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39th Annual Faubourg Marigny Home Tour

By Deborah Oppenheim

Featuring Artists in Residence, Concert and Art Market

The Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association (FMIA) announces a new spin on the annual Home and Garden Tour called "Artists in Residence" on **May 15 Noon-4 pm**. The participating artists live in the historic Faubourg Marigny Rectangle and will open their homes, studios, and gardens. Among these will be renowned painters **George Rodrigue** and **James Michalopoulos**; award-winning filmmakers **Jim Gabour**, producer/director of the Grammy nominated film *Flow* with **Terence Blanchard**, and of the worldwide No. 1 music DVD, "Norah Jones: Live in New Orleans"; **Glen Pitre**, author, director, playwright, and screenwriter celebrating 25 years of *Belizaire the Cajun*, *Hurricane on the Bayou*, *Cigarettes & Nylons* and collaborator with wife **Michele Benoit** in a variety of medias; authors **Troy Gilbert**, (Dinner with Tennessee Williams), **Jerry Edgar** (The Café Degas Cookbook), and **David Lummis** (The Coffee Shop Chronicles of New Orleans).

The foremost purpose of this expanded event is to honor the late Lloyd Sensat, an active resident of the Faubourg Marigny as well as a teacher, artist, author, tour guide, devoted preservationist, and long-time member of the FMIA, who took part in neighborhood events dressed as the colorful namesake developer, Bernard de Marigny. Bill Hyland, a descendant of Bernard de Marigny said, "Lloyd could be seen almost daily walking in the streets of the Marigny leading a tour talking about the city he loved. He was an unmistakable sight; a jaunty walker with a full head of curly white hair (with a pitch helmet in summer), dressed in



River House 625 Marigny Street

white linen slacks and shirt and vintage suspenders."

Washington Square Park (Royal and Frenchmen Streets) is the epicenter of the Home Tour experience. From 10:00 am–4:00 pm an *art market* and *musical performances* by local talent will be featured. Tour-goers can purchase tickets from 11 am–3 pm on May 15 for the self-guided walking tour or visit www.faubourgmarigny.org. As you purchase your ticket, register to win the door prize and you could win three nights at *River House*, a luxury guest house in the Faubourg Marigny,

the magnificent home of author David Lummis, *Coffee Shop Chronicles of New Orleans* and his book's narrator. Amazing items such as signed books and prints, DVD's, and gift certificates from local businesses are available by purchasing raffle tickets during the event at Washington Square Park. For raffle rules and regulations go to www.coffeeshopchronicles.net.

River House will host a book signing in its Marigny Street garden and courtyard as **Zazou City** plays New Orleans Gypsy Jazz. Featured at this event will be numerous neighborhood authors, with **Faubourg Marigny Art & Books** (FAB) as the official bookseller. Adding to the festivities, **Sonoma Valley Vineyard Fess Parker Winery** will provide its newly created wine, "The Big Easy" and local eateries will provide light refreshments.

Two local companies are sponsoring the FMIA's "Artists in Residence" 39th Home and Garden Tour, **Positive Vibrations Foundation**, and **River House Publishing**. Positive Vibrations, www.positivevibrationsfoundation.org is a non-profit whose mission is to seek peace and unity through development and preservation of arts, music, culture, and heritage. River House Publishing, www.coffeeshopchronicles.com a division of New Orleans-based Marigny Research Group, Inc., is the publisher of *The Coffee Shop Chronicles of New Orleans* trilogy, Parts 2 and 3 of which will be released in 2011 and 2112, respectively.

Visit www.faubourgmarigny.org for additional information about the 39th Annual Home and Garden Tour, FMIA, and the historic Faubourg Marigny.

May 15th Home Tour Schedule

10:00 am – 4:00 pm —

Art Market and music in the park

10:00 am – 4:00 pm —

Kids Activity Area

11:00 am — Music starts

11:00 am – 3:00 pm — Tour tickets

available in Washington Square Park

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm —

Home & Garden Tour

After Party

3 pm - 10 pm — Free food and music

at Den of Muses, 2716 Royal Street

See page 2 for details.

Home Tour After-Party

**The Den of Muses
 (home of the Krewe du Vieux)
 at 2716 Royal Street is having an
 "Open Den" after-party
 3-10 pm, Sunday, May 15
 following the Home Tour.**

It is a great extension of the FMIA tour to view the Krewe du Vieux floats up close and personal and to stay for music, food, beer and other beverages — all free. The Den of Muses will also be open to everyone else in the neighborhood. Since the fire in August 2009, this will be only the second time it has been open to the public. The first time was the Fringe Festival mid-November last year.

The music line-up thus far includes solo and duet performances by master guitarist **Jimmy Robinson** and **Bouzouki Queen Beth Patterson**. Jimmy's band, **Woodenhead**, and the **Ol' Man River Band** will also perform. Guitarist **Brint Anderson** (of George Porter's Runnin' Pardners) will be a special guest. Other musicians are expected to drop in and play. It will also be a 60th birthday party for Ray "Plaine" Kern, former Captain of the Krewe du Vieux, who will be hitting the new 50.



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About the Newsletter

Les Amis de Marigny is the newsletter of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, a 501(c) non-profit, all-volunteer organization committed to the preservation of the unique architectural and cultural heritage of our historic district, and to improving the quality of life in our diverse community. Contents, editorials and opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the official views of the FMIA, its Board or its members. The FMIA does not warrant the legality of any business advertised in its newsletter. Contents of *Les Amis de Marigny* are copyrighted. Permission to reprint any of the newsletter, including photographs and original artwork, must be obtained from the editor and/or byline columnist.

Manuscripts, photographs and articles dealing with topics of interest to the Marigny neighborhood are encouraged. The editor reserves the right to reject submissions including editorial and advertising content. Submissions must be received by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the next month's issue. Send contributions to: FMIA Newsletter, 2401 Burgundy St., Box 10, NOLA 70117 or editor@faubourgmarigny.org.

The newsletter is published each month except August and January. Back issues are available online at www.faubourgmarigny.org.



Vice President's Report

By Jim Farr

Here goes.....What a month it has been since I accepted the Chair of the FMIA Board. After verifying that our Special Meeting of the Board could take place, we decided to meet and review the findings of the Committee set up to speak with the President and Treasurer of the FMIA, regarding their recent incident.

For a group of Board Members that are supposed to be a tight clique, we sure had a lot to listen to and discuss. As this process continues, I need to let you all know that, even though we are all very different as individuals, we all listened very carefully to the information provided from the interview process.

I don't think that any Board Member asked any of the other Board Members if he or she believed one person or the other, but rather, what additional information could be shed from dealings with each of the two individuals? After almost 2-1/2 hours spent in the process, it was clear that there were resolutions that needed to take place.

It was very difficult for me, as a recent Member of the Board, to hear from several Board Members about the consistent lack of follow-through on the part of an Officer of the Board. We couldn't understand why someone who professes to care about the FMIA and its activities could allegedly attempt to malign it.

Please understand that several Board Members spoke individually about their failure to receive information about accounting activities that were supposed to have been straight forward, i.e., strictly dollars and cents. Also, please

understand that all Board Members did not read all of the blogs out there, nor did they read all of the information published by a local periodical.

It was decided by unanimous vote that the Board of the FMIA would relieve the Treasurer of her duties for failure to perform the fiduciary responsibilities of the position. It was unanimously agreed that the Treasurer would be notified via email and registered mail of her being relieved of her duties and requested to turn in the FMIA laptop and passwords as soon as possible.

It was unanimously agreed that Ken Caron would assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer's position, commencing immediately. It was discussed and agreed that the FMIA would seek to have a certified audit by an independent auditor as quickly as it can.

We are still working on getting our laptop returned without incident. How could an officer of the Board believe that it was her right to keep the laptop indefinitely and not give it over to her successor so that he could familiarize himself with using the software? Could keeping the laptop allow for additional shenanigans to take place with more FMIA accounting activities appearing on various blog sites?

I've spoken to some of the past Presidents of the FMIA and they have assured me that this too shall pass!!!! Every member of the FMIA Board stands ready to help with all of the issues that confront our members and our neighborhood on a daily basis. Often through conflicts comes a new resolve to continue the great work that the FMIA has done in the past.

511 Marigny Street

By Donna Wakeman

511 Marigny Street, the home of Plan B and others is being proposed as a mixed residential/commercial building, stirring controversy in the neighborhood. Julian Mutter, owner of Doerr Furniture, plans 55 apartments, with eight of them being live/work studios on the ground floor and having street access.

Additionally, there will be two commercial spaces with street access. The plans call for 36 parking spaces for the 55 units, two-thirds of which will have two bedrooms, and 50 bicycle spaces. The plans also call for the parking spaces to be rented separately for \$125.00 per month, raising the possibility that few of them will be used.

This project requires zoning changes, including a waiver on a substantial number of parking spaces. Protocol calls for such projects to be presented to neighborhood organizations in advance of formal applications to the city for such changes,

allowing time for problems to be worked out. A hearing was held by the City Planning Council on April 12, six days after the plan was first presented to the FMIA board and before the plan was presented to the FMIA general membership.

Near neighbors of 511 Marigny present at the FMIA General Meeting expressed their dismay at the great reduction in parking spaces. Unfortunately, the waiver and changes had already been approved, despite a request by the FMIA for deferral of the hearing to allow for the traditional neighborhood input process.

The project has also been fast-tracked onto the City Council Agenda for finalization of all the changes to city zoning it requires. It was scheduled for May 5, but the FMIA has successfully obtained a deferral until June 2. This deferral will allow time for neighbors to express their concerns and objections (or support as the case may be) to our Councilmember, Kristin Gisleson Palmer.

NO MORE BLIGHT

By Alexandre Vialou

In this month's column, I'd like to thank all those who have taken the effort of renovating their blighted properties in 2010.

Nowadays we all expect blighted properties in our neighborhood to be remedied. Yet this high expectation wasn't so clear several decades ago.

Among the first volunteers of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association (FMIA) there were many who were instrumental in fixing properties that were derelict. The FMIA has worked to help further the restoration of many houses in our neighborhood and prevented the demolition of many historically significant properties.

More recently the FMIA has also championed a special zoning change that allows corner properties to be used as commercial space hence increasing the odds that these properties would be restored.

So here it goes.

- Thank you to the owners of 1032 Frenchmen Street (see picture)
- 2729 North Rampart Street
- 1930 Saint Claude Avenue
- 2400 Saint Claude Avenue
- 2812 Saint Claude Avenue
- 2140 Royal Street

Please let me know (blight@faubourgmarigny.org) of any I may have missed, and they will be included in a future column.



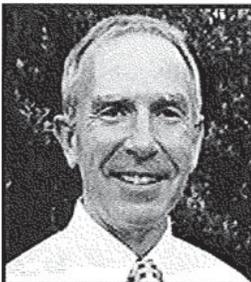
1032 Frenchmen Street before and after.



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NONPAC Meetings

5th District Report *By John Lockett*

The meeting was opened by the new 5th District Commander, Christopher Goodly. He stated that he was honored to be appointed to his new post, and complimented former Commander Bernadine Kelly for her work over the last five years and the assistance she has given him in handing over the District.

Commander Goodly introduced his new staff, and said that starting at once officers will be walking beats five days a week. Please introduce yourself if you see an officer in your neighborhood.

18 abandoned cars have been tagged since the last meeting. Commander Goodly said that there have been a number of firearms confiscated, and arrests were made in each case.

Wes Taylor, of the Code Enforcement Office, discussed blight and code enforcement and said that the mayor has committed to removing 10,000 blighted properties in the next three years.

The next Crime Walk will take place in the Bywater on April 27.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

8th District Report

A volunteer is needed to attend and report on the 8th District NONPAC meetings. Contact volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org if interested.



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- 🌸 Lisa Tabb for her work with Meet the Neighbors
- 🌸 Ken Caron for all his weekly hours of volunteering
- 🌸 Sam Armstrong for the outstanding job he has done with ads
- 🌸 Congratulations to Colonel Bernadine Kelly for her promotion — FMIA welcomes the new Commander Colonel Christopher Goodly
- 🌸 John Lockett for his daily litter pick up
- 🌸 Bobby Moffett for carrying a bag and daily picking up litter as he is exercising in the neighborhood

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How To Be Legal

By Arin Clark Adkins

In a letter to Cultural Economy Stakeholders, C. Scott Hutcheson, Advisor to the Mayor for Cultural Economy stated, "all events, all vendors, and all promoters require permits of some kind." Hutcheson says the March 25, 2011 letter was mailed to 1,500 cultural economy stakeholders such as artists, non-profits, cultural businesses and neighborhood associations. Hutcheson wants to get the word out that the City supports the cultural economy and wants to provide assistance to those who participate in it.

The City of New Orleans Bureau of Revenue is attempting to streamline the process of obtaining city permits and licenses. A permit is required any time an organized public function is held. When a permit is not in order, the alternative requirement for any business is a license. Permits and licenses are important because through them the City can attempt to enforce safety and other standards deemed necessary through public policy.

Consistent with the spirit of New Orleans, the Bureau of Revenue and Hutcheson's office want to encourage cultural events, and as a result want obtaining the necessary permits and licenses to be easy. Hutcheson states in his letter, "[t]he City of New Orleans greatly values the contributions that artists and the cultural community make to our economy. We have worked to create an atmosphere where the cultural economy and its stakeholders can flourish."

Occupational License

All businesses need an occupational license from the Bureau of Revenue. If you own or operate a business of any kind and have never applied for or received an occupational license, the website www.nola.gov/Business/Bureau-of-Revenue offers the necessary Schedule A registration and revenue forms. License renewal is also available on-line. For those who prefer to complete hard copies, the necessary forms can be downloaded from the website and mailed in.

Sales Tax

The Sales Tax form 8070 is required for all businesses. This too is available on-line, as well as an on-line portal that allows payment of tax. Anyone offering a product or service in exchange for profit is required to file the 8070 and to pay the indicated tax. However, original works of art are exempt from state sales tax in any of the Cultural Products Districts in Orleans Parish. St Claude Avenue is defined as one of New Orleans' 17 Cultural Districts. Those businesses that qualify for the tax exemption still must file the sales tax form 8070 and state the exemption. According to the Bureau of Revenue, original works of art for the tax exemption include:

- Visual art: not limited to but including drawing, painting, sculpture, clay, ceramics, glass, fiber, leather, metal, paper, wood, installation art, light sculpture, wearable art, or mixed media

- Art made by the hand of the artist or under his direction
- Art not intended for mass production
- Limited, numbered editions (up to 100) of lithographs, photography, silk screen, intaglios, etchings and graphic design
- Ineligible media and products include performing arts, food products, live plants, music recordings, and reproductions of original art works

Special Events

Special events require special events permitting, including but not limited to, fairs, festivals, carnivals, circuses, road shows, trade shows, concerts, displays, exhibitions, Mardi Gras, and Christmas tree lots. For such gatherings the host must obtain both a "Promoter License" and a "Mayoral Permit" from the Bureau of Revenue.

Fees can be waived for not-for-profit events by requesting a "Non-profit Exemption." Vendors who sell merchandise at an event need a "Trade Show Vendor License." This costs \$50.00 per January – December calendar year and is valid at any market or event.

Philosophy of Engagement

In his letter to Cultural Economy Stakeholders, C. Scott Hutcheson states, "The City and the Landrieu administration are committed to growing the cultural economy and providing an infrastructure that supports it." With this philosophy, both his office and the Bureau of Revenue are striving to encourage all businesses and cultural venues to participate in the economy and prosper.

For more information call the Bureau of Revenue at 504-658-1655 and 504-658-1666 or visit them at 1300 Perdido Street Room 1W15, New Orleans, LA 70112. Additionally, C. Scott Hutcheson offers further assistance from his office. Alison Gavrell is the Cultural Economy Project Coordinator and can be reached at 504-658-0907, or via email at aegavrell@nola.gov.

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Secondhand Marketplace

Mark your calendars! LINCNewOrleans is holding their semi-annual fundraiser in the form of a neighborhood yard sale. The event will be held **June 25**, 9 am – until, in the courtyard of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Marigny (corner of Port and Burgundy).

There are sure to be great deals and exciting finds. They are collecting donations from all over the city and everything must go.

Donations are also welcome and greatly appreciated. If you are interested in donating please contact jennysavely@gmail.com for more information.

Please come out to support the work of this city-wide network that seeks to be a catalyst for justice and empowerment that builds stronger New Orleans communities; block by block, one neighborhood at a time.

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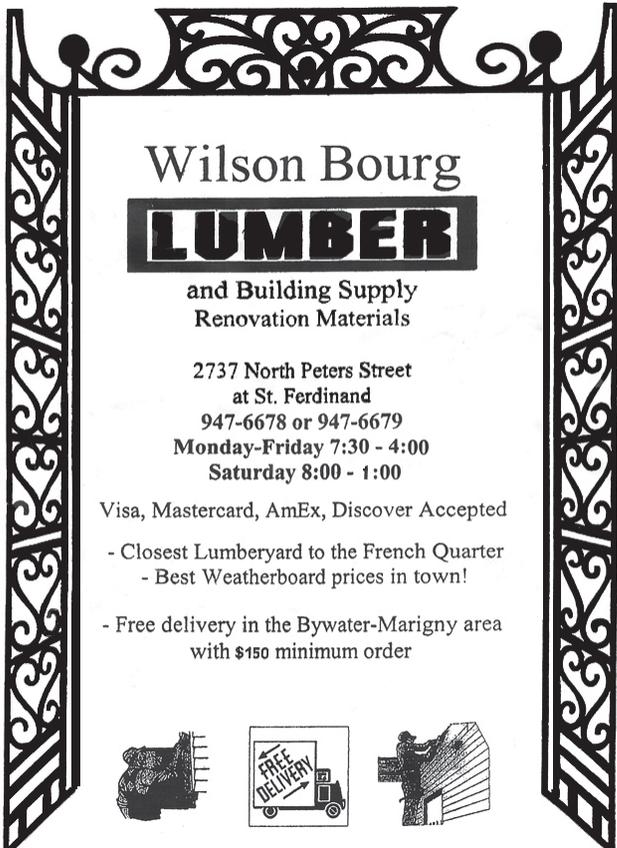
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Where it Counts

By Donna Wakeman

On Monday, April 25, an informational meeting regarding city council redistricting was held at Holy Angels Academy on St Claude Avenue. Sponsored by District C Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer, the purpose was to outline the requirements and challenges of redistricting, and to solicit neighborhood input for the process. Consultants hired by the city to assist in the redistricting process were present, as was Councilperson-at-large Jackie Clarkson, chair of the Election Code and Re-Appportionment Committee.

The charge of the Re-Appportionment Committee is to recommend, in ordinance form, the wards and precincts which will comprise each of the five Council districts to meet the Home Rule Charter requirements. Clarkson offered insights based on her experience over many previous redistricting processes. Palmer commented that she and her fellow councilpersons benefited a great deal from Clarkson's presence as chair of the committee.

Redistricting, at all political levels, is required following federal censuses. The 'how to' of redistricting is "constrained by federal law, jurisprudence and the Constitution", in the words of one of the consultants hired by the City to assist in the process.

In the presentation by Dan Garrett of Redistricting LLC, he outlined both the timeline and guidelines for the city council process. Public meeting like this one are being held city-wide during April and May. During June and July, the redistricting plan will be developed, with an August deadline for the Council to adopt the plan. This deadline is required by the City Home Rule Charter. The deadline for submission of the plan to the Department of Justice is December of this year.

Mr. Garrett discussed both the legal requirements and traditional principals used to create voting districts. The legal requirements include population equality, the Home Rule Charter and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Traditionally, districts are drawn for contiguity, compactness and

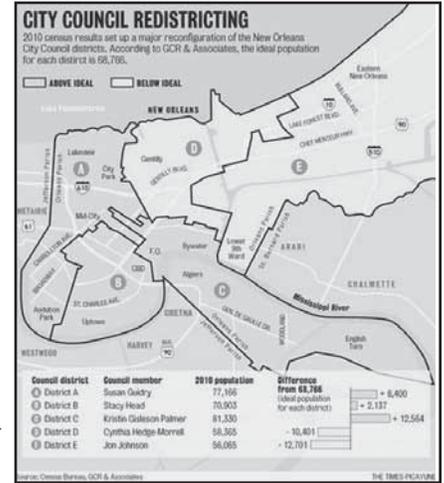
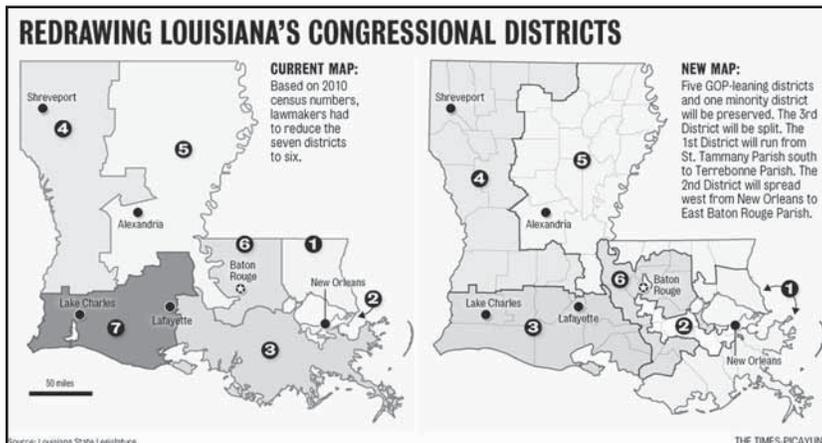
communities of interests.

The 2010 Federal Census resulted in a drop in New Orleans' population. This decrease affected the five council districts differently. Districts A, B and C (District C contains Algiers, the French Quarter, the Marigny, Bywater and Treme) are over the ideal district population of

68,765 and must loose population, while Districts D and E are under populated and must grow. How to redraw these district lines is impacted by voting precincts and geography. District boundaries are constrained by precincts, thus causing at times odd-looking outlines. Geography, especially in a river town, complicates matters further. Another potential landmine in redistricting is the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 requirement that safeguards against dilution of minority voting rights.

District C must reduce its population by 12, 565 to reach the ideal number, a significant number and the largest reduction of all. Specific to the challenges facing the current District C, Algiers must go in its entirety into the redrawn district due both to its population size and to its link to the rest of the city (by bridge and ferry), and that link is to the French Quarter. Additionally, the district is currently a minority district, and redistricting cannot alter that balance to a significant degree without potentially incurring federal rejection of the plan. Additionally, the districts needing to grow in population can only move upriver into Bywater, the Marigny and Lakeview, as they are otherwise bounded by the lake, the river and St. Bernard Parish.

Attendees were encouraged to contact Palmer and Clarkson with comments and suggestions on how to effect the redistricting. Additionally, both council members indicated that they would explore the possibility of having similar district meeting to present the redistricting plan before its final adoption by the City Council.



Redistricting is also impacting New Orleanians' representation at the state and federal level. The Louisiana Senate plan has one fewer New Orleans district, with Sens. J.P. Morrell and Cynthia Willard-Lewis, both Democrats, drawn into a single district that spans a swath of eastern New Orleans; parts of Gentilly; the west bank of Orleans and Jefferson Parishes; and Chalmette in St. Bernard Parish. Under the House plan, New Orleans loses 3 districts. At the federal level, Louisiana will lose a House seat. The redistricting plan adopted by the Louisiana legislature will include New Orleans in a district that sweeps westward to include Baton Rouge.



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MAY

Board Meeting

May 11, 7 pm, 2509 Burgundy Street

Meet the Neighbors

May 10, 6:30-8:30 pm, Marie's Bar, 2483 Burgundy

General Meeting

May 16, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

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After Party

3pm - 10pm — Den of Muses, 2716 Royal Street
Free food and music

JUNE

Board Meeting

June 1, 7 pm, 2020 Burgundy Street

Meet the Neighbors

June 7, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Wasabi, 900 Frenchmen Street

General Meeting

June 20, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
Christopher Inn, 2110 Royal Street

NONPAC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday,

7 pm, 901 Bartholomew Street

8th District — 2nd Thursday

5:30 pm, 1001 Toulouse Street

GREEN MARKETS

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Thursdays, 5 pm, Alvar Library, 913 Alvar Street

Secondhand Market Place

June 25, 9am – until ?, St. Paul Lutheran Church,
2624 Burgundy Street (see page 7)

*If you have an event for the calendar please send it to
Donna Wakeman at editor@faubourgmarigny.org*

Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim



New information regarding curbside recycling:

The city just announced (April 25, 2011, Times Picayune D-4) that the "blue bins" can be used.

To sign up for curbside recycling, the previous website did not allow users to enroll for services without

requesting the new 64.8 gallon cart. Go to the new website: <http://www.nola.gov/en/RESIDENTS/Department-Of-Sanitation/Curbside-Recycling>.

The recycling service will supplement regular twice weekly pickup of household trash. Recycling will start May 2; Mondays for the rectangle and Fridays for the triangle.

The city will continue to host a free recycling and e-waste drop off site Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm at 2829 Elysian Fields Avenue.

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Meet the Neighbors

By Donna Wakeman



An outstanding time was had by all who were clever enough to

attend our April 12 Meet the Neighbors at the new hot spot, **Mojitos Rum Bar & Grill**. Located on the corner of Esplanade and Frenchmen, it features rum (surprise!) and food with a Creole/Caribbean flare. A special rum drink was served just for us, and a lovely sampling of hors d'oeuvres was provided. Live music was features on their beautiful patio. An additional surprise was to find that the owners of Mojitos, Carla and Bruce Coury, are new neighbors, living in the Marigny. Be sure to stop by and welcome them.

Please join us for the Meet the Neighbors on **Tuesday, May 10** between 6:30-8:30 pm. It will be held at **Marie's Bar**, a great local spot, located at 2483 Burgundy. Our monthly meetings are a great way to socialize with friends and meet newcomers to the neighborhood. Join us!

June's Meet the Neighbors, on **Tuesday, June 7**, will be at **Wasabi** at 900 Frenchmen Street. Wasabi serves authentic Japanese food, such as tempura, in a more formal Japanese style dining room. Its sushi bar has more of a neighborhood gathering feel. For good food, warm saki, and good people, join us at this venue.

FMIA Special Board Meeting Minutes March 30, 2011

Board Members Present: Chris Costello, Gene Cizek, Gretchen Bomboy, Jason Patterson, Eva Campos, Ken Caron, Deborah Oppenheim, Donna Wakeman and Jim Farr

Guest: Attorney Bobby Moffitt and Attorney Brad Spedale

Call to Order: Chris Costello called the meeting to order 4:30 pm

New business:

A. Memberships

- a. Sponsoring memberships – policy

Types of members: Active Members and Associate Members (see Bylaws) and rights of members. Those who paid at the last meetings would not vote until 30 days after payment. Eva Campos tracks members.

- b. Membership verification – policy/how to verify? The attorney discussed voting procedures. Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) is to have documentation –bring proof of identity and residence by one's driver's license, utilities, bill, telephone bill. If no documentation is available or has none, an affidavit is used. That will have to be notarized and payment is their responsibility. FMIA would give 30 days' advance notice and procedure in the newsletter. We need a subcommittee for the verification and identification.

- B. Physical address: To clarify, a post office box would not suffice because the person needs a physical address.

C. Freedom of Information Act:

- a. Tax returns –A 501 (C) (3) must file tax returns. They are all filed with the government agencies and it is public knowledge. The Board discussed the need to be more transparent by putting the information on the website and in the newsletter. Bobby said that the Board members exchanging ideas is the problem.

- b. Complaint Policy: The complaint policy will be read at the General Meeting(s), on the website and printed in the newsletter. Gene said we need to send it back where it starts and not takes complaints. Gretchen thinks we should have written letters with the complaints.

- c. General Meeting(s): As an association, need to make our procedures public and use Robert's Rules of Order. Meetings have an order and disruption does not allow for the agenda to move forward.

- d. Visitors: Everyone has to sign in at the General Meeting. Only active members may attend a Board Meeting. All others must be invited by the presiding officer.

- e. Complaints: The business and/or individual should receive information of the problem and the date and this should be cc to Councilperson Palmer. FYI-enforcement from the state requires 10 people must make the complaint and a petition is acceptable.

- f. Emails: Emails should be facts. Legal council is verifying the law regarding emails.

- g. Notification of meetings. Give 24 hour notice through emails. An Executive meeting is a closed meeting.

- h. Mardi Gras Zone Zoning: Neighbors are making complaints. The building was purchased after the six month window (for non-conforming use) and opened as the beads business and was an online store. After the storm, there was a need for a grocery store. Question: Could the building be under the RDO? A: The building is too big. Question: What is the zoning? A: Ed Horan said it was a non-conforming use. According to zoning, for a change of use, the use may not be more intensive than what it was before. The issues are zoning and enforcement. The question is the enforcement. Our position has not been articulated which is that it is a zoning issue. According to the city code, BZA is the city's zoning board and the remedy must come from the BZA.

- i. Ads in the Newsletter: The newsletter can have a disclaimer. The association does not endorse any ads in the newsletter. FMIA does not warrant the legality of any business advertising in the newsletter. The contract for obtaining an ad could include that the business has all necessary permits and meets all necessary codes.

- j. Newsletter: To reiterate in the newsletter Tax returns, visitor policy and voting verification will be published. Complaint policy and procedures will be on the website and published next month.

- k. Lost Love Lounge has requested the complaints: Chris is finishing the list.

- l. General Meeting: Everyone signs in. Robert Rules of Order will be used. During the meeting, policies will be read.

Adjourned: 6:30pm



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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes April 6, 2011

Board members Present: Chris Costello, Deborah Oppenheim, Jim Farr, Gretchen Bomboy, Ken Caron, Donna Wakeman, Gene Cizek

Board Members Absent: Eva Campos and Jason Patterson

Guests: Wayne Troyer, Architect, Rick Fifield, Kathy Connolly

Call to Order: Chris called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and welcomed all the guests. He asked the visitors to please sign in. This is our Board Meeting and we follow an agenda. Chris stated the Policy for visitors: that as a visitor, you are an observer. If you would like to speak, you need advance notice to be on the agenda.

Announcements:

Community Requests:

- i. 1023 Music Street – Rick Fifield – 7:45 pm
- ii. Good Children Carnival Club Donation – Kathy Connolly 8:00 pm
- iii. 511 Marigny presentation - Wayne Troyer and Tracey Ashe – 7:15 pm

Administration

1. Approvals by email:
 - a. Letter to NOPD regarding Eris Parade - Yes
 - b. Special Event Application for 516 Frenchmen - No
 - c. One Representative and Grouping Like Areas in One District for Redistricting – Yes
 - d. Alvin Albe/St Roch Market letter - Yes
2. Approval of minutes from 2/2 & 3/2 Board meeting and 2/21 & 3/21 General Meeting Chris asked if there are any corrections. Gretchen moved to accept the minutes. Second Donna Vote Unanimous
3. President's Report –
- a. Meetings:
 - i. FQMAHD: March 7th, talking about the legislation to remove the Marigny from the actual district. They have no jurisdiction over zoning with the French Quarter. They want to include the other side of the street that goes into the Marigny, the boundary of Esplanade. Ken asked about the neighbors. Chris asked permission to send a letter to the residents. Discussion: The residents would not have representation and why should they be taxed. The motion is to modify the letter to read the boundary will be to the front property line and not include the private property. Chris moved to postpone the letter and rewrite it to add. Vote: Unanimous
 - ii. Colton School: Chris received a call on 3/24 from the project managers re Colton School. They said they were having a meeting with the contractors. The elevator shaft fell. At the community meeting on March 31st more issues were discussed such as the dust and lead levels. Children are being tested for lead. How to seek remedy for damages, technique re pile driving, dust that could be contaminated for lead and asbestos. Gretchen said they need to test for deleterious materials. Chris said that they did a study and copies when received will be distributed. Contractor and Project Manager took all their concerns. A Stop Work order is still in place until they can remedy the issues. Barricades are around the trees. We will send a letter reiterating the need for testing and to include the testing for deleterious materials.
 - iii. Website: On March 23, Chris met with John and Katherine to discuss the website.
- b. Upcoming Meetings: Letters: 1) Letter (April 11) from City of New Orleans for a zoning change on 3248 St. Roch Ave. Not applicable, not our neighborhood. Zoning 1911 request by Julian Mutter for zoning change at 511 Marigny. 2) Letter from State Representative J. Brossett about redistricting and participation. We sent a reply. 3) A Letter from the Desire/Florida Area Community Council about their program for job opportunities for youth and an art program. Chris moved to send this information out by email. Vote Unanimous 4) Letter from William John Walker requesting records dated March 27, 2011. (Deborah wasn't the request for a longer time frame that just the one date) The letter has been sent to legal counsel and waiting for a response. Bill: When will the response be available? A: We will send your letter to the legal counsel and will respond.
4. Complaint, Email and Voting Policies
5. Treasurer's Report: Eva Campos will send a report.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Newsletter: Action 1) members to get an option to receive an email edition only. It could be part of the membership form, go green and would like to do this right now. Q: How will this go out? A: We would create the list. Jim moved that we should have an email option for newsletter.

Vote Unanimous Action 2) The Committee suggested that we sell ads and could we sell a link (in ad) to one's website and/or email. It would be an additional fee. This would take awhile to generate income. If we decide to have links, the image should not be altered. Gretchen moved that we sell links on the internet from the ads on email/newsletter and in a form that can't be altered. Vote: Unanimous Chris moved that we accept the newsletter community report. Q: how do we set up criteria for email links? A: It would link to a legal business. You buy an ad that is printed in the newsletter and add the link. Donna intends to print 50 additional copies that will be placed in the coffee houses. She has increased the ad income. Q: What do they cost? A: Estimated not spending more than \$50 ish. It was suggested not to have complaints in the newsletter. 3) We need a new ad chairperson-interested please contact donnaw@faubourgmarigny.org Orchids: Deborah Oppenheim and Csaba Lukcas for Chairing the Homes for the Home Tour; We thank you Lisa Tabb for your work with Meet the Neighbors; Ken Caron to thank you for all your weekly hours of volunteering; Sam Armstrong has done an outstanding job with ads; Congrats to Colonel Bernadine Kelly for her promotion; FMIA welcomes the new Commander Colonel Christopher Goody; John Luckett for his daily litter pick up; You see Bobby Moffett as he is exercising in the neighborhood carrying a bag and daily picking up litter Onions: Please be a good neighbor and pick up your dog's poop;

- b. Art in the Park: Washington Square Park is for the residents and the concern when we were approached with placing in the art it would become an art yard. The wisdom was to have the art rotate. Michalopoulos would like to place his sculptures in park. We can put out a RFP to all artists. The contract also states that the artist is responsible for installation and removal. There are three available spots and no one artist can put all their work in the park. Gretchen said that we have some art that has to be removed. Chris moved that an artist can only have one piece of art in the park at a time Vote Unanimous
- c. Blight: Action: FMIA's Blight Committee would like business cards. Chris moved that we accept the blight report. Vote Unanimous
- d. Home Tour: Chris moved that we accept the Home Tour Report Vote Unanimous
- e. Membership: According to the Bylaws we are not required to send a newsletter if dues are not paid. We sent out a reminder letter with an envelope in March Newsletter requesting dues to be paid.
- f. Meet the Neighbors: Lisa Tabb has done an excellent job with Meet the Neighbors. Unfortunately she too many conflicts and no longer can be the Chairperson. We still will see her at the events wearing the Marigny stickers (her idea). Donna moved to nominate and ask Jason Patterson to Chair the Committee Vote: Unanimous
- g. Web site, Proposal for Website Update: Chris met with Marigny residents John Gutekunst and Katherine Kuroczko, GK Productions LLC, www.gkproductions.com . The proposal for FMIA is to do only updates and be on a retainer. Their hourly rate is \$50 (discounted) and a minimum charge of ½ hr. They will keep track of their time. Chris moved that we contract with them to do updates for six months. Discussion: Donna said there are software website programs which allows for each area to self-manage. Chris is working on the contact management system with Carlos (a volunteer) and it takes a long time. GK Productions would be an interim solution until we go to the next system. They are bridging us to the next step. We would have to provide them the information. Vote: Unanimous

Old business:

Projects

- a. Parking Permits in the Marigny: It has been a long and frustrating time to get all the addresses of all people in the area. There are a few blocks that have not been done. Ken has fliers and will finish the two missing blocks. Zone 11 is the entire triangle and 51% have to want residential parking to move forward. So far, 80% are in favor of parking permits. Chris wants to have the information for the next Board Meeting. Public Works asked if we want to change the hours. Ken feels that it is good to be consistent with the hours already established 7 am to 7 pm.
- b. Washington Square Park Trashcans: No status
- c. Historic Markers: Gene and Bill are working on this and will have it finished by this summer. It was noted that street signs are missing too. They are artifacts and people want and take them.
- d. Land Use Survey: We are working on this.
- e. Café Istanbul Theater ABO: This was handed down from Councilperson Palmer's office. They have applied on their application for a license as a restaurant, Café Istanbul. However, it is a theater- performance space. According to zoning, a property must not be 300 ft. of a church and

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school to obtain an ABO. This would be next to the church and school. Palmer's office is trying to correct this.

- f. CANO meeting: Gene will continue to be a liaison with CANO.
- g. Colton School: Chris passed out the letter regarding the lead and dust to be sent to the residents that live around Colton. He will add the need to test for deleterious material. Chris moved that we send the letter about Colton School. Vote: Unanimous

Issues

- a. Washington Palm Tree Killer: Chris sent an email to Janice Black about the park and people who are using the park as their toilet. Janice wrote in her letter: "Vagrants are doing this all over the city". She wished she had the answers and will continue to monitor. We previously discussed signs. Ken said he will come up with an example to be presented to the Board.

Other

- 1) National Night Out Against Crime Registration: Gretchen has the information to register for the event. The local group is talking about doing Night Against Crime in October. The National date for the event is August 2nd
- 2) General Meeting in Triangle: Ken sent the email and we can have meetings at Christopher Inn. Chris moved to have our June meeting at Christopher Inn, in the Marigny triangle. Discussion: We need to get approval for having a pot luck. Vote Unanimous We will inform the membership through email, General Meetings and newsletter.
- 3) Redistricting: We sent the letter supporting one representative from each house. It will be smart to incorporate like districts together.

New business:

Projects

- a. 1023 Music Street: Rick Fifield, architect/owner – He presented a model of what he showed ARC. The model showed the building to be built and the houses of either side. He wants to take the building down – it is substantially destroyed, 6 inches of K water and has not been cleaned out since Katrina. The building was probably built in the 70's. He just met with the neighbors on the street and showed them the models. No one knows the actual history. Rick's idea is to build a single family residence and the criteria is 1) to be the best possible neighbor 2) explore 21st century construction 3) and work with these materials in a sustainable way. He would take the wall on the cottage side off so the owner can maintain his house which has not happened in (30 yrs). He does not know the condition of the walls. The site is invested with mosaic work, on walls, floor, and has lots of large mosaic urns. There are constraints on the site –the land is 26ft. by 65ft. He said part of the effort is to preserve as much as possible. The tout-ensemble of the site is fabulous and he needs to be attentive. He is going on April 14th to HDLC to ask permission to demolish the house and build the new one. ARC gave permission with the missing(?). Q: What about the wall across the front? A: There is an 8ft wall and until he can get access to the site, he does not know all the variables. Q: The original building is quite tall? A: Yes Q: Zoning? A: HMR3 Q: HDLC? A: HDLC inspector came out and in his opinion it is not in eminent danger but is falling down, not structural sound and can't be repaired. It has brick veneer and vinyl siding, probably built in the 70's. Rick said he has limited access to the building. Rick would hope that the Board supports the demolition to HDLC. The neighbors told him that the distant heirs have come and are taking pieces off the site since he has signed a purchase agreement. They are indirectly related to the family but way distant. Jim moved that we support the project because this is a 20th century out of scale building and he will leave significant remnants on the site with one caveat what happens to the front wall. He was asked to come to the General Meeting and make a presentation. Discussion: We usually frown on demolition but it has been with older buildings. He is providing 52.3 open space. Gene agreed with the motion for the demolition because the existing building is non-contributing and the current building is not structural sound per the HDLC. Vote: 6 yeas Deborah abstained
- b. 511 Marigny: Wayne Troyer, architect spoke for Julian Mutter, owner of 511 Marigny. They are requesting a zoning change. The last time he requested a zoning change was in 2005 and before that 1999. Both times approved but has reverted back. Wayne Troyer said that the mix is trying to contribute to the neighborhood and quality of life. There are 55 residential units ranging from 750 to 1200 sq. ft. Some of the units on the ground floor will be live/work and have direct access to the street. This will increase circulation and control of the street. Julian is applying for Tax credits. The rent is market rate. The ground floor on the corner of Marigny

and Dectaur Street will have two commercial spaces about 2800 sq. ft. The biggest space is the interior room and not open-aired. The open lot will be divided up for 34 parking spaces. A concrete and plaster wall on the street and next to the neighbor's property. They want to create a nice landscape area on Chartres. There is a secure entry for parking. They know they are not meeting the requirements for parking. They have public bike parking and interior covered bike parking for the tenants and recycling and garbage area. The inside will have the existing the stair and elevator. The second and third floor are the same. They are trying to take advantage of the natural light and refurbish the windows. They are a couple of dead areas which they have identified them for rentable storage areas for the residents. There is no new construction except for the shed for bikes and recycling. There was a former structure that was a water tank and it will be incorporated on the roof deck. There will not be a penthouse. Parking has to be paid. Brian Gibbs will be the partner on the project. Questions: Chris said in reading over the change, there were a significant number of provisos from 2005 and will they be changed? A: He is getting the review letter from CPC. Q: Have they talked to the neighbors? A: Not yet, came here first. Q: Regarding windows, will they be able to open? A: Depends upon what is allowed. The building will be sprinkled and to code. Q: Prices? A: Ask Julian. Chris would like them to come to the General Meeting. Julian is asking for a zoning change. Q: Start date? A: Ideally it would be great to get this permitted by September or October. They will review this request at a public hearing on April 12th. He is going to zoning next week. Q: What are the provisos and how we feel about it. Chris moved that we approve the zoning change with the provisos of 2005 that are applicable and they need to provide irrigation for landscaping and prefer the caliber to be consistent with the trees that are appropriate to neighborhood Vote: Unanimous:

Issues:

- a. Stealing signs: Chris moved that we write a letter to Public Works that the street signs, parking sign, and SWMC (signage) are being stolen and how do we get them replaced. Vote: Unanimous

Events

Other

- a. 1913 Royal Zoning Change for ABO. The owner wants this building to be changed to commercial. It is presently non-conforming. This request by previous and current owners was asked before and CPC said no. Each owner knew it when they purchased the building. Chris moved we do not support the request for zoning change and the current zoning is a legal non-conforming use, had the request for the similar zoning change (spot zoning) and was denied twice. Vote: Unanimous
- b. Insurance: New directors and officers liability insurance needs to be renewed. It comes up April 15. Chris moved that we sign up with Great American Insurance for \$700. Vote: Unanimous
- c. Good Children Carnival Club Donation, Kathy Connolly: Kathy said the route will loop through the Bywater, Marigny and St Roch. The cost of police is \$1300. Their budget is \$1700 and they have half of that. They are asking for \$300- \$350 or whatever we can give. The Easter Parade is Sat, April 23 at 2pm. We are invited to bring a banner and be in the parade. Q: Sponsor? A: As a sponsor will be on the Press Release, WWOZ calendar, post cards and hopefully fliers with sponsor's logos. They have a new website. Chris moved that we give them \$300 for the Easter Parade. Discussion: Q: Is FMIA in the parade? A: Chris will carry the banner for FMIA. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Lost Love Lounge Requests: Chris has gone over their requests and we are waiting for the legal counsel to respond. Donna said that we could publish the tax returns on the website and we need to get them.

Adjournment: Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44pm.



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FMIA General Meeting April 18, 2011 Minutes

- A. Welcome: Ken Caron opened the meeting at 7:24pm and thanked everyone for coming. He introduced Jim Farr, Vice President and Sergeant of Arms. He said Jim is more familiar with the policies and can't do both roles. Ken said since he is not seasoned at running the meeting, he will read his agenda. He asked anyone who wants to talk, to fill out a card. The person will have 2 minutes to speak.
- B. Ken welcomed the new people: Bernie, David and Allison.
- C. The question, why Chris Costello is not here. There was an incident involving Chris and Eva. FMIA has asked each of them to take a leave of absence. Our board is doing an inquiry. Gene and Donna are on the committee and will meet with both and get their perspective. They will report to the board and we will take it from there. This is due process.
- D. Announcements:
- 1) Meet the Neighbors: We thank Mojitos for a lovely Meet the Neighbors event on April 12th. It was a delightful evening in the patio. Mojitos served yummy appetizers that complimented the beverages. We welcome them to the Marigny. The next Meet the Neighbors is at Marie's on May 10th 6:30 – 8:30.
 - 2) Gary has T- shirts/Mugs for sale.
- E. Update:

Committees:

Blight: Alex said Code Enforcement is in the process of hiring new judges and attorney. He reported to the City the list of 14 properties that have been vacant for many years. There are more than 60 blighted properties and working to help them make habitable.

Marigny Green: Marigny Green is a volunteer committee of the FMIA to provide information and resources on living green in the Marigny. With the news of curbside recycling coming to our neighborhood Marigny Green volunteers could help educate all the residents of the Marigny to recycle. Our goal is to be a neighborhood that has 100% resident participation in the city's recycle program. We would appreciate your ideas on how to educate and promote recycling in the Marigny. Please send your ideas to deboraho@faubourgmarigny.org. The city will resume curbside recycling services. The city will provide 64-gallon, wheeled receptacles with lids to all residents who sign up by visiting <http://recycle.nola.gov>. Residents also can fill out the form by hand and mail it to 1300 Perdido St., New Orleans, LA 70112, or fax it to 504.658.3801. For information on Marigny Green please visit the website www.marignygreen.org.

Home Tour: Deborah asked the group to sign up as a volunteer (passed around a clip board) for the Home and Garden Tour, May 15, 2011. There are 8 houses, 1 sculpture garden, and 1 Mardi Gras Den (Den of Muses). She said that volunteers are needed for day of the event, house sitters, setting up and breaking down in Washington Square Park. Deborah said that any help would be appreciated and contact her at deboraho@faubourgmarigny.org.

Speakers:

1. New Commander of 5th District, Commander Christopher Goodly cd-goodly@nola.gov. We congratulated Captain Kelly, the new Commander of Support Service. Commander Goodly said: He drove the entire district and it is a big district. He is impressed with the turn out at the meeting. He knows that crime in the neighborhood is a problem. He wants our support and communication. The crime maps are on nolaready.com. Commander Goodly introduced the following officers: 8th District Officer Roger Jones, 5th Officer Alsina, Community Coordinator Officer Franklin Q: There is a dangerous traffic problem at Franklin and St. Claude Aves. A: Will give this concern to the right department. Q: Franklin and Royal – Services vehicles are parking at the bus stop. A: The police can only issue a citation and not parking tickets. Parking Control is responsible for parking tickets and will refer this concern to them. Q: What to do with graffiti on my building? A: Surveillance is encouraged. This is a big issue in this district. The police can only arrest and it is up to the courts to press charges. Q: Parking –they park illegally and are a safety hazard. A: Robert Mendoza, responsible for parking problems. Q: There is parking on the neutral grounds and what will happen when the street cars are running? A: They will take everything and pass it on but he said, we work for you and will help.

Ken Caron said he attended the Citizen Police Academy: It is 12 weeks of training and seminars and a snapshot of the police department. He highly recommends this program. For more details contact your Quality of Life Officer.

2. Wayne Troyer, Architect for 511 Marigny St. Owner Julian Mutter: Wayne said: Did a presentation to the board and was asked to come to the

General Meeting. He brought with him copies of their proposal. It is an overview of the project. It is approximately 75,000sq. ft. and being converted into 55 apartments on 3 floors and 2 commercial spaces. There will be on the ground floor a series of live/work units. The commercial spaces will be 1500 sq. ft. There is a community room. There are no additions to this building. There is a small roof top terrace and the water tank will be incorporated into the design. All apartments will be market rates for 5 years which is driven by historic tax credits and after that the structure of the building could change. Julian has refocused the project since he asked for a zoning change in 2005. They feel the new focus compliments the neighborhood. The Particulars: 8 units live/work access from the street with individual entrances. 36 parking spaces will be provided for 55 units. The idea is to look at this as a pedestrian focused building. 28 bicycle spaces allocated for public and 50 for residents. They have asked for a parking waiver from CPC and they got this. The tenants of the retail spaces will have to park elsewhere. Chartres will be set back by 3ft with a concrete wall. There will be general landscaping for the site. The servitude for the spice factory would be maintained and included. Concrete block fence for the immediate neighbors' house. They are open to suggestions for landscaping. They have been thru the initial report with CPC staff with a list of 12 provisos and went before the full Commission and got full approval. They have to go to HDLC and get zoning change. Q: Parking – parking is horrific now and how did you get this through the CPC? A: We think the occupants would use bikes. Q: What are you planning to do with the rest of those cars? There are no grocery stores to get their food. A: The parking is a deal breaker. He does own the lot across the street which could have 8 spaces and 5 others which they could take from landscaping. Q: I don't have a car and what about a discount on the rent and would not need a parking space. A: Clapped from the group. Wayne mentioned the idea of shared vehicles on the premises and the tenants could rent them. Bywater Art Lofts do not use their parking lot for cars – mostly bikes. Q: There is a problem with workers and tourist parking in this part of the neighborhood. A: Parking is sensitive aspect Q: Units count - it is market rate, count double for cars. A: Count double. Q: Parking problems are not the residents and are caused by the tourists and workers who park for the day while they are working. A: We heard there is a concern about the parking issue. Q: Market rate and why not dedicated to low income? A: Low income brings up another financial structure. This is not part of the financial structure that the owner is doing. Market rates will vary and shows a committed to artists. Q: Egress/ingress? A: On Marigny St. near the corner building. Q: Glad to have the building brought back. What about the building on the corner of

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Marigny and Chartres, would the owner be interested in having a live club?
A: It is rented. Q: How many are two bedrooms? A: 2/3 1 bedroom and 1/3 2 bedrooms. Q: I know that there are tenants living there and will they be consideration for those current tenants? A: No one should live there. Q: There will be more parking, more cars, and might have families which could add diversity. A: They want our support on this project and will come back.

3. Preston Favorite, Customer Service for Entergy, 504-595-3705 : He said he was around after the storm in 2005. He has returned. The issue is trash around the substation on Elysian Fields at Decatur St. They are looking into a remedy for the problem. One idea is to have someone service the area. Other information: Entergy Efficiency is a small view program. He has some kits and packets to give out . He mentioned that Entergy gives out Community Grants. Q: Grass around one's property is the property owner's responsibility and not the city. A: He will find out who is responsible Entergy or the city. Q: I volunteered for the smart view program and it blew up my refrigerator. Q: There is no sidewalk on Decatur St. and all loose rock and gravel is a problem for walking. A: Will take all the issues to Entergy. Q: When I called once a month, they would come and clean up the trash. Why can't they set up a maintenance schedule? A: This is something that will be pushed forward.
4. 913 Royal St. Neighbors came to discuss 913 Royal St. They said that they are concerned that the owner of the building lessee has applied to have a zoning change from HMR1 to HMC. The zoning change goes with the building and not with the occupant of the building. This law needs to be changed. The owner of the building has been denied the zoning change twice before. Marigny Brassiere moved to another location because they could not serve alcohol. She asked, what kind of support can we get? The answer is to rally your neighbors and go to city hall. The zoning change would be spot zoning. The city is opposed to spot zoning and FMIA sent a letter supporting the city's decision.

Topics:

1. Plan B: We are all glad that Plan B has reopened.
2. St. Roch Market : RFP is going out.
3. General Meeting: Christopher Inn will host the General Meeting in June. More information will be given.
4. Taxes: FMIA filed the wrong form and the information is the same. We have spoken to IRS. We do not have FMIA's computer. 2009 taxes have not been filed. Eva stood up and said that she filed the 2009 taxes and 2010 deadline is May 15. She wouldn't answer about the computer.
5. Voting Verification, Meeting Attendance and Complaint Policy: Ken read the policies. These are on the websites and please pick up your copies.

Cards: Ken asked if all the cards have been picked up. He said that each person will come to the mic and have two minutes to speak.

1. Nick said: Nick wants peace, love and understanding. The list of complaints is slanders and lies. A year later he wants peace and now he has received policies and will be published. He wants to have new election and leadership. He wants all Board to step down and start over fresh and new. The Sergeant of Arms asked Nick to stop speaking because his time was up. Nick accused him of being an angry person.
2. Ray Kern: During the Home Tour, the Den of Muses, Krewe du Vieux will have an open venue at Port St. The floats are there and will be open after the Home Tour 4 – 10pm. He will discuss with Deborah about opening earlier.
3. Bill: He said it has come to his attention that FMIA and Main St. are using 535 Marigny St. and has filed a complaint with Councilperson Palmer's office. He has been told that we have 'secret meetings' and wants Executive Session (Article 9, subsection D of the Articles of Incorporation) eliminated.
4. Allison: I am new to the meeting and step 2 of the Complaint policy – does this mean if there are two sides to the issue, all parties would get together and help them formulate the problems and find an amicable position? Ken answered yes.

We thanked Jason for the sound system and St. Paul Lutheran. Please help clean up and put back the furniture.

Ken adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm



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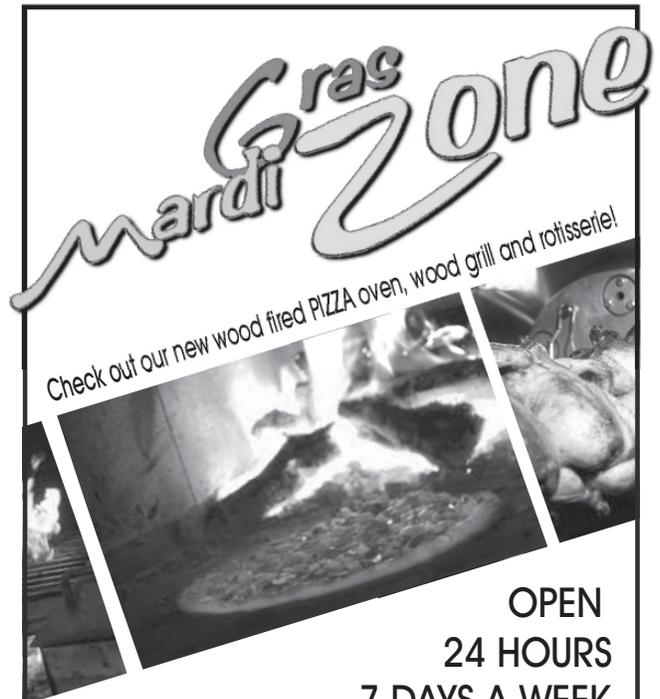
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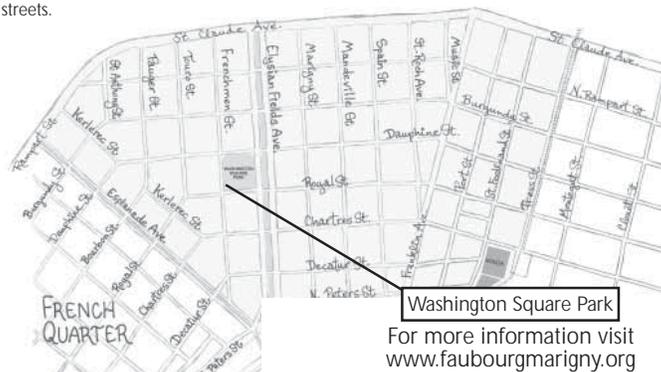
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