landmarks Commission Honor Award.

When not enjoying our neighborhood, I work with my partner John, who owns a public relations firm located in the downstairs of our property.

We are both transplants to New Orleans. John attended Loyola University for his undergraduate, and I attended Tulane for my graduate work. We both fell in love with New Orleans and its culture and decided to make our life here.

Brian Frye

My name is Brian Frye; I work as an Industrial Engineer in the New Orleans. I have served on the FMIA Board for four years, where I have held positions ranging from Vice-President and recently Treasurer. I have lived in the New Orleans area for nine years, where five have been in the Marigny.

I have enjoyed the long hours that FMIA have created for me. Seriously, I'm proud of the activities and accomplishments achieved through the combined effort of many people who contribute to the neighborhood by making the Marigny a great place to live, work and play.

ST. CLAUDE AVENUE MAIN STREET



By Robyn Blanpied, Manger

St. Claude continues to come back, despite Gustav's interruption of Southern Decadence.

As the weather cools off, we are launching our program to help merchants improve their facades. The first project will be to paint the front of Henry's Bakery and Deli at 2313 St. Claude Avenue, starting on September 25.

St. Claude Main Street will buy supplies with help from Henry's, but to maximize funds, we will rely on volunteer labor.

The goal is to have 3 or 4 storefronts painted before the many events of November (Prospect 1, Fringe Festival, Chalk it Up and Good Children parade) to put St. Claude Avenue in the spotlight.

We need people to paint, donations of cash for supplies and renting ladders (as well as insurance.) Not a painter? Come out with cold drinks and help with mixing paint, detail work and general assistants.

To volunteer, or for more information, contact Robyn@stclaudmainstreet.org or at (504)616.7637.



*3rd Annual Walking Tour,
Art Market, Music & Kids Area*



We are less than two months away from our 3rd Annual Walking Tour. We are in the planning stages and need your help. As with our Home and Garden Tour we need volunteers to help plan the event as well as volunteers to help the day of the event.

The planning committees are: Volunteer, Art Market, Walking Tour, Brochure, Music, PR/Media, Photography, Site Logistics, Sales Logistics, and Kids Areas.

On the day of the event, volunteers serve a two hour shift of their choice and help with tasks for the day. They also get a free ticket to the tour.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping out, please contact Reg Medellin at 504 220-7975.



FMIA 2007-8 Audit & 2008-9 Budget

Where did our money go? Where will our money go?

Every year the membership is presented with an Audit of the organization's books and a proposed budget for the coming year. This is an opportunity for the membership to see where our money comes from, goes and will be spent.

Please take a moment to look at the proposed budget and the audit. If you have any questions, please bring them to the meeting.

FMIA Budget 2008-9

Income	
Membership	\$ 5,000.00
HomeTour Tickets	\$ 7,000.00
HomeTour Ads	\$ 1,000.00
WalkingTour Tickets	\$ 5,000.00
Walking Tour Ads	\$ 1,000.00
Caroling Ads	\$ 800.00
Donations	\$ -
Merchandise	\$ 2,000.00
Total Income	\$ 21,800.00
Expenses	
Postage	\$ 900.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,000.00
HomeTour	\$ 3,500.00
WalkingTour	\$ 3,500.00
Caroling	\$ 750.00
Outreach	\$ 1,000.00
Mechandise	\$ 1,500.00
Administrative	\$ 200.00
Advertising	\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 14,850.00

FMIA 2007-8 Audit

INCOME	Total
Membership Dues	\$9,379.53
House Tour	\$6,717.67
Newsletter Ads	\$883.00
Caroling Ads	\$110.00
Donations	\$13,080.03
Merchandise	\$1,487.00
Interest	\$498.65
Total 7-10	\$32,155.88
Segregated	
Save a Tree	\$875.00
Friends of Wash Sq	\$2,797.00
Total 7-10	\$3,672.00
Total Income (1-10)	\$35,827.88
EXPENSES	
Business Expenses	\$850.90
Contract Services	\$619.83
Equipment Rental	\$973.88
Meetings	\$3,902.32
Administrative	\$126.50
Operations	\$12,729.52
Insurance	\$591.39
Total all expenses	\$19,794.34
Beginning Balance	
Total Income	\$35,827.88
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Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



To Stephen Fowlkes for writing grants for FMIA.



To Leigh Crawford for temporarily chairing "Meet the Neighbors", and now we have a new chairperson, Donna Rachal.



To all the people who are using the Blue Mailboxes in the Marigny.



To residents who are recycling.



To residents who are keeping their street lights on which helps reduce crime.



To residents that help keep Washington Square Park clean - a BIG THANK YOU!



To Daisy Comeaux of the Post Office for her cooperation.

ONIONS

To all blighted properties that did not respond to our overtures.



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To residents and businesses who do not have lighting in front of their building.



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NO MORE BLIGHT — Join Us in Our Fight

We have been helping the City cite owners of blighted properties as part of our plan to combat blight. The City made a sweep of our neighborhood using the database of blighted properties we have been compiling. In the near future the Historic District's Landmarks Commission as well as the Environmental Health Department will be having hearings to formally cite these owners.



This is the first step in the process which will lead to the adjudication of the properties if the owners do not bring their properties out of their blight status. We will announce the dates and time of these adjudication hearings as it is important that we show a strong presence at these hearings. The Hearing Officers need to hear how these properties and the continued lack of their maintenance affect our neighborhood and our lives.

Status from 8/27 Adjudication Hearing:

2001-3 Royal Street – Meeting moved to 9/8

2005-7 Royal Street – Meeting moved to 9/8

2604-6 Dauphine Street – Meeting moved to 9/8

These properties are all owned by the same owner and were moved together to have a special meeting.

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.

ABANDONED CARS

For removal of abandoned cars call: 658-2299

DEBRIS PICKUP

For debris pickup, call: 658-2299

Help Us Renovate Washington Square Park

We are still working on raising money to renovate our park. New benches, working drinking fountains, a working gate at Dauphine are on the list. In addition to raising money from the membership we are soliciting money from grant giving sources.

We have raised just over \$3,000 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.

Help us make it a reality. Any and all donations are appreciated. 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 and sent to PO BOX 770080, 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

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Mathew Schwarzman and Miriam Zarsky
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The New Orleans Food Co-op (NOFC) is continuing to grow. They are now 455 strong. Thank you for joining and helping the Food Co-op move that much closer to its goal.

The Food Co-op still needs members. 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.

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!

Beside members, NOFC is looking for volunteers to help more them forward. For more information or to volunteer visit their website or call John Calhoun at 914-6936.

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***Be a part of the Solution:
 Join a Committee***

It is that time of year again and as we wind down the 2007-8 year we diligently prepare for the next. Our accomplishments over the last year are the result of the work of many people who dedicated their time to work on projects that make our neighborhood a better place.

We are looking for more people with new ideas to dedicate some of their time so that we can continue to protect our neighborhood and reach a little bit further towards our goal of making the Marigny a better place to live, work and play.

Committee members are responsible for attending at least one committee meeting, working on projects in the respective areas and promoting the neighborhood. Depending on the committee, members could spend as little as 1 hour a week but your time commitment is up to you. 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.

New Orleans has, throughout her long history, been the Queen City, capital of the Caribbean. The movement of people also meant movement of food. Because of the great love of good food in this city, everyone from every corner of the globe who has something good to eat was welcome at the table.

This month we return to Jamaica for its spicy and delicious curry goat. A dish that has lots of history and multi-cultures in every bite you take. The main flavor comes from the male goat in equal parts with the Indian curry, helped along with the flavor of the scotch bonnet pepper (which is cooked whole in the pot for the flavor, then burst at the end of you want the incredible heat it has, many cooks in Africa do the same thing), Chayote (known in these parts as mirliton), potatoes, carrots, fresh thyme and garlic.

Indians were brought to Jamaica after the slave trade was abolished to provide cheap labor, and they made a great contribution to the food. Curry goat is eaten in 2 ways, with rice and peas, or with Roti, the flat Indian bread, famous in the Caribbean as their version of the Po'Boy, stuffed with curry goat stew.

MENU

- Louisiana Raised Jamaican Style Curry Goat
- Jamaican Rice & Peas
- Festival Bread (Fried Bread close to a hush puppy but better)
- Roasted Creole Tomato Salad
- Corn Meal Cake w Smothered Peaches
- Adults \$10, Children \$5

Vendor Highlights

- Champagne Dreams: Heather Champagne has salad dressings, and pestos
- Dona Blanca: Kathia Duran brings cheese, chorizo, tamales
- Good Earth Farm: Watermelons, peppers
- Monroe Street Bakery: Pistolettes, sweet potato pies, cinnamon rolls, assorted pastries
- Miss Jeanette Bell: Floral arrangements, hot pepper plants, pickled peppers
- George Lafargue: Tomatoes, bell peppers, muscadines, egg-plant, cucumbers.

**DO YOUR PART:
 HURRICANE
 PROTECTION**



The City has been clearing/unclogging the drains over the last month, but they still need us to make sure there are no obstructions so water can properly flow through them.

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Remember, we are in more danger from street flooding if drains are clogged.



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Yours Truly in a Swamp
You Must Remember This, Part Two
 (A version of this story appeared in June of 2005)
 Of Slaves Brothels and Wine
 by
 Leonard Earl Johnson

The House of the Rising Sun

L. A. Norma crushed her cigarette on the kitchen dormer's ledge and dribbled the last of her coffee over the scar. "Coffee, best damn restoration there is." She pulled the window closed, and led us down Squalor Heights' stairs and into a new day in old New Orleans. Our plan was to heel and toe it into the nearby faraway French Quarter and eyeball addresses that might have been, "That house in New Orleans they called The Rising Sun."

Most of us learned about the Rising Sun, in the fabled Sixties and since, from a folk song recorded by Eric Burdon (Animals). The song created a musical Mecca during our college daze. A sort of classroom dream-escape that sometimes led Illinois college boys to drive to New Orleans for a rainy weekend in search of. . .

* * *

After diligent research and a ten-cent martini lunch at Bacco, our recent leg work netted three addresses with possible connections to the House of the Rising Sun. The staid Historic New Orleans Collection owned one of them, at 535-37 rue Conti. It is today a fine and proper exhibition and storage annex to the Collection's Williams Research Center, on rue Chartres. And the cause for much of the current speculation about "that house in New Orleans."

The Williams Research Center was an experience like college might have been for those who actually attended their classes. Hard-but-comfy straight backed wooden chairs sat around well lighted tables, inside a room quiet, clean and serene. Save for the occasional lanky loon bobbing about and bumping into the furniture while in pursuit of his own elusive truths.

"Must you make such a racket?" asked Norma. The lanky youth glared back at her and said, "Yes."

The Williams Center's Pamela D. Arceneaux assured us, with the firm voice of a research librarian, "No ironclad evidence existed of any such Rising Sun ever existing. "

"Not as she would ever know," Norma whispered, with a slight down turn of her eyes and nose.

Arceneaux had been quoted on the subject in many books and magazine articles. It seems that during the annexe's renovation a multitude of rouge pots and wine bottles were found to have been discarded under the building over the past few hundred years. Naive drylanders writing in distant publications concluded these indications of certain la joie de la vie in old New Orleans.

Not so, saith Pamela D. Arceneaux :

"I have made a study of the history of prostitution in New Orleans and have often confronted the perennial question, 'Where is the House of the Rising Sun?' without finding a satisfactory answer.

"Although it is generally assumed that the singer is referring to a brothel, there is actually nothing in the lyrics that indicate that the 'house' is a brothel. Many knowledgeable persons have conjectured that a better case can be made for either a gambling hall or a prison; however, to paraphrase Freud: sometimes lyrics are just lyrics."

Not to mention that one would likely find such discarded pots and bottles under any building in New Orleans.

The second site we found named Rising Sun was an 1800's coffee house, at #9 Old Levee Street -- now 115 Decatur. From personal experience, as a Son of the Sea (more than a century and a half later), we are inclined to place a small bet on this upper Decatur neighborhood being the site.

"It would surely have held similarities to Decatur Street, today," Norma said, as she placed her Camel Cigarette back in its package.

The third site was at 826-32 rue Saint Louis. It is listed in BIZARRE NEW ORLEANS, by Frank G. Fox, as having been owned, from 1862 to 1874, by a Marianne LeSoleil Levant -- a name that loosely translates from French to English as, "Rising Sun." Maybe, but my money is on the coffee shop on Decatur. Or the Williams Research Center's new annex.

The new annex was destroyed by fire in 1822, but had been a hotel by the name of House of the Rising Sun, for the preceding thirteen months. It was a parking garage when purchased by the Historic New Orleans Collection.

History can be a fickle pickle and no more confirming evidence than that exists as to where -- or even if -- such a house existed. We think it did.

"Several of them have always existed," Norma said, as we stepped out onto rue Chartres. She lit a Camel and added, through a plum of cigarette smoke, "ask Senator David Vitter, Republican from Louisiana!"

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Sun., October 19 • 4 - 7 PM
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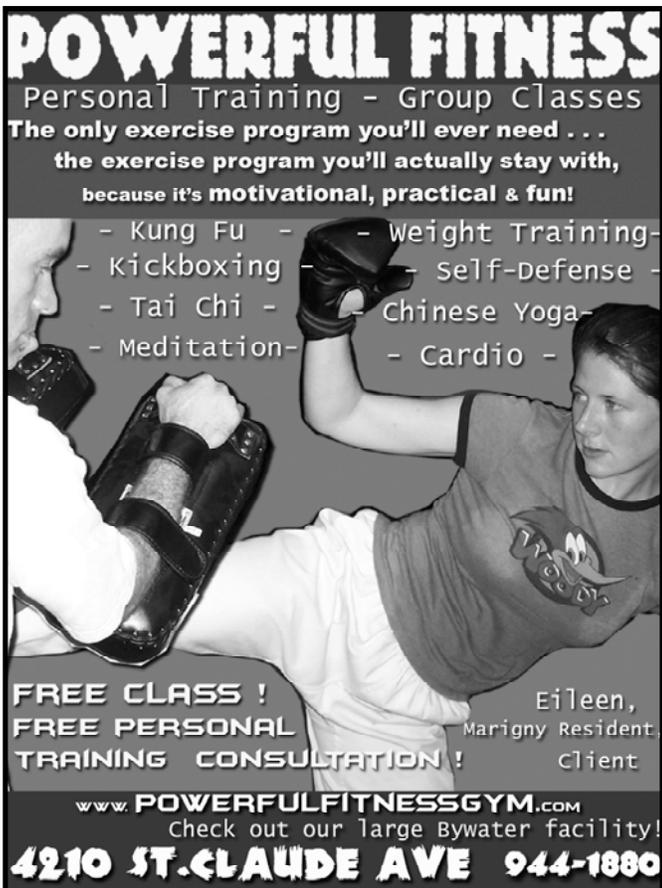
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**FMIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2008**



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Approvals by email –

- Move Board Meeting from 8/6 to 8/13 – Yes
- Letter of Support for grants for Stalling & Independence Parks – Yes
- Letter of Support for Lower-Mid City Residents and Business Owners – Yes

OLD BUSINESS (Active)

- A. **Approval of minutes** from 7/2 Board Meeting
- B. **Projects** – Reinventing the Crescent - Status
- C. **Relief Marigny** – No Status
- D. **Meet the Neighbors** –Donna Rachal, our new Chairperson has scheduled the next Meet the Neighbors at Feelings, September 9th at 6:30.
- E. **Visibility of Marigny:** Discussion to include our logo: Faubourg Marigny a great place to live, work and play.
- F. **Historic Markers** –Two Markers have Suburb not Faubourg. Dean Reynolds said it is right and it was approved. Dean is writing an article for the newsletter to explain the wording.
- G. **Blighted/Vacant Property** – HDLC sited Thorick's properties. There are fifty properties that have been sited by HDLC.
- H. **Issues:**
 - a. 2106 Chartres – Jericho's /Lazziza - The City Attorney is being proactive regarding the complaints by neighbors.
 - b. 525 Frenchmen – No Status
 - c. 2705-7 Decatur – No Status
- I. **Insurance Policy** – No Status
- J. **Office Space** – Searching for an appropriate space.
- K. **Yearly Agenda** – In process.
- L. **Riverfront Alliance:** Waiting for a respond from CPC.
- M. **Grant Writer:** Stephen sent a letter of inquiry to the Getty. He also sent an inquiry to the Belo Foundation, WWL TV out of Dallas. This organization is interested in urban parks. Stephen contacted the local affiliate, Bob Brown. The money allocated would be for planning, landscaping and fence. Debbie McClain, a grant writer read Stephen's proposal and approved. Thank you Stephen for all your diligence and hard work.
- N. **T-shirts Idea:** Ideas were presented.
- O. **Marigny Advertising:** Radio/Brochure no status
- Q. **RDO Changes:** No Status
- R. **Board Member Responsibilities:** In process
- S. **Enforcement issue:** No status

OLD BUSINESS (In-active)

- A. **Issues:**
 - a. 2100 Burgundy (Fred Morgan)
- B. **Projects:**
 - a. Mandeville Fire Station: No Status
 - b. AIDS Memorial for WSP: The proposal given by the Aids Committee to FMIA has many areas not addressed such as perpetual care, monies already obtained, fundraising, insurance, contract with FMIA, City, and Parks and Parkways, and installation of the memorial. This is being addressed by the Aids Committee to be resubmitted to FMIA.

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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NEW BUSINESS

A. **Next Board Meeting? Sept 10th** Chris: Motion to move to Sept 10th Second: Stephen will host and location to be announced.

B. **Pres Kabakoff re Development** at N Rampart & Esplanade: There are problems with building apartments. Therefore subsidies are needed. LA housing provides tax credits with guidelines and time restraints. Kabakoff has built 37 artists live/work units in the Bywater. He is considering another project on Rampart and Espanade(28,550 sq. ft.) which would be four stories (not to exceed 50 ft.) mixed income with 77 apartments, covered ground floor parking 1 per unit with responsible rents. Gary Meadows said that the site plan includes vehicular access, a possible retail component, green space, and loading docks. The center opened air court has entrances to the units. Sixty-five one bedroom (613 sq. ft. and the other twelve units (900 sq. ft.) are two bedrooms. David Abbenante said that 60 % would be affordable housing which would require screening and background check and 31 units would be market rate. Gene asked if there are shutters or shade film on the windows, landscaping to include trees, is the allowed height of 50 ft. inclusive of the AC units ,and would the units be sold for condos? He felt that the mixed income is good. Esplanade is a tight street and to have ingress and egress could be a traffic flow problem and they are thinking of different solutions to address this issue. Pres: The zoning is B1 A FAR -30 apts which would not work. He said they could apply for a plan urban community to change the FAR. The proposed ceiling height is 10 ft. Chris: Where are the AC units located? A: They will be kept off the main roof and never seen. Chris: Motion We would support the concept and if they continue to comply with the entire zoning ordinance and continue working on the concerns discussed. Second: Leigh VOTE: Unanimous

C. **2121 Chartres:** Jose Font Jfont@fontinternational.com 786-256-8250. Jose Font came to discuss his project and wants our blessings. His project is to build a residential hotel (100 1 bedroom suites) and "community hotel". He said as a hotel with a certain design the zoning allowed is 60 ft. and he is asking for an additional height variance of 10 ft. They want to have 1 bedroom suites and people could live their on short term basis, like short term stay. The other suite rentals would be destination travelers. They said that they felt the suites are a good value -\$137 for the 1 bedroom suite and 3-6 months stay \$1500 a month. Jose Font said he been working with the city for 1 ? yrs. and has entered into a purchase agreement on August 1, 2008. It is his opinion that he can incorporate the essence of the community. It goes against the traditional hotel mode but he wants to respect the community. QUESTIONS: 1) How much parking? A: One level with 50 spaces for 100 rooms and he said has the advantage of the parking across the street but has not looked into the feasibility of the parking lots. 2) What are your plans for construction? A: Preserve the wall and his idea is to tear down the rest. The design is like the Chartres Cathedral with colored glass atrium. He wants input of local artists. 3) Do you have other hotels? A: He said he has no other hotels. 4) Who are the architects? A: The local architect is Terrell Fabacher and the Miami architect is A. Rodriquiry Walling. 5) Our focus is the preservation of the neighborhood and any project has to fit within the zoning. A: Mr. Font said that one of the problem is you have to have 100 units to have 1/1 parking. The zoning is HMC2. Jose said he thinks it is an iso-

lated corner and is a logical place to do this project. Chris concluded the discussion by thanking him for coming and suggested that he makes his project profitable within the required zoning. MOTION: To write City Council stating our objections to the plan as it was presented. Second: Reg Vote: Unanimous

D. **Public Art in Washington Square Park.** Jeff Becker, jeff.becker@earthlink.net artist and faculty of NOCCA. Through Marie Lamb of CAC and Joan Mitchell Foundation, a grant was given to NOCCA, Jeff Becker level 3 students to create a structure in the circle on the Elysian Field side. It would go around the existing planter (16 ft by 16 ft). The idea is to have the students create a game structure. The theme would be urban fossils of 32 tiles 2 ft sq. where water would shed off. These tiles would be set in sand and could stay for 3 years; it would be a semi-permanent. The students would work with blue foam, carve the grooves, design the fossils, make the molds for casting in concrete. It would be a unifying line. Questions: 1) Gene: Does it have to be in Washington Square Park? A: Jeff: Yes 2) Gene: We are afraid to start a precedence. Maybe there is another location such as Colton. 3) Chris: We don't want Washington Square Park to become a monument park. A: Jeff: The reason is Washington Square Park is close to NOCCA. He said, "I want to teach the students how to work with the neighborhood". 4) Gene: Will you have the approval of the City? It gets complicated. A: Marie Lamb said that it was approved by Parks and Parkway. Discussion: There are mixed feelings. We all know it is important to support NOCCA. The parameter is a good place for art. A major objection is that more green space is given to concrete. It was said that the Aids Memorial would be the only sculpture. Motion: For the approval of the temporary installation of the NOCCA Level 3 students supervised by Jeff Becker to be place on the Elysian Fields side in the circle which has the concrete urn. This motion includes the opportunity for the Board to approve the mock up before the tiles are casted in concrete. This art would be a temporary installation for one year with a designated date of removal. An evaluation by the Board at the end of the contract for an additional year is feasible. There must be a formal agreement drawn up by NOCCA's attorney with the necessary approvals from the City, Parks and Parkways, and FMIA, structured maintenance, schedule of weeding and cleaning the area by the teacher and students, and insurance. Second: Stephen Vote: FOR 5 NO 2 and 1 undecided

E. **Get Marigny Green:** Get Marigny Green : The working 1st proposal presented by Deborah Oppenheim and Andy Gallagher is to promote the concept: Get Marigny Green with these areas highlighted: 1) Recycle: to include all recycling and re-"cycle" (bikes) 2) ReLeaf : Plant trees 3) RePlant: Urban gardens and flowers in front of houses 4) Relight : Energy bulbs (Green Light) solar 5) Re-educate – Outreach for adults and children.

F. **CANO- Creative Alliance of New Orleans** Charles J. Colton Jr. High School, 2300 St. Claude Ave. NOLA 70117. Jeanne Nathan jnyno@aol.com and Sarah Hess Sarahkhess@gmail.com. The program will provide studio spaces for artists, musicians, producers, and cultural organizations with exhibitions and performances to be presented throughout the life of the project. There will be large spaces for joint exhibits as well as a 1,100 seat theater for musical, film and video productions. The studios are expected to open in September 2008 and presentations to begin Nov 1, 2008



for Prospect 1. The artists of the community need to be involved in Prospect 1 and have an opportunity to showcase their work. CANO's primary goal is to expand the creative industries for economic opportunities of our community and to sustain the culture of New Orleans. The artists can sell their work. It is also an education site which will foster collaboration, innovation, and education improvising. Each artist is required to do something collaborative and work with RSD students. CANO will be a workbook for the RSD schools. CANO will be the host organization. The agreement for Colton is with Paul Vallas, Recovery Schools and CANO through May 2009. The utilities will be covered by the RFD schools. Motion: Chris To give a \$500 Donation Second: Stephen VOTE: YES

G. **Stop Sign at Royal & St. Ferdinand:** There was a Stop Sign on Royal St. at St. Ferdinand. Speeding and accidents have become a problem without the stop sign. MOTION: To investigate the replacement of a stop sign at this location. Second: Gene VOTE: Unanimous

H. **Audit/Budget Committee:** An Auditor needed.

I. **Nominations Committee:** Lisa Boudreaux, Gretchen Bomboy, Brian Frye, Chris Costello; Gene Cizek Past Pres.

J. **Conflict of Interest Committee:** Looks at the past years on the projects that we voted on.

K. **Go through committee reports:**

L. **NPN Gil Benedik** gill@npnnola.org and Dorian Hastings dorianh@ntccra Neighbors Partnership Network Tiland Sams, Executive Director. NPN currently has 35 neighborhood associations, 37 Non Profits. They have workshops and outreach programs. The other resource is the Trumpet, a bi-monthly community magazine www.NPNNOLA.COM. Dorian said, "NPN is trying to get the neighborhood groups to be in the forefront. We need to speak together with unity of all neighborhoods. We would like you to become a member". Questions: 1) funding? A: Blue Moon Fund, Greater New Orleans Foundations and sponsors. Each member receives a Best Practices Binder. 2) Chris: Who makes up the Board and how are they chosen? A: The Board is made of 13 people - 5 members from the previous and 8 are nominated. 3) Please e-mail the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation. A: Ok 4) Gene: My concern is about the riverfront and how would you handle this? This is the issue of zoning and this affects all neighborhoods. A: They could back up with the zoning issue but answer was vague. 5) Deborah: How many meetings, workshops, and forums? A: One workshop a month and two hot topic forums and he mentioned they could have a forum on zoning. NPN Bylaws state that they have to have two meetings a year. Motion: To investigate this more and get information requested. Second: Reg VOTE: unanimous

M. 8th and 5th District information for newsletter.

Treasurer – Status

Newsletter – Orchids

- Stephen Fowlkes, writing grants for FMIA
- Leigh Crawford for temporarily chairing Meet the Neighbors and now we have a new Chairperson, Donna Rachal
- All the people who are using the Blue Mail Boxes in the Marigny.
- Residents who are recycling
- Residents who are keeping their street lights on which helps reduce crime
- The residents that help keep Washington Square Park clean - A big thank you

Onions:

- Dog owners who do not pick up
- People who throw their trash on the ground

FMIA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2008

7:15 Chris opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

- **Candidate Leon Cannizzaro running for District Attorney and Candidate Kenya J.H. Smith for U.S. House District 2 presented.**

Announcements:

- 1) **Dave Goodine:** “ **CampWinnetka**”, a play will be performed on August 30th at 7pm and August 31 at 3:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran. This fundraiser is for the muscular dystrophy children's camp. For information call 504-945-3741.
- 2) **Riverfront:** Through letters and meetings our voice has been heard. The FMIA will continue to monitor this process to make sure we are protected from the potential issues that would affect our quality of life.
- 3) **T-shirt and Mugs are available.**
- 4) **Blight:** There are at least 50 properties in our neighborhood that are being sited or will be sited by HDLC. The process: The owners will be give notification which means demolition by neglect. The owner can fix the property within a given period of time. The next step would be adjudication. We have been able to make some headway. Jim Thorrick and has 13 properties which are blighted and he is coming up for adjudication in Aug. and Sept. GARY: When the owner is fined, does this goes on their tax record? A: Howard said, Yes, and it is also important to look at unpaid taxes and liens on his properties. Diane: Has Thorick paid for his fine. A: Howard said he gets different answers from different people. Maggie: Is the house at 2600 Royal St. on the list? A: Yes and heard that the owner might be in bankruptcy. Chris: How do find the mortgage company? A: City Hall Marshall: Are fire codes helpful? A: As we know, the owner gets fined but there is no enforcement.
- 5) **Meet the Neighbors** at the Friendly Bar. We have a new chair, Donna Rachal and she has great ideas for the fall. Please join us at Feelings Caf^e September 9th 6:30 – 8:30
- 6) **September 6th VOTE:** 2nd Congressional Districts candidates are: James Carter, Helena Moreno, Cedric Richmond, William Jefferson, Troy Carter and Byron Lee.
- 7) **Rhonda Findley** info@fundrockn.com David Gordon at 2500 block of Burgundy was hit at 12:30pm on August 6, 2008 at Congress and St. Claude. Rhonda said that David can not walk and has no insurance. The suspect left the scene of the accident. An eye witness gave the 5th District the model of the car, the license plate number, where the car was located, and where the person was staying. She said she is frustrated because the police have not done a thorough investigation. There is only one person for the hit



and run division of the police force. Please contact John Humphries jhumphries@metropolitancrimecommission.org and express your concern.

- 8) The **memorial for Willa Kleppinger** is August 24 after morning service at St. Paul Lutheran.
- 9) **Third Annual Walking Tour** is **October 19th**. Volunteers are needed for the following areas: planners, tour guides, art market, music, advertising, public relations, and event day activities. Please call Reg for more details.
- 10) **Nomination Chair Gary de Leumont** read the nominations for the Board: Chris Costello, Brian Frye, Lisa Boudreaux, and Gretchen Bomboy. There were no nominations from the floor and nominations are closed. The election meeting is September 15th. There are four Board positions needed
- 11) Marguerite congratulated **Chris Costello for receiving the Young Leadership Council Award**. A big round of applause for Chris for his hard work, leadership, and commitment to FMIA.
- 12) **FYI**: Look at your tax assessment on line.

The meeting ended 8:20pm

**FMIA BOARD MEETING Minutes
July 2, 2008**

Chris opened the meeting at 7:00 Attendance: Reg, Ron, Brian, Leigh, Stephen, Deborah and absence Gene and Marshall.

Approvals by email:

Letter of Support for St. Claude Cultural District – Yes
Letter of Support for Lower-Mid City Residents and Business Owners – Yes

OLD BUSINESS (*Active*)

- A. **Approval of minutes** from 6/4 Board Meeting & 6/16 General Meeting
- B. **Projects** – Reinventing the Crescent: The State has no money for Reinventing the Crescent due to the needed infrastructure of devastated areas. It is on hold.
- C. **Relief Marigny**: No Status
- D. **Meet the Neighbors**: July 8 DBA Gone Fishing in August! See you at the next Meet the Neighbors in September.
- E. **Visibility of Marigny**: Banners: Chris talked to a designer and is working on an image.
- F. **Historic Markers**: The last step now is to place the markers. Chris asked for help with heavy lifting.
- G. **Blighted/Vacant Property**: Chris will get the data base from Howard and update the information.
- H. **Issues**:
 - a. 2106 Chartres : Sent a complaint letter to the State. There will be an investigation. The Timeframe is 45 days. FMIA appreciates the help of Officer Jones. Nolan Lambert, Criminal Justice Chief Deputy City Attorney will

conduct the hearing.

- b. Dauphine Bar/Restaurant Nighthawks : The neighbors have asked about their permits and license to operate legally.
- c. 525 Frenchmen: No status
- d. 2705-7 Decatur: No status
- I. **Insurance Policy**: No status
- J. **Office Space**: St Claude is where we are looking for Office Space.
- K. **Yearly Agenda**: In progress
- L. **Riverfront Alliance**: More discussion on developments that will impact our neighborhood and research the legalities of a Community Benefits Agreements.
- M. **Grant Writer** : Debbie /Stephen Stephen's aim is to have a draft by September Board Meeting and announced his grant to the September General Meeting. Stephen explained that various grants have deadlines and requirements such as a comprehensive plan which includes fundraising. Tech Soup an organization is a clearing house for all software for non-profits. Tech Soup has the ability to give discounted rates to non-profits and get all software titles and computers. NOZA is a data base of 34 million gift givers. The cost to join is \$99. NOZA gives FMIA access to 4,175 charitable givers that we can use to submit grants. Motion for Stephen to investigate and pay the fee if it is worth while. Second Chris. Vote: Unanimous

- N. **T-shirts Idea** : No status
- O. **Marigny Advertising Radio/Brochure**: A suggestion was given to market FMIA merchandise through the B& B directory and includes our Calendar of Events.
- P. **5th District Police Staffing**: Sent a letter supporting 5th District and more staff.
- Q. **RDO Changes**: In process
- R. **Board Member Responsibilities**: Ron and Chris are working on this.
- S. **Grant writing**: Stephen needs to talk with Ann McDonald of Parks and Parkways to discuss a Community Benefit Agreement.
- T. **Enforcement Issues**: Enforcement is needed to ensure the quality of life for the residents. Having the businesses operate with the proper license allows for a copasetic relationship between businesses and residents.

OLD BUSINESS (*In-active*)

- A. **Issues**:
 - a. 2100 Burgundy: Police was called regarding incidents which lead to an arrest.
- B. **Projects**:
 - a. Mandeville Fire Station: No status
 - b. AIDS Memorial for Washington Square Park: Council-at-Large Arnie Fielkow sent an e-mail and will donate \$5,000 of the Harrod's Fund to the Aids Memorial. Perpetual care is a concern and needs to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Next Board Meeting?** At Chris August 8th
- B. **Issues**:
 - Message from a Marigny resident:. There are people in Washington Square Park that are doing indecent activities

near the playground area. Ron and Leigh suggested that plaques be placed on the benches to read: Reserve for Children and their Caretakers. This behavior is unacceptable and called Officer Jones, Quality of Life for 8th District. VOTE: unanimous to have plaques placed on the benches near the playground equipment

C. **New Computer:** LAP TOP with the organization call Tech Soup /Pen Drive VOTE: Unanimous

D. **Walking Tour : October 19, 2008** We need a point person and Reg volunteered.

E. **Blue Mail Boxes:** We need to do something about getting more Blue Mail Boxes. Members and residents need to remind the Post Office where the Blue Mail boxes were located.

F. **Board Members:** Elections for Board Members is for the September Meeting. The term ends for Marshall, Leigh, Brian and Chris.

G. **District C Meeting** with Mayor Nagin and his executive cabinet staff, Ed Blakely, and Councilman J. Carter. Chris and Reg attended the meeting. Chris eloquently spoke to the group on these issues: Enforcement, blighted property/preservation, and crime.

H. **Go through committee reports:**

I. **Solar event with the neighborhood:** Tim Coats www.all4energy.org is interested in having an event. This parallels our plan to Get Marigny Green.

J. A suggestion was made to keep a list of all movies made in the Marigny.

K. **Newsletter** – Orchids/Onions

Orchids: Jim Crawford for picked up the mail Officer Jones Daisy Comeaux of Post Office, Washington Square Park clean-up Krewe, Parks and Parkways for their contribution for keeping Washington Square Park beautiful and Sheriff Marlin Gusman and his krewe for helping clean the park for the Home Tour.

ONIONS: All blighted properties that did not respond to our overtures; Businesses and residents who do not respect their neighbors; Residents and businesses who do not have lighting in front of their building.



Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Ed and Carla Kleppinger for the passing of Willi Kleppinger.

Meeting ended at 10:11

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