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Les Amis de Marigny

Helping to make Marigny a better place to live, work and play

And the Nominees Are . . .

By Donna Wakeman

Thank you once again to Gary de Leumont and the nominating committee for their work in finding candidates for this upcoming election. The committee has recommended two current board members for election and two new faces to round out their slate of candidates. Additionally, four members were nominated from the floor. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates, and come out to vote. The candidates are:

Nominating Committee Recommendations

Gretchen Bomboy — Gretchen has been on the FMIA Board for the past three years. She has been serving as Corresponding Secretary, where in addition to letter writing and answering, she handles the FMIA e-mail. She is site chairman for Washington Square Park for our fund raising events and for holiday caroling. This involves having the park cleaned, obtaining the necessary facilities and furniture, and setting everything up. Gretchen has been active with the association for many years. Back in the 70s she served on the Board as newsletter editor, secretary, treasurer, and as President for several years. She left the Board to serve the City of New Orleans on the Board of

Zoning Adjustments for six years. She has what we call “institutional memory” when it comes to old problems that crop back up and with ways to deal with problems at City Hall. As a professional commercial interior designer she has been helpful at deciphering blueprints and plot plans for projects presented to the Board for review. She is an avid preservationist and has been very active in speaking before the HDLC, City Planning and the City Council when our interests are at risk. She is one of those who will always “go the extra mile.” She sometimes also “talks the extra mile,” so we are certain you all know who she is.

Marshall Gries — Marshall has lived at 624 St. Roch for 13 years. He received his B.A. from the University of Nevada, his J.D. from Tulane law school, and his Master of Laws (LLM) from the University of the Pacific. He has been a practicing attorney and notary for 20 years. Currently, he works for an insurance company in the CBD. He spends his free time working in the garden, renovating or repairing the house, and generally enjoying everything that is the Faubourg Marigny.

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Neighborhood Sellabration

Buying a House in Historic Neighborhoods Made Easy

Presented by the Preservation Resource Center, **The Great Neighborhood Sellabration** is an annual homebuyer fair promoting homeownership in historic New Orleans neighborhoods by providing prospective homebuyers with the tools they need to find, purchase, and renovate a historic home. *Great Neighborhood Sellabration 2010* started over 200 prospective homebuyers on the path to homeownership.

The *Sellabration* features a City of New Orleans representative to discuss the soft second mortgage program available to homeowners; realtors, lenders and contractors available to answer questions and provide information; and workshops feature buying, financing and renovating right. Every attendee will receive a resource book to help them with home buying and renovating.

Participating neighborhood associations, including the FMIA, will provide information on homes available in their neighborhoods. The neighborhood representatives will also have exhibits on their historic districts so that potential homebuyers can learn more about the unique qualities of the neighborhoods.

The housing fair is to be held
Saturday, September 17, 9 am to 2 pm

Preservation Resource Center
923 Tchoupitoulas Street — in the Warehouse District.

The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available at 901 Convention Center Blvd. Mention “Preservation Resource Center” to receive the \$8.00 parking rate. More information is available at prcno.org.



NO MORE BLIGHT

By Alexandre Vialou

Brad Vogel, Fellow at the National Trust for Historic Preservation has been following with attention the ongoing implementation of the City's fight against blight strategy. In this column, some paragraphs from his recent article in *The Lens*: "Gung ho for demolition: FEMA pays but neighborhood loses," August 31, 2011 are reproduced:

"Unfortunately, for all the talk of innovation, the City of New Orleans continues to push for yet another round of mass demolitions, seemingly hell-bent to display as little creativity as possible in its blight eradication effort. The city seems be willing to milk FEMA for more demolition money — no matter how ill-considered the destruction of cherished housing stock might be.

"As FEMA-funded demolition of approximately 919 houses resumed recently, *The Times-Picayune* noted offhandedly that 'several' properties had come into compliance and been removed from the demolition list. [...] The fact that nearly 40 percent of the properties on the list have different remediation funding sources or are already in compliance demonstrates how circumstances have changed since the FEMA list was compiled. So how did this come to be? [...] he city is using an outdated list that is approximately five years old, one that does not fully account for changes in neighborhoods and individual blocks that make blighted properties more viable for renovation or sale today. The list also includes properties in places like Faubourg Marigny and Algiers, where it seems unlikely that Katrina or the flooding that followed was even a factor in whatever blight has been identified. Officials seem willing to demolish most anything they can get funded, just to add numbers to the casualty list in their 'war on blight.'

"[...] The mayor should work with FEMA to fund a truly innovative program. Mitigation consultation is required when federal dollars fund demolitions. FEMA should use some of the demolition dollars set aside for historic properties to start those properties on a path to sale or auction. I suggested this directly to FEMA via official channels back in April, but nothing has come of it.

"The auction process really is one of the few things the city can crow about when it comes to the fight against blight, and it should be employed with greater frequency. With approximately 100 properties heading to auction on October 18 and the prospect of several hundred more on the block before Thanksgiving, the sheriff sale alternative finally be getting its proper place in the blight toolbox. Coupled with another auction of approximately 100 Road Home/Louisiana Land Trust properties on September 10, city officials should begin to see that the blight fight doesn't have to rely so heavily on the thoughtless, blunderbuss approach of mass demolition."

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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.



Happ'ns in the 'Hood

One (Wo)Man, One Vote

By Donna Wakeman

1817 St. Claude Avenue — Preliminary interest has been expressed in re-developing the old McDonogh 16 School as a multi-family, mixed use development.

Frenchmen Street Expansion — In response to expressed interest by club owners in expanding the Frenchmen Street art and cultural overlay district, Councilperson Palmer said that outlaw businesses are making life difficult for residents. If the city provided adequate enforcement of the current law, then maybe it could explore whether there is a need to expand the overlay district.

Post Office Closing — The Bywater Station is on the list of post offices being considered for closing. If you are concerned, or against this closing, contact your Congressmen. Representative Cedric Richmond <https://richmond.house.gov/contact-me/email-me>; Senator Mary Landrieu <http://landrieu.senate.gov/about/contact.cfm>; and Senator David Vitter <http://vitter.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Contact.ContactForm>

2121 Chartres Street — Interest is being expressed in reusing the building as an upscale hostel on the lines of City Hostel Seattle. Talk is of 200 rooms and off street parking. Stay tuned.

City At Work— Ordinance Cal. No. 28,539 (by Councilmember Gisleson Palmer) raised the fines associated with *railroad trains blocking street crossings* from \$50 to \$500, which is the maximum amount allowed by state law for a municipal violation. There is an ongoing issue with regard to railroad trains blocking public streets and rights-of-way which pose a public safety hazard and threat. Other cities assess fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

Councilmember Palmer has been at work with others to rewrite the *city sound ordinance*. The working draft can be found at http://www.nolacitycouncil.com/meet/meet_palmer.asp.

The pilot program for *pedi-cabs* is finally underway and allows 45 licenses citywide for a period of two years, Pedicabs are able to operate across the City on streets with speed limits less than 35 mph and must adhere to all vehicular traffic laws. It is hoped that pedicabs will alleviate parking accessibility problems that occur during major events, such as Saints' games.

Parking Permit Status — The petition drive spearheaded by Ken Caron has reached the stage where petitions for all participating blocks in the Triangle have been submitted to the city. Stay tuned for the results.

Café Istanbul Neighbors are working with Cafe Istanbul, the FMIA, and Councilmember Palmer to draft a Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) to define how all can co-exist as good neighbors.

In anticipation of the FMIA election for the Board of Directors, the newsletter is printing a copy of the voting policies and procedures, as follows below. Voting verification will begin at 6 pm, before the start of the general meeting.

Voting Verification Policy: In accordance with the Bylaws of the Association, there are two type of members, voting and nonvoting. To be eligible to vote a member must have paid their dues 30 days before the vote and either live within the boundaries of the neighborhood or have a business within the boundaries of the neighborhood. To verify the domicile of a voting member the following policy has been created.

Members must verify their domicile at each vote. This may be done by producing the following documents. (*Note: The name on the identification must match the name in FMIA membership records.*)

Business:

1. The current year's occupation license for the business
AND
2. If the license is issued in the name of a business or corporation (including LLC's), a document verifying that the person is authorized to represent the business (organizing documents, Secretary of State's Annual Report, letter from officer of the company)
AND
3. A document verifying the Person's Identity: a valid, government issued ID (driver's license, passport, military ID, State issued ID)

Organizations:

1. A copy of the current year's Secretary of State's Annual Report
AND
2. A document verifying the Person's Identity : a valid, government issued ID (driver's license, passport, military ID, State issued ID)

Individuals:

1. A document verifying the Person's Identity: a valid, government issued ID with the Faubourg Marigny property address (driver's license, military ID, State Issued ID)
OR
2. A document verifying the Person's Identity: a valid, government issued ID (driver's license, passport, military ID, State issued ID)
AND
3. A document verifying the person's Address (must contain the person's name and Faubourg Marigny address). Shall include but is not limited to the following illustrative list: A service bill (water, electricity/gas, telephone, internet, television), Voter Registration Card, W2, bank statement.

Any question of voting rights will be determined by the Board of Directors as prescribed in Section 1.B.1 of the Bylaws.



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Miles Swanson — “I have lived in the Faubourg Marigny for over five years. I purchased my double shotgun house on Mandeville St. over two years ago and have been steadily renovating it ever since. Prior to starting my solo law practice in Mid-City in 2010, I was a staff attorney at the Orleans Public Defender for over two years. I coordinated Common Ground Relief’s free legal clinic from 2005-2008 and was an AmeriCorps Pro Bono Legal Corps Fellow with the New Orleans Pro Bono Project in 2007. While the majority of my current practice is criminal defense, I also handle civil rights, personal injury and family law. I also helped restart the Louisiana Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and currently serve as a member of its governing board. I am also an avid bicyclist and enthusiastic dog owner. I am anxious to give back the community and neighborhood I have come to love. The Marigny has so much potential for growth and I want to help foster that growth in a smart and sustainable manner.

Alex Vialou — was appointed to a vacant seat, and is now running for election. “Bonjour! — I grew up in Paris, France and São Paulo, Brazil. My wife, Angele, and I moved to the Faubourg Marigny in May 2008. We have a son, Pierre who just turned 1 year old. I currently work as an economist for an architectural and engineering company on issues related to coastal restoration and capital improvement projects. I started volunteering for the FMIA two years ago, devoting my energy into our ‘No More Blight’ Program. If elected to the FMIA board, I would like to continue our work to eradicate blight in our neighborhood. But most importantly, I’d like to be an advocate for our neighborhood as a place we — newcomers and old-timers, residents and businesses, rich and poor— can all afford to live, work and play.

Nominations from the Floor

Katy Adams — Ms Adams has declined to run.

Benny Naghi — Mr. Naghi has been a resident and business owner in the Marigny since 1999. Mardi Gras Zone began in the 1980’s at the French Market before moving to the warehouse at 2706 Royal Street. He has always been ahead of his time, and was the first to create the large theme beads that are now a New Orleans tradition. Benny opened Mardi Gras Zone Supermarket in April 2006 in response to the devastation Hurricane Katrina wrought on our neighborhood. When no other grocery stores were open, Mardi Gras Zone provided the essentials of healthy food and basic living items. Benny learned the grocery business by taking it on, with his characteristic positive and optimistic attitude. He has continuously grown and invested in his business and the community. Benny has integrity and is a fair person who cares about people and is committed to working with you regardless of your situation. Courageous, Benny never backs down from challenges. Steadfast, he sticks to his principles, follows through with his decisions, and stays with a project until it succeeds. Benny brings out the best in people and expects more of others because he gives more of himself. Mr. Naghi always donates to organizations, and is a resource to the community. If elected

to serve on the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, Mr. Benny Naghi pledges to be of service to all Marigny residents and businesses, and bring about positive change to our neighborhood association.

Dwight Norton — A New Orleans native, Dwight moved back in 2007 to help his parents and the City rebuild. He has nine years of professional planning, transportation, and project management experience. In New Orleans he assisted the City’s Recovery Office in creating a sustainable transportation plan, helped develop the initiative to support local fresh food retailing and production, and managed public planning projects for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and the Regional Transit Authority. In 2009 he helped form EngageNola, an all volunteer organization dedicated to non-partisan engagement for young residents in local politics and issues. In 2008, Dwight and his wife bought their first home in the Marigny. They plan to raise their family here and look forward to serving next to the generation of leaders who have made the Marigny what it is. If elected to the Board, Dwight will focus on tangible improvements that lead to a better quality of life for us all. His initial areas of focus will be to: 1) Implement a Parking Benefits District. This ensures visitors to the area pay the fair market rate for on-street parking and the profits are returned to the neighborhood to help fix our streets and sidewalks, plant trees, and provide additional sanitation services. 2) Reduce crime through increased police foot patrols. 3) Ensure that historic preservation and change need not be mutually exclusive. 4) Work to increase the availability of neighborhood services and childcare that help families remain in and move to the Marigny.

Nick Scramuzza — Born and raised in the Faubourg Marigny, Mr. Scramuzza and his ancestors trace their New Orleans roots back over 120 years. Members of the Scramuzza family have owned and operated many notable businesses in the area including the world famous Seafood City, SCRAM Records, the St. Roch Market, Cosimo’s Lounge and now the Lost Love Lounge,. Mr. Scramuzza attended school in the Marigny at St. Peter and Paul, St. Vincent de Paul and Holy Cross. He is a graduate of the University of New Orleans with two Masters degrees. Mr. Scramuzza taught in the New Orleans Public School system for well over a decade and is certified in Gifted Education and Secondary Social Studies. His classes consistently achieved scores far higher than the average. During Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Scramuzza resided just two blocks from the 17th St. canal levee breach in Lakeview. Despite suffering a total loss, he returned to the city he loves to once again teach future generations and now to own and operate the Lost Love Lounge on the corner of Franklin Ave. and Dauphine St. — just blocks from his childhood home. Since opening, he improvements to the Franklin/Dauphine corner are evident to all who reside in the neighborhood. Mr. Scramuzza is dedicated to bringing these same improvements to the greater Faubourg Marigny, as well as to preserving the culture and heritage of the area by bringing the perspective of a truly native New Orleanian to the board of the FMIA. He is the single father of one son, Nicholas, who attends Lusher Academy uptown.

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NONPAC Meetings

5th District Report *By John Luckett*

Commander Goodly Opened the meeting with updates from the previous meeting. He gave a report on the fact that crime in the district is trending down: there are now 5 to 10 arrests each week for property crimes. Narcotics have made 49 arrests for drugs in the last 30 days. He also stated that the district has taken 118 guns off the street year to date versus 108 in the same period last year.

The commander said the citizens can access real-time crime updates, news and other important information via NOLAready.info; and you can sign up for email alerts. The NOPD also is available on Facebook and Twitter.

Quality of Life officer Alsina reviewed action taken on the issues raised at the July NONPAC meeting. There was a discussion about the individual concerns the citizens attending had.

Commander Goodly ended by encouraging any and all residents of the district to attend the NONPAC meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month at the district headquarters at 4015 Burgundy Street.

8th District Report

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

German Oktoberfest

When: Saturday October 15, 2011
1 – 4 pm

Where: Courtyard of St. Paul Lutheran Church
(weather permitting)

2624 Burgundy Street (corner of Port Street)
To be held in the church basement
if there is inclement weather.

Good German food, German music, fun and fellowship for the whole family.
Come pass a good time and join the fun!

CALENDER OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Meet the Neighbors

September 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Yuki on Frenchmen Street

Board Meeting

September 7, 7 pm, Who Dat Café, 2401 Burgundy Street

General Meeting

September 19, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

OCTOBER

Board Meeting

October 5, 7 pm, Who Dat Café, 2401 Burgundy Street

Meet the Neighbors

October 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
TBA

General Meeting

October 17, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

NONPAC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday,

7 pm, 901 Bartholomew Street

8th District — 2nd Thursday

5:30 pm, 1001 Toulouse Street

GREEN MARKETS

French Market

Wednesdays & Saturdays
10 am - 5 pm

Sankofa Market

Saturdays
10 am - 2 pm
Holy Angels Complex, 3500 St. Claude Avenue (at the corner of Gallier Street and St. Claude Avenue)

FREE FUN

St Claude Arts District

2nd Saturday: see www.scadnola.com

Chess Lessons

Thursdays, 5 pm, Alvar Library, 913 Alvar Street

Nickel-A-Dance Series

Traditional New Orleans jazz concerts at The Maison, 508 Frenchmen Street every Sunday in October, 4 - 7 pm. These family friendly concerts are FREE, dancers welcome.

10/2: Lucien Barbarin's Magnificent Seven

10/9: Norbert Susemihl's New Orleans All-Stars

10/16: John Rankin and The New Orleans Swing Masters

10/23: Greg Stafford and The Jazz Hounds

10/30: Lionel Ferbos and The Palm Court Jazz Band

German Oktoberfest: <<< See details at left >>>



If you have an event for the calendar please send it to [Donna Wakeman at editor@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:Donna.Wakeman@faubourgmarigny.org)



Business News

By Rachel Smith

The brutal heat on August 28th didn't stop hundreds of people from checking out the grand opening of the New Orleans Healing Center. It was incredible to see the transformation of the building from an ugly empty cinderblock shell to the bold bright complex now home to over twenty businesses and services.

I wandered from the Maple Street bookstore to the free massages at Affordable Healing Arts, the mysterious and alluring Salvation Botanica, then returned in the evening to bounce between the Kirtan devotional singing upstairs at Wild Lotus Yoga Studio and Henry Butler playing "Dock of the Bay" in the new performance space Café Istanbul.

The coolers and shelving are going up at the Food Co-op which opens in early November — it is hard to believe that there finally will be fresh produce, fresh cuts of meat and seafood and healthy bulk foods available a convenient walk away from our homes. It has the look of a contemporary, clean grocery store — this is not your hippie mama's co-op of the 1970s. It was an altogether exuberant day seeing all these enterprises finally coming to fruition.

With so many businesses having opened there this month, it would take more than a year to cover them all within the confines of this monthly newsletter, so I had to almost arbitrarily pick one out of a hat to spotlight. As I know very little about dance, I decided to learn more about the **Movement Room Dance Studio**.

I met with owner and studio coordinator Anna Morris over a milkshake at the Orange Couch. Anna, who is from South Africa, moved to New Orleans in January 2005 to teach modern dance around town and at NOCCA. After Katrina there was a void in the dance scene, leaving dancers without a space or many resources. Adults who want to take up dance don't have numerous options as in other cities, and almost none existed downtown or Mid-City.

Anna and several other dancers wrote up a business plan for "504-ward" and made the finals but couldn't succeed in pulling together the grants and funding for a studio. One of the obstacles to studio rental is that dance studios require a "sprung" floor which will have give from the impact of the dancers landing, and this usually has to be purpose-built or retrofit at some considerable expense.

Jim Drury, project manager for New Orleans Healing Center, heard about the group of dancers looking for a space, and approached Anna about a space within the building that he thought might be suitable and a good fit with NOHC's mission. Serendipitously, it proved to have a sprung floor ideal for dance and movement classes. Anna took a deep breath and signed the contract on her own, taking the chance that she could find the critical mass of instructors and students to cover the rents. The Movement Room opened in mid-May, one of the first businesses to open within the Healing Center.

Anna's own background is originally in Human Kinetics and Ergonomics, an industrial/occupational application of physiology, but she shifted careers to study dance. She's currently enrolled in a graduate program in Somatic Movement, which is a more inward form of movement, a holistic body-centered approach that helps people reconnect with self through movement practices that promote psycho-physical awareness and well-being.

The Movement Center offers a range of Modern Dance classes taught by Anna, Belly Dance taught by Marlane, Yoga-influenced Booty Ballet and Trance Dance with Courtney, Pilates with Robin and Safety Release, a specialized movement class targeted to dancers and performers, with Barry. Classes are \$10 each. Most classes are on a drop-in basis although a few, mostly advanced classes, require pre-registration for a series.

The Center has a mix of beginning dance adult students, advanced students and professional dancers. There are also special workshops given by visiting teachers, such as the upcoming Butoh training with a notable teacher from New York, and Qi Play with Phyllis. Anna hopes hope to be able to use Café Istanbul as potential performance space for small group performances. The studio itself is a mid-sized serene open space whose most prominent features are the wood floors and the two large skylights.

I already have visions of an evening at the Healing Center to take a Pilates class, then browse the bookshop, grab a pastry at Fatoush, the Mediterranean restaurant, and end by picking up tomorrow's groceries. The building really does offer one-stop shopping to nourish the body and the soul.

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National Night Out Against Crime

by Donna Wakeman

This year New Orleans' Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6 pm. It is hoped that by moving this national tradition from the heat of August to cooler October will encourage more neighbors and friends to participate in this event to support the City of New Orleans and the New Orleans Police Department. This event is a unified effort for all citizens and members of the criminal justice system to prevent and reduce crime in this great city.

Other opportunities exist for all residents to participate in anti-crime programs such as neighborhood watch and the New Orleans Neighbors and Police Anti Crime Council meetings. (NONPACC) These programs are proven tools that strengthen communities and create better partnerships with citizens and law enforcement.

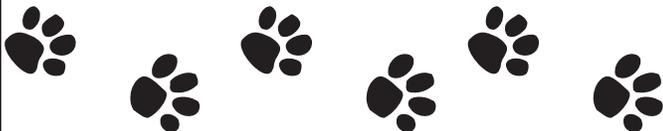
Additionally, Chief Serpas has started new programs to educate our neighbors and friends and to increase community involvement and reduce violent crime. Chief Serpas has started the "El Protector" program in the Hispanic and Vietnamese communities and he's currently accepting applications for his fourth citizen police academy.

He's also accepting applications for his new "VoCal" program, "Volunteers Can Lead." The VoCal program was designed to allow citizens from the New Orleans area to become volunteers in the NOPD. The areas include clerical duties in our district stations, tourist information for visitors at the Eighth District Station, greeting and assisting visitors at the reception desk at Police Headquarters, participating in and lending ideas to our Crime Prevention Programs.

If you plan to host your own block party, please call the Crime Prevention Office at 658-5590 to register. It's important that you register so that your district commander and elected officials can plan to visit you and your group. Additionally, register with the FMIA at secretary@faubourgmarigny.org and be reimbursed up to \$25 for non-alcoholic refreshments you provide for your party (receipts required).

P.A.W.S.

P.A.W.S. is hosting an adoption drive on September 17 at City Bark located at 1 Palm Drive in New Orleans, between the hours of 9:00 – 11:30 am.



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Meet the Neighbors

By John Gutekunst



The plan for the August Meet the Neighbors had been to meet upstairs at Mimi's

in the Marigny. However due to construction taking place we all met downstairs and had a great time on a hot evening at this cool neighborhood bar.

Meet the Neighbors for September will take place on **Tuesday, September 13** at **Yuki** on Frenchmen Street. This fun, funky Japanese restaurant/bar will put out some complimentary special appetizers for us from their raved-about menu of delicacies.

Stay tuned for information for the event on **October 11**. Check out the website for updates.

These get-togethers are the perfect opportunity to meet new people in the neighborhood and support our local businesses. And they're a great time — join us!

Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim



Do you know tonight I saw a truck delivering recycle bins in the Marigny!

Thanks to the 17 members who volunteered to canvas 1 Square Block and help educate their neighbors about the City's Weekly Curbside Recycling Program and to sign up those who aren't already recycling. There are 75 blocks left to canvas, join us now and volunteer for the **1 Square Block Program**.

Need more cards and information? Contact Deborah at green@faubourgmarnigny.org

Please check out www.neighborland.org and read what other residents are saying about recycling and other issues in the Marigny.

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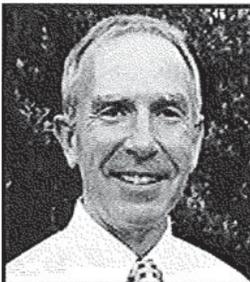
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Fare Markets

Sankofa Farmers Market

On Saturday, August 27 the Sankofa Farmers Market moved from its old location at St Claude and Caffin Avenues in the Lower Ninth Ward to the Holy Angels Complex at St Claude Avenue and Gallier Street in the Upper Ninth Ward. It relocated to meet the needs of the vendor and market-goer communities, continue to provide a space for local farmers and fishers to sell their products, and offer access to fresh healthy foods in the Ninth Ward and neighboring areas.

In keeping with the Sankofa Farmers Market's tradition of 2nd Saturday's at the Market, a grand opening celebration of the new location washeld on Saturday, September 10. In addition to the usual array of fresh local foods, the grand opening featured live music from New Orleans funk band Yojimbo from Noon-2 pm. Additional activities included health screenings with Daughters of Charity Health Center's Mobile Unit, nutritional cooking demonstrations and tastings with LSU Ag Center, and children's art activities. A variety of community organizations joined the 2nd Saturday's at the Market to share information and services with market-goers.

Following the request of neighborhood residents, the Sankofa Farmers Market began operating as a weekly



Kids Culinary Class at Sankofa Farmers Market.

farmers market in the Lower Ninth Ward during November of 2010. The Market, a project of the Sankofa Community Development Corporation (CDC) has been growing in customers and vendors since its inception and the summer months continued to bring a diverse group of both first time and returning market-goers.

The Market consistently offers locally grown fruits and vegetables, jams and jellies, breads and pastries, Louisiana shrimp and seafood, barbeque, plants, organic soil and compost, and hand-made pasta. Market-goer favorites include Grilling Shelling's turkey burgers, Today's Special's local fruit popsicles, Sugar's in the Bywater's honey granola, and Indian Springs Farmers Cooperatives' watermelon, okra, and pink-eye purple hull peas.

The Market is proud to host three vendors who are growing in the Lower Ninth Ward, all of whom farm using organic practices without synthetic pesticides or herbicides. Lower Ninth Ward couples Calvin & Nathalie Alexander and Happy & Connie Ward, along with the Lamanche Urban Farm of lowernine.org, supply the market with Ninth Ward-grown produce and plenty of advice on growing one's own backyard plot. School gardens are also represented at the Market by Langston Hughes Academy students who attend monthly as vendors to sell produce they have grown.

Thanks to master griller Richard Shelling of Grilling Shelling, the market is a destination not only for shopping but also for having a hot lunch with friends. The aroma from Grilling Shelling's turkey and hamburgers, ribs, and stuffed chicken breasts has been known to stop cars passing by on St Claude Ave and lead folks right into the Market! Regular customers have made a habit of enjoying lunch at the Market before or after picking up fresh ingredients to prepare at home.

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seasonality. She incorporates fresh fruits and vegetables from fellow Sankofa vendors in her delicious creations, such as blueberry breakfast bread, carrot cake, and peach tarts.

For more information, including a complete list of vendors and calendar of events, call 504-875-4268, email: sankofafarmersmarket@gmail.com, or visit sankofafarmersmarket.org.

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Each Saturday morning Brittany treks out in the wee morning hours to buy fresh produce from the New Orleans East Vietnamese Community Market. She is committed to making fresh, locally-grown, and healthy food a constant part of her life; she thinks that every person should have similar access. However, Saturday at 5:30 am is far too early for many folks.

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local farmers . . . I can almost guarantee you will be hooked on the first trip! If you would like to snag a ride to the market, please get in touch with her by Friday evening so that you can coordinate your departure time (probably no later than 5:20 am).

In support of community-based access to healthy, local, and affordable food,
Brittany Starr Shroyer honeyserviceyear.blogspot.com



Mayor and Mrs. Landrieu with Today's Special at Sankofa Farmers Market



LSU Ag Center demo at Sankofa Farmers Market

mixed salad greens, green onions, mint, mung bean sprouts, cucumbers, eggplant, and basil. Hot peppers, fully-dressed cornish game hens (AMAZING in the crock-pot) and locally-caught shrimp, calamari, and catfish can also be found at the market; let her know if there is a particular item that you are looking for! Fresh farm eggs can also be purchased at the market: please ask her specifically if you would like a dozen (\$3).

As always, she loves company on her early-morning ventures. Consider joining her on Saturday and experiencing the joys of shopping for fresh produce from



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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes August 10, 2011

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

Board Members Absent: Alex Vialou

Guests: Glenn delatte, Mark Boline, Bob O'Brien, Lori Mahfoui, Robyn Ryan, Miles Swanson, Robert Garrity, Margie Schwegmann-Brown, Eva Campos, Benny Naghi

Call to Order: Chris Costello called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. Guests who asked to be scheduled will be allowed to present.

Community Requests:

- 1) Glen deLatte 1830 McShane Place – He said applied for demolition and has been denied. Q: Purchased in 1991 He purchased it as an 'empty lot' (67ft by 95.ft now there are two rooms and is rotted out. Q: What are your plans? A: Yes, he said he does have plans but not this next year and said that this is his yard. The City said he can't get a permit since it was used for storage. It is a rotten property. He said he owns almost the entire block. It would have to come down for anything to be built. The original entrance was on St. Claude and had a fence around it for almost 20 years.
- 2) Mark Boline and Bob O'Brien – The Friendly Touch Bar: Bob O'Brien purchased the property at 1027 Touro. The property on Touro is next to the bar and a parking lot – intends to move his office and fix the building. The building was vacant and purchased it from the bank. The Friendly Touch Bar is in terrible condition and is still functioning. The newest owner said he intends to fix it up. However, they are applying for the liquor license to be transferred. There are blight and code violations on the building. This would be the perfect time to interrupt that license and have the property brought back to a decent standard. It was suggested to come and talk to the Board. Bob O'Brien has gone to HDLC twice. They applied for a picket fence and were denied and can't replace the fence. The current fence has barb wire on it. The conversation with HDLC mentioned to come to FMIA. Q: How to get an ABO without the standards and code being met by building? A: ABO application on the building. The state usually does not know what is happening with the city. The city will look at the application. As a property owner next door to the building you can send a letter to the state alerting them to the condition of the building. He said that the building has been cited by HDLC as demolition by neglect. HDLC has been really vigilant with him and not the blighted building (The Friendly Touch Bar). There would be no problem to take the heat but it would not help him deal with the neighbor. He said the real issue is the building and not the bar. They want to put their building back into commerce. Chris said there is a process and he mentioned the new state laws and suggested all involved (neighbors) to step forward and write letters and send pictures to the State, City and FMIA with their concerns. Chris said that there is also a petition portion on the State website. FMIA has taken pretty strong steps against blight. We are pro-active towards written complaints.
- 3) Margie Schwegmann-Brown introduced herself and Robert Garrity, an attorney. Ms. Schwegmann-Brown discussed her view of the situation with the grocery store on Elysian Fields and St. Claude, the previous Robert's. Ms. Schwegmann-Brown represents the property and said it is rock solid. The building has been cited for blight. She said it was Robert's responsibility. Her contractors have been doing blight remediation and the building is now sound. She said she wants the building to serve the community and is trying to use the building such as leasing it to the Film Society, movie industry, FQ festival, and contracted for Labor Day Fest. Ms. Schwegmann-Brown said having people on the lot is a deterrent to crime and vandalism

of the building. Robert's has obtained an injunction and now the property can't be used for anything. Chris asked how did we get to this point. She said she will not address the rumors. Q: You made a comment that you want the building to serve the community and how does a film industry serve the community? Gene asked is the roof water proof? He is concerned that the piece of property is sitting there. A: There is ownership and lease-ship. Robert Garrity, the attorney for the estate said on Friday August 5th met with construction people to develop a set of plans and applied to the court for money to rebuild. On August 26 funds will be released to rebuild. Robert's has the first option as the operator of the grocery store. They want to have a good tenant relationship. They have plans to build a modern grocery store. They want to make something happen in 2012. Q: Would Robert's have the responsibility to maintain the building and security? A: Yes Q: We are frustrated that we don't have a grocery store for six (6) years and have been told that there is no way to have a grocery store. We want the store to come back. A: In 2012 there will be a grocery store. A Magistrate has been assigned, Karen Roby and has been put in charge to get the building back into commerce. On August 26th they want plans and the cost \$2.6 million. Until Robert's said yes or no, we do not know the operator. She said there is no more blight issues and fines have been paid.

Administration

- 1) Approvals by email:
 - a) Minutes from 7/6 & 6/1 Board Meeting & 7/18 General Meetings
- 2) President's Report –
 - a) Meetings: Café Istanbul, - Ken, Gretchen, Chris and the neighbors met to work out an amiable Community Benefit Agreement. Ultimately, the neighbors feel that it is a bait and switch and plans have changed. They are working on everyone to come up with a CBA including Councilperson Kristen Palmer. The grand opening for the Healing Center is August 28th and Café Istanbul's wants to open too. The owners of the building are asking for a zoning change from HMC1 to HML1. The question is why are they asking for a zoning change? The current zoning would allow the uses as conditional use with appropriate text amendments. Q: With the new master plan what happens if there is a zoning change? Q: It would 'grandfathered' in. Ken said most of the neighbors said that Café Istanbul made a big concession and would not open on non performances days. Most of the neighbors were ok with that. Issues that the neighbors are discussing are: 1) egress on N. Rampart because everyone would be leaving from the N. Rampart exit. Café Istanbul will stop selling alcohol at 2pm and close. If they have a movie – they would close an hour later. 2) HML1 - that is an open ended zoning and it becomes spot zoning. It makes no good planning sense. With the current zoning, provisos can be written and would become part of the law. 3) Ken asked Nicole, if they change the zoning what could Café Istanbul become? A: Café Istanbul would be the only allowed space and if changed would have to go through the process. 4) How is the police department going to frame HML1? The confusing part is that the law is not straight forward. A: There is no need for a zoning change. 5) Another piece is the noise issue. The list has been sent to all the neighbors to work on and agreed upon. The Hearing is August 23rd.
 - b) RDO, Riverfront Town Hall on August 10th at St. Paul Lutheran: CPC, Paul Cramer and Jeff wanted to talk about the Treme and Marigny. Treme will adopt the RDO. Restaurants have a permitted use. Our concern that if it is a permitted use and how do you know the building is appropriate for a restaurant. CPC is asking us to add what we want regarding the permitted use for a restaurant. Riverfront Park is moving forward. We have repeatedly questioned the placement of the bathrooms. Currently they said no because the reason is that it would cost money. We brought this to their attention 1 year ago. We want to go on record that we would like the bathrooms moved to an appropriate location and block the only street view of the river and have no documentation that they live in the hood.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Ken said Ben Johnson; the hired CPA will deliver the computer with the report next week.
- 4) Committee Reports:
 - 1) Newsletter: In the September edition of the newsletter, the membership will have an opportunity to receive the newsletter by email. The current delivery system has a small number limit and would like to change the delivery system. Option 1 \$180 an email service – 1000 emails address and email blasts, as well as sending out the newsletter. It is a full support. Option 2) This system will provide 2000 email address, support is very limited (free) and the user would have to click the link to get the newsletter. Ken moved that we accept Option 1 VOTE: Unanimous Donna said that she wants to revise the membership form to include the email option. Gretchen moved that we revise the membership form to include the email option. Vote: Unanimous

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Orchids: Gretchen who has been keeping track of all notification and responding immediately, Ken working diligently to restore the financial records, Donna for research of an efficient email service and chairing the Newsletter Committee; Applauds to the Newsletter Committee for an award winning Newsletter; and Marigny Green for the constant reminder to help make the Faubourg Marigny a 'green' neighborhood; Thanks to Ken for the endless work with the residents and the city to have Parking Permits in the Marigny Triangle(block by block). Onions Property owners of blighted properties

- 2) Marigny Green: Deborah asked for support of Marigny Green's One Square Block Project and help educate Marigny residents how to participate in the City's Weekly Curbside Recycling Program. Volunteers will meet their neighbors as they canvas the square block where they live. Marigny Green has clip boards, a sample canvas script, and cards for volunteers to sign up their neighbors for the City's Curbside Recycling Program. Move to support Marigny Green One Square Block canvas project. Vote Unanimous
 - 3) Art in the Park: No action
 - 4) Blight: The two blighted buildings on St. Claude have been purchased.
 - 5) Nominations Committee, Gary delaumont, Chairperson: The Nomination Committee announced the slate for the 2011-2012 year: Alex Vialou, Miles Swanson, Marshall Gries, Gretchen Bomboy. Gene Cizek was selected to serve as Past President.
 - 6) Membership - Voting Verification: The question is how to expand proof of documentation for residents who live in the Marigny and do not have documentation? We discussed a picture identification and proof of residence to include utility bill, driver's license, auto registration, voter registration, cable or phone bill, rental agreement or a receipt for paying rent at the address. A P.O. Box in the Marigny does not entitle a person to be a voting member. A business membership has one vote. Q: It was asked if an owner has more than one business and paid 5 memberships how many votes would they be entitled to? A: We will talk to legal counsel and post it our website and in the Newsletter.
- c. Audit: This is coming soon.
- d. Bylaws:
- Proposed Changes: a. Term Limits: Donna said we need to establish term limits for consecutive terms on the Board and Officers of the Board. This will open it up for more people to be actively engaged. Recommendations how it should be written was discussed. Gene said we need to look into Board Officers. He suggested that the VP shadows the President (a training program) if they are interested in running for President of the Board. Maybe there would be two VP's. b. It was suggested that a Board Member can serve 2 consecutive years as an Executive Officer b. A person can be elected to the Board three (3) consecutive terms (six (6) consecutive years) and the advantage is to have stability of the Board. c. Change the word resides to rent. Reside is a general term. Q: If someone is homeless, can they camp out in a tent and vote? A: You need to have a physical stake – change to rent/lease instead of reside. Motion: Gretchen moved that a, b, c, be approved. Vote Unanimous. It was reiterated that a member must have paid dues thirty days before the election and one (1) year as a member before elected to the Board.

Old business:

Projects

- a. Parking Permits in the Marigny Triangle: Ken said all paperwork has been completed and turned into the city. Parking Permits will be street by street.
- b. Washington Square Park, Trash Cans: Ordered and 9 weeks will be delivered.
- c. Historic Markers: Gene Cizek is working on this with Bill Hyland.
- d. Land Use Survey: No status
- e. Café Istanbul Theater ABO: Working on a CBA with the neighbors and Café Istanbul.
- f. CANO meeting: The lease is still be negotiated with the Archdiocese. They are wanted to have a Fundraiser for the project. It was asked what is FMIA's position and we are in support of CANO.
- g. Colton Construction: Gretchen attended the meeting. We need to have a meeting with the people who live around the school. Early morning they are pouring concrete. It took the contractor three weeks to have flag guys. It is their responsibility to work with the neighbors. Bright Moments needs to schedule the meeting with the immediate residents.

- h. 511 Marigny: Zoning change? The agreement will not be signed until everything is fixed and in place.
- i. Redistricting: The Marigny Triangle and Rectangle have remained one!
- j. Lead in Washington Square Park: No status
- k. Standing-to-'Sue' Issue for Neighborhood Organizations: No status
- l. Sound Ordinance Drive in Screening: Ken and Jason attended a meeting that Councilperson Palmer attended and it was very informative. Noise level is supposed to be 85 or 86 and a lot of clubs are between 89/92. There is an ambient level and the club level. Good points were discussed such as brass horns on Chartres and Frenchmen Streets. Car horns are also in the mix of noise. All the clubs that have voiced their opinion are against the brass bands on the street. Bands can play legally till 8 pm and with the sound ordinance there will be a time limit. It was discussed that there are different noise levels in Lakeview vs. an entertainment area. The information is on the city's website and they want public input. This is still the issue of enforcement. The primary discussion was that the police have a system that does not work and violent crime is their primary concern.
- m. PRC SELLabration Saturday Sept. 17th from 9:00 to 3:00 at PRC.
- n. Replacement Banners: Ken said a banner saying *Welcome to the Historic Faubourg Marigny* Committee: Gene, Ken, Deborah

New business:

Projects

1. The Friendly Touch Bar: 1027 Touro FMIA's policy states that the complaint must be in writing to react. FMIA is concerned about the blight and the ABO.
2. New Banners for St. Claude: We had discussed having banners on St. Claude. The Healing Center wants to have banners too. We could invite other organization to put banners on St. Claude. Chris moved that we go through the process of petitioning the city (Public Works) to put banners up. Vote: Unanimous
3. Neighborland: It is website for communities www.neighborland.org
4. Bicycle Safety PSA: BeBe St.Romain, Michael Bicycles, Metro Bikes, is putting together a bicycle safety PSA. Ken moved to donate \$500 for the PSA. Vote: Unanimous

Events

- a. Night Out Against Crime: This event has been moved to October. We need to get the word out and support people who host a Night Out Against Crime event. In the past we give \$25 stipend if receipts were submitted. Gretchen moved that we do the same thing as previous Vote: Unanimous
- b. Movies in the Park: The group wants to have movies in Washington Square Park that are appropriate for teens. More information is needed.

Other

- 1) Food Coop Loan: We received an email that the loan FMIA agreed to lend the Food Coop would be an unsecured loan. If they default, it could be difficult for our association to recoup the loan. Ken moved that it should be a secured loan. Vote: Unanimous
- 2) Lloyd Sensat Donations: FMIA received donations in memory of Lloyd. We will send thank you notes to the donors. Gene is working on ideas to honor Lloyd.
- 3) RDO: Chris moved that we accept the addition to a standard restaurant and list all the requirements and include garbage containers. Vote: Unanimous. FYI: They passed a new ordinance prohibiting dumpsters permanently on the street.
- 4) 1830 McShane: The building was purchased in 1991 and HDLC would not let him tear it down. There is no permit that would not be allowed to repair the building. The building is behind the fence and the short side faces McShane Pl. If the building is changed, then that is a different issue. It was a single shotgun. It is an old building that was left. It is clearly demolition by neglect. Gretchen moved that we do nothing. Amended: Gretchen moved that the letter we have on record is our standard operating procedure. Vote: Unanimous
- 5) Chris discussed he has been receiving a lot of emails from anonymous people. How to respond? In our discussion, it was noted that no one opens an email from an unknown address. It was suggested to ignore these emails.

Adjournment: Adjourn at 9:39 pm.

Eva Campos had some questions and was not on the agenda. She was asked to send an email.

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FMIA General Meeting Minutes August 15, 2011

Chris Costello opened the meeting at 7:15pm and welcomed everyone at to the meeting.

Announcements:

1. Thanks to Mimi's for a great Meet the Neighbors last month. The next Meet the Neighbors will be on September 13th at Yukkie's, 6:30-8:30pm.
2. Committees:
 - a. Marigny Green: Deborah announced the newest program for Marigny Green. VOLUNTEER for the Only 1 Square Block Project and YOU will help educate Marigny residents to participate in the City's free weekly curbside recycling pick-up and meet your neighbors as you can canvas the square block where you live. Marigny Green has clip boards, a sample canvas script, and cards for you to sign up your square block neighbors for the City's free recycling program. Please sign up tonight or contact Deborah at marignygreen@faubourgmarigny.org and join the 1 Square Block Project.
 - b. Blight: Alex was absent and he submitted a report. He said that everyone has to be the eyes and ears in the neighborhood and contact him with concerns or to help. FMIA's policy is to help the owner find solutions to remediate blight. The program does not single anyone out, we try to help everyone. Please contact Alex at blight@faubourgmarigny.org
 - c. Newsletter: The Newsletter Committee is in the process of having newsletters delivered by email. As a member, you will have the option to receive it either way. Thank you to John and Katherine K who have been volunteering to do the layout. Those who signed up for emails notices and have not received them, it is because of the limit we had on the number that could be sent at one time. With the new service, we will be able to send to all. If you have volunteered to canvas with the Marigny Green Project, we encourage you to ask them to join FMIA. The more residents are actively involved, the more good things we can do.
3. Riverfront Update: Town Hall Meeting, August 10, 2011: Councilperson Palmer said that the Riverfront park is moving forward. Currently they are working on the Mandeville Wharf. They are some questions and concerns: Q: The bathrooms which are in the wrong location and would block the street view of area. A: Not resolved. Q: What would the Mandeville Street Wharf be used for? A: It is not to be used for any particular purpose. They don't have the money to do what they said it would be. Usage would be under special permits. Q: The revenue source? A: They said the model they are working on is the French Market Corporation would be in charge of maintenance and parking lots. This is still in limbo.
4. Healing Center's grand opening is August 28th and everyone is invited to attend. The Healing Centers is a community center where the 'purpose and operating principles are based on United Nations guidelines for healing/sustainability' and the some of the currents tenants are a grocery cooperative, street university, cooperative bank and micro loan institution, green business incubator, healing arts collective, interfaith center, organic food restaurant, performance hall, bookstore, gym and more. The neighbors are working with Café Istanbul (performance hall) to create a Community Benefit Agreement on particular issues such as hours, entrance and exit location, and alcohol service. The owners of the Healing Center building want a zoning change to HMLI. FMIA suggested that they keep HMC and add text amendments to accomplish what is needed.
5. Nominations: FMIA appointed a Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee has to see if the nominated individuals are qualified according to the ByLaws and Articles of Incorporation of the association. Nominations from the Committee 2011-2012 that met the requirements are: Alex Vialou, Miles Swanson, Gretchen Bomboy, and Marshal Gries. Gene Cizek will serve as Past President. Chris opened nominations from the floor. Those nominations are Beni Naghi, Nick Scramuzza, Katy Adams, and Dwight Norton. Chris closed the nominations from the floor. Donna requested each person running for the Board please send a brief biography which will be printed in the September Newsletter. Please send the bios to editor@faubourgmarigny.org Q: How do they select the past president? A: The past presidents get together and select a past president. Q: How long is a Board Member elected? A: The Board Member is elected for a 2 year term. The Board elects the President and the Executive Officers. The Executive Officers and President are elected every year by the Board. Q: Is there limits how many terms a president be elected? A: To have term limits, there would have to be a ByLaw change and it would have to be voted on by the membership. The Board discussed a proposed Bylaw change that a Board Member can serve 3 consecutive terms and for an Executive Officer, it would be 2 consecutive years. The association will have a committee and look at the pros and cons and the proposal suggested would be voted on at a General Meeting. Gene said: It is hard to be past president. Being on the Board is a hard job and it is hours and hours each week of

work. It is a big responsibility. Folks don't realize how hard it is to be a good Board Member. Pickle said: This organization has done well for this community for a long time. They need to be very careful about changing things. The Board has taken a lot of crap from people – they work for the community. Nick interrupted and said it was foolishness to have testimonials. Chris continued the discussion on the responsibilities of the Board such as attend all Board Meetings, head a Committee and volunteers for many other meetings.

Voting Verification Policy: There are two types of members: voting and non-voting. To vote you must live within the boundaries of the Marigny and/or have a business in the Marigny. A non-voting member does not live within the boundaries of the Marigny and is a non-voting member of the association. The member must pay the dues 30 days before the voting period. To be a Board Member, you must be a member in good standard for 1 year. Q: How does the election occur? A: It is all held at the General Meeting. The voting member will receive a ballot with all the names. Then the ballots will be counted. Q: How do I vote if I am out of town? A: I believe we have a proxy vote on September 19th.

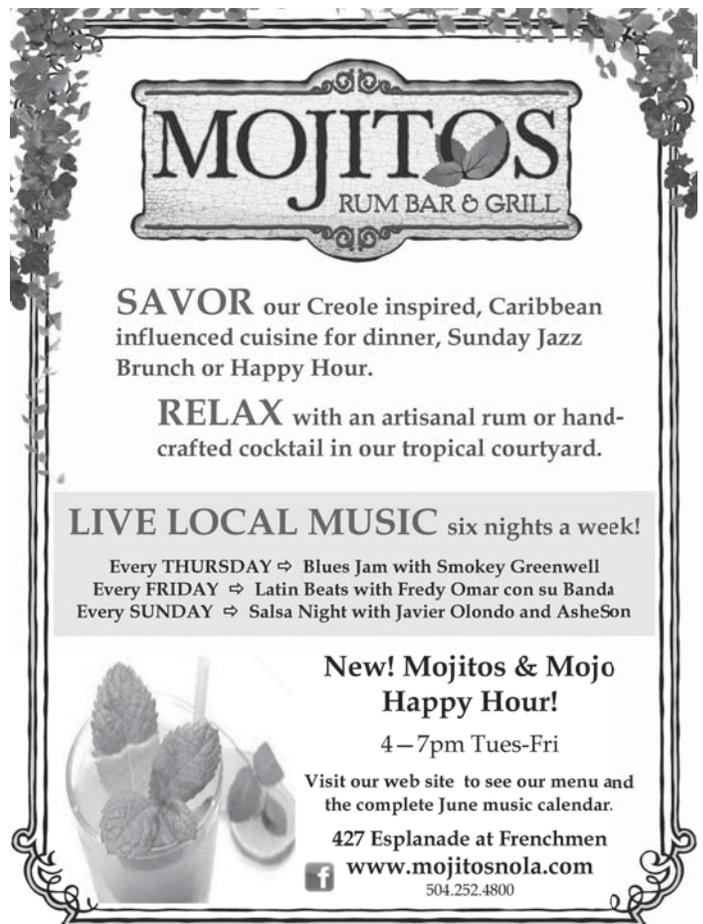
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Members must verify their domicile at each vote. This may be done by producing the following documents. (Note: The name on the identification must match the name in FMIA membership records.)

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Individuals:

1. A document verifying the Person's Identity
 - a. A valid, government issued ID with your Faubourg Marigny property address (driver's license, military ID, State Issued ID) OR
2. A document verifying the Person's Identity
 - a. A valid, government issued ID (driver's license, passport, military ID, State issued ID) AND
 - b. A document verifying the person's Address (must contain the person's name and Faubourg Marigny address). Shall include but is not limited to the following: illustrative list: A service bill (water, electricity/gas, telephone, internet, television.), Voter Registration Card, W2, bank statement.

Any question of voting rights will be determined by the Board of Directors as prescribed in Section 1.B.1 of the Bylaws.

Jared Brossett: brossettj@legis.state.la.us ;286-1033 State Rep 97 - Franklin to Piety - He said he was proud to have served portions of ByWater and Marigny for the last 2 yrs. He is proud to say that they announced that Digital Media moved their headquarters to New Orleans providing 150 jobs and 4,000 worldwide. He wants more people to move to the city. There are many young people moving here. Q: Why are we losing a congressional seat? A: They defeated an attempt to lose one seat 49-47. There are 3 state representatives in the area. The new district is 99% front portion of NO East, and the entire Bywater and Marigny. Representative Brossett said the ideal population is about 41,000 for a district. The election is October 22nd and qualifications are 3 days after Labor Day. Representative Brossett said it is with a heavy heart that he would not serve us. He supported the moving of New Orleans Cold

Storage and believed it was about the integrity of the neighborhood. He was on the Board of NOCCA which is now a full high school. NOCCA also started a culinary program. He continued to say we must embrace things that are good. Representative Brossett said he has been big on eradicating blight and supported the historic tax credit program. He has had a good working relationship with Chris and FMIA and the neighborhood has stuck together and will continue to do this. Chris thanked Representative Brossett and said it was nice to have someone who believes in our neighborhood.

Speaker: Sean Vissar, Deconstruction Manager, Deconstruction and Salvage Program, Building Together New Orleans; svissar@rtno.org 504-388-0171 Building Together New Orleans www.rtno.org 2801 Marais St. NOLA 70117, a program of the Preservation Resource Center, www.prcno.org ; 504-581-7032. The program is an environmental conscience deconstruction program and all materials are taken down by hand. They recycle (sell) the materials at their store Monday - Saturday. The service include: donation pick-up, deconstruction, demolition services, exploratory demolition. They are a non-profit 501c3 and part of the ReUse District. Q: Who qualifies for your program? A: 65 years or older or single who lives in Hollygrove, St Roch, Tremé, Gentilly, and Algiers. Q: -Is there a way to get on the list? There are people in this area who could qualify. The program used to be called Christmas in October. A: Yes, it was the one month and since Katrina they started working year round. Q: You use to work heavily in this 'hood. Ya'll fix everything and now we need you again and it has been 20 yrs. A: Call the Warehouse and Salvage Store at 504-947-0038.

More Announcements:

1. Colton: Michael Pizzolo has been working very hard for a long time with a group of residents. They had a meeting with Superintendent Jon White. He is not committing to their program but a decision will be made in the fall from RSD and OPSB. They have applied for a Charter School called Homer A. Plessey Community School Pre k-8 which will include St. Roch, Marigny, Lower 7th Ward, St. Claude and Bywater neighborhoods.
 2. St. Paul is having a free movie Aug. 19 at 7pm, Yellow Submarine.
- Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

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