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# A Marigny Christmas

*By Gretchen Bomboy*

Since we found it necessary to cancel our Fall Walking Tour this year, we are combining some of its aspects into our Holiday Caroling Event, to be held December 11. We will have an **Art Market** for your last minute shopping needs as well as children’s entertainment area, and our Historic Walking Tour, which was written by our beloved Lloyd Sensat.

### Walking Tour Route

The Tour will proceed from Washington Square Park toward the river, turning left to continue down Chartres where we will examine many architectural styles and observe the homes of such notables as our artist George Rodrigue and his wife, and our chef Paul Prudhomme.

We will pass the home of Architect Rick Fifield and his wife Deborah, an inspired residential adaptive re-use of a commercial building, then the lovely Feelings Restaurant, once home of the D’Aunoy plantation from 1795.

Turn left on Port Street to see many lovely building types culminating at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, one of our most well cared for older buildings.

From there we will trek upriver on Burgundy and turn right on St. Roch to see the wonderful adaptive re-use The Healing Center, which is the star of our Main Street Program.

We will continue river bound on Spain Street back to Royal Street where we turn right to continue the Architectural Adventure on our way back to Washington Square Park.

### Caroling

Candlelight Caroling will start at 6:00 pm. Join us to toast the season with warm cider, munch on a cookie and sing along (lyrics provided). Our tentative schedule is below.

### Get Involved

In order to make this a success we need some volunteers to both set up at the park, handle the children’s area and to act as tour guides.

We also would like to ask that those on the tour route get together with your neighbors and pull your weeds, plant seasonal flowers, repair any loose bricks or holes that might trip a visitor.

Remember, these guests are potential neighbors to whom we wish to extend our gracious hospitality.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org).



<b>Tentative Schedule</b>	
<b>November 26</b>	
10 am – 2 pm	Park Decorating
<b>December 9</b>	
10 am – 2 pm	Park Clean-up
<b>December 11</b>	
10 am – 4 pm	Walking Tour Art Market Kids Area
6 pm – 8 pm	Caroling

## NO MORE BLIGHT

*By Alexandre Vialou*

Have you noticed the transformation of 2613 Royal Street? Over the last couple of months, this historic blighted property — one of our most endangered — was carefully renovated (see picture below). As the new owner finishes the work, it is important to recognize that this double story Victorian house would most likely have been demolished by neglect if it weren't for the determination of neighbors and the neighborhood.

The previous owner didn't live permanently in the property, so the house slowly fell into neglect. The several hurricanes that crisscrossed our area left their marks on the house which by 2008 started to resemble a haunted manor. In the spring of 2009, The FMIA was able to have it inspected by Code Enforcement. A first hearing was scheduled in July 2009 but the owner managed to get it reset twice.

Eventually, the owner was found conditionally guilty in October 2009. Since no repairs were ever performed, the owner was finally found guilty of Blight in March 2010. As Code Enforcement fines were looming for the delinquent homeowner the property was sold below its historical value. Yet it also came with a significant cost for repairs.

After securing loans and working continuously under the scrutiny of the Historic District Landmark Commission (HDLC), Mr. Malone — our new neighbor now — has a remarkable result to show. We are so glad this property was saved. The irony in this story: Mr. Malone was asked by the City of New Orleans to pay all Code Enforcement fines due on the property.

To get involved in our No More Blight Program or to inquire about the status of a blighted property, please email us at [blight@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:blight@faubourgmarigny.org).



2613 Royal Street



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## About the Newsletter

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## President's Report

*By Alexandre Vialou*

Bonjour,

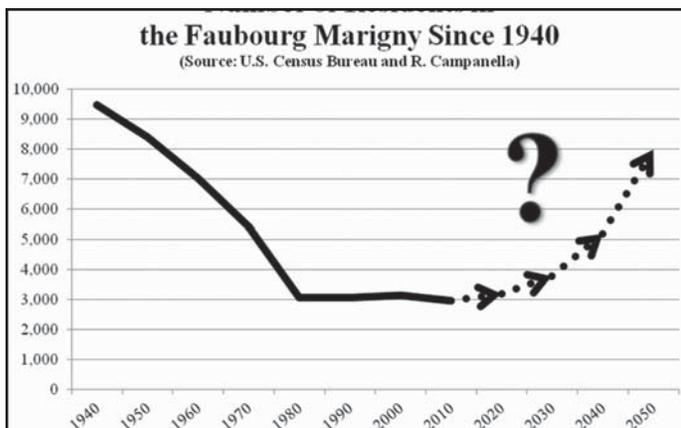
Thank you for the great involvement of everyone over the last year. Since its beginnings in 1972, the FMIA has fought countless battle and has done a diligent job in staying faithful to its goal: to preserve the architecture and culture of our neighborhood. I'd like to salute Chris Costello our past president and its six different boards for their tremendous work since Hurricane Katrina.

As we look toward the future, it is likely that our general meetings will continue to be the place where controversial issues and planning projects are hotly debated. Let's use these meetings to educate ourselves and reach together an understanding of the issues that enable sensible decisions.

Our neighborhood is poised for a growth that has not occurred for at least 70 years! The 2010 Census revealed the lowest level of residents in the Faubourg Marigny since 1940: 2,973. There were three times as many residents in 1940. As newcomers become residents, new businesses will also come in. The FMIA has been critical in making sure that both new ideas and new residents and businesses respect the livelihood of those that have already been living here for decades. It is important to continue the legacy of the FMIA throughout this new phase.

Please consider being an active part of this discussion. There are many ways you can be involved: you can volunteer one hour or more at one of our events at the Washington Square park and you are always welcome to our monthly general meetings (which starts with a potluck at 6:30 pm). But most importantly, I really encourage all of you to join one of our working committees. There your involvement will help the FMIA be up to speed on the many issues that are so important to us: crime, alternative transportation, education, recycling, relations with our surrounding neighborhoods, safety, etc....Our new board is committed to listen to what is important to you.

Merci et à bientôt!



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## Happ'ns in the 'Hood

### St Claude Streetcar:

While the push to extend the St Claude streetcar line to Poland Ave continues, current funding will stop the line at Elysian Fields. Even that stretch may be shortened if cost overruns on the Loyola line eat up the money. In the meantime, neighborhoods along St Claude are pushing, with the help of Transport for NOLA, for the streetcar to run in the neutral ground, for streetcars to have priority for traffic signals, and other enhancements which will make the line more efficient and faster. The RTA has submitted a request to the Department of Transportation for a grant to build the line out to Poland Ave.

### CVS:

CVS appeared before the HDLC with a request to tear down Frankie & Johnnie's, as well as Hank's Seafood, in order to build their planned store. They stated that the reason Frankie & Johnnie's couldn't be reused was due to the cost of remediating asbestos. The HDLC turned down their request, and subsequently the environmental report provided by CVS showed asbestos was only present in the Hank's Seafood building. The plot (pun intended) thickens. Skylar Fein, at 1029 Franklin Ave., has printed anti-CVS signs.

### Spain & Dauphine Fire:

Fire severely damaged the two family residence on the corner of Spain and Dauphine October 23. While specific details are unknown, next-door neighbors saw an explosion near the six electrical meters. Given the density of the neighborhood, fire is a very real concern, and is why the FMIA cares so much about insuring housing code standards are enforced.

### Sound Ordinance:

FMIA board member Jason Patterson has been working with fellow business owners and Councilmember Palmer on a sound ordinance. Key elements include sound limits by classification, fines for outlets that constitute nuisances, and time/frequency limits for temporary permits. The effort is to create an enforceable ordinance that allows all to live together in harmony (sorry, the puns just keep happening).

### Café Istanbul and the CBA:

Work continues on the Community Benefit Agreement being negotiated with Café Istanbul. Issues that continue to be of concern are frequency of late nights, times of closing and times of vacating the property. These concerns arise mainly because the planned exit for Café Istanbul at night will be on the N. Rampart side, meaning the residences on the surrounding streets will be subjected to noise from patrons/cars late at night.

### Police Districts:

Starting January 1, 2012 the police district boundaries will change. District 8, which covers the French Quarter and the Triangle, will expand to include the Rectangle up to Franklin Ave. The portion of the Rectangle from Franklin Ave. to Press St. will continue to be part of District 5. While this is good news for most of the Marigny, consolidating policing into one district, it leaves a sliver of the neighborhood split by the railroad tracks from its police station.



**St. Claude at St. Roch, 1939  
grass tracks in existing neutral ground**



**Rampart at Conti, 1947  
grass tracks in neutral ground**

## Marigny's Own

In recognition of extraordinary contribution to historic preservation education for more than 40 years, Marigny's own **Gene Cizek** was chosen as the 2011 recipient of the *James Marston Fitch Preservation Education Lifetime Achievement Award* from the National Council for Preservation Education. The award was presented to him at a dinner in his honor on October 21 at the National Trust for Historic Preservation annual national conference in Buffalo, New York.



A founding father of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, he is a full professor at Tulane. Gene has practiced historic preservation since the mid-1970's beginning with his pioneering advocacy work and restoration projects in Faubourg Marigny. In 1997 Gene founded the *Masters in Preservation Studies* graduate program within the Tulane School of Architecture that has since served as a principal training opportunity in architectural preservation in the state of Louisiana.

Gene's keen eye for worthwhile architectural preservation projects, his wide range of accomplishments as a teacher, and his unmatched enthusiasm and skills as an advocate and preservation planner have made him a mainstay of the preservation scene in New Orleans and the nation.

Cizek has devoted his personal and professional life to upholding the diverse aspects of cultural heritage protection important to him. Cizek continues to teach full time in the Tulane School of Architecture focusing on new construction in historic settings, urban design, preservation planning and environmental social psychology. The Marigny is proud to bask in the reflected glow of his achievements.

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### NOVEMBER

November 2, 7 pm, Who Dat Café, 2401 Burgundy Street

#### **Meet the Neighbors**

November 8, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Hi Ho Lounge

#### **General Meeting**

November 21, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting  
 St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

### DECEMBER

#### **Board Meeting**

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

#### **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Caroling at Washington Square Park**

December 11

#### **Meet the Neighbors**

December 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, TBD

#### **General Meeting**

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

### NONPAC MEETINGS

#### **5<sup>th</sup> District — 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday,**

7 pm, 901 Bartholomew Street

#### **8<sup>th</sup> District — 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday: see [www.scadnola.com](http://www.scadnola.com)

#### **Chess Lessons**

Thursdays, 5 pm, Alvar Library, 913 Alvar Street

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

## Orchids & Onions

### ORCHIDS



Deborah Oppenheim and Ken Caron for tireless efforts on the FMIA Board



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## Of Commitment, Community and Security: A Newcomer to The Marigny to Head Security Committee

*By Al Schnur*

I recently tied the knot with New Orleans after a 25 year love affair, having finally moved here for good in August. Unfortunately, the honeymoon was short lived and our relationship is already showing signs of strain. The excitement of the music, festivals and restaurants is still there but each morning reality sets in as I am reminded by an auto email alert that each day somewhere between 10 and 20 crimes are committed each day within 16 blocks of my house. Just yesterday someone was shot and killed six blocks from my house and there was an armed carjacking at 9 am directly in front of my house last Thursday.

My first thoughts were along the lines of "What have I done?" followed by thoughts of moving back to the safety of Pittsburgh from where I came as there are an average of zero crimes each day in my old neighborhood. However, after some soul searching, my heart told me that true love is true love and a commitment is a commitment.

I recently went to a Crime Summit meeting with Supt. Serpas who made the point that 1,300 officers cannot police 350,000 citizens without our help. As the police departments continues to add officers and improve its service and image with the community, I would challenge all of us to keep open minds and think about what we can

each do to increase the sense of community here while helping NOPD to do its job.

For my part, I have decided that I am going to stay right here and take Supt. Serpas' advice to get involved, get to know my neighbors and to let the criminals know that we are not going to be scared in our own neighborhood. I am putting in security cameras and organizing a neighborhood watch in my block. I plan to move from my back porch to my front one and encourage my neighbors to do the same.

From the greater Faubourg Marigny perspective, and with the FMIA Board's blessing, I am forming a committee on Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Security. I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in joining and/or sharing ideas or concerns to contact me at alschnur1@gmail.com or 412-407-4784.

In any event, I look very forward to meeting others who feel similarly. I am making a commitment to stay here and work with you to bring back the sense of security and comfort that each and every one of us deserves to feel when walking in our chosen neighborhood and city. With your help I am hoping to make this a lifetime commitment to the city and neighborhood that I love so much.

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# Meet the Neighbors



The October Meet the Neighbors was held at **Sweet Lorraine's** on Tuesday October 18. (Originally scheduled for October 11, it was changed so as not to compete with Night Out Against Crime events being held citywide.) Attendees were pleased with the warm, welcoming and classy atmosphere of the bar area... and the tantalizing spicy remoulade sauce they served with the chicken wings and what just may be the best sweet potato fries in the city. Thanks, Sweet Lorraine's! We'll be back.

November's Meet the Neighbors will take place on Tuesday, **November 8, 6:30 pm at the Hi-Ho Lounge**. We will be entertained by a special set of live music by one of New Orleans' most talented singer/songwriters, Patrick Weathers, on guitar and vocals, which we hope will help entice you to turn out even though this is a smoking-allowed venue.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The last Marigny Association Newsletter [minutes] referring to the New Orleans Healing Center states: "Ken, Gretchen, Chris and the neighbors met to work out an amiable Community Benefit Agreement. Ultimately, the neighbors feel that is a bait and switch and plans have changed." "Bait and switch and plans have changed." It is not true. I have literally made 100's of presentations to the public, federal, state, and city officials and agencies about the activities proposed in the NOHC, including Cage Istanbul. The Power point on the NOHC web site shows Chuck Perkins and Suleyman Aydin of Cafe Istanbul, speaking about the Performance Hall and specifically references and shows live music. Your former President Chris Costello sat through a presentation of all aspects of the New Orleans Healing Center in which the Performance Hall plans were presented in full. For many years, the NOHC web site specifically referred to the multiple cultural and art activities, including live music, to be accommodated in the facility.

15,000 thousand invitations to each of the three annual NOHC Halloween Festivals over the last four years were hand delivered in the neighborhoods throughout the city. 5000 neighbors and New Orleanians attended these festivals highlighting live music entertainment. These events were intended to give the community a sneak preview of what is to come. I made public presentations to every relevant neighborhood association. Nothing has changed. 1000 neighbors have signed petitions supporting the NOHC. Additionally, neighbors were invited to participate in our weekly "Salon" meetings, weekly over the last 5 years, during which the NOHC was planned, including the Performance Hall was planned. Surveys were conducted on the Lakeside of St Claude to do needs assessment for the community where our plans were fully disclosed.

Before construction commenced in 2010, I met with Ed Horan, the zoning specialist for the Office of Safety and Permits of the City of New Orleans and followed his exact recommendations in processing permitting and zoning. In the late spring of 2011 after Cafe Istanbul was almost ready to be opened, Paul May head of Safety and Permits said Ed Horan's advice to us was wrong. Kristin Palmer's office said

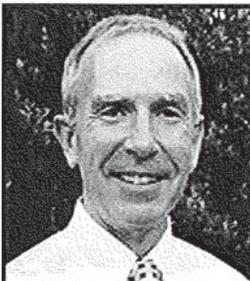
we must start afresh with a new zoning application and we followed her advice. Some months later, Kristin Palmer's office was told by the Marigny Association it objected to her recommended methodology because it was tantamount to a spot zone. Kristin Palmer's office asked us to withdraw again and restart the zoning process for the third time as "Text Change" to satisfy the Marigny Association. Again we did what we were told. The Marigny Association newsletter implicates me and our team in a zoning "Switch and Bait" without ever talking to me to find out the true facts.

I have spent six years leading a revitalization of downtown New Orleans along the Rampart/St. Claude Corridor — including the NOHC, the St. Roch Market, the return of the streetcar, streetscape improvements with the RPC and housing blight on the Lakeside of St. Claude, The work has been civic, without fee despite risking millions of my own dollars. Admittedly no good deed goes unpunished and I need to be able to stand the heat if I am going to be in the game. That being said the New Orleans Healing Center is very popular in the community. Almost 9000 people came to our grand opening. I want the Marigny Neighborhood to be friends of the NOHC and not feel as your newsletter would lead its readers to believe that we are playing games and are not to be trusted, as one of your Board members told me personally without explanation.

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## Marigny Green



*By Deborah Oppenheim*

Ten more recycle cards for the City's curbside Recycling Program were submitted thanks to the volunteers who canvassed their 1 square block. A volunteer mentioned when she was canvassing her area she has seen a lot more recycle carts and bins. Her strategy was to focus on the houses that did not have a recycle cart and/or bin. The volunteer has signed up many new requests. This is such good news to know that Marigny Green's volunteers have contributed to making a difference in our neighborhood.

**Let's be a neighborhood that has 100% participation in the City's Weekly Curbside Recycling Program  
Join the 1 Square Block Project**

**VOLUNTEER** to canvas your Square Block and you will help educate Marigny residents how to participate in the City's Weekly Curbside Recycling Program. Meet your neighbors as you canvas the square block where you live. Marigny Green has clip boards, a sample canvas script, and cards for you to sign up your neighbors for the City's Curbside Recycling Program. Contact Deborah at [green@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:green@faubourgmarigny.org).

### ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: *Can I use the old blue recycle bin?*

A: YES

Q: *I don't want the city's bin and don't have a blue bin, what to do?*

A: You can purchase a recycle blue bin from Home Depot and/or Lowe's.

Q: *How can a group of neighbors use one recycle bin and be signed up with the City's recycle program?*

A: Just sign up and request no cart delivered <http://recycle.nola.gov/>

Q: *Can small businesses recycle?*

A: Yes, but bars, restaurants, and hotels are excluded (for now).

Q: *Can people who live in condos recycling?*

A: Four units or less can recycle and if the condo unit's address is separate from the condo's association and/or the condo owner pays in full for water and sanitation, the City's program is applicable.

Q: *Problems with signing up, what to do?*

A: Contact Deborah at [green@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:green@faubourgmarigny.org)

Q: *What about tenants who rent?*

A: Tenants can order the bins without the permission from their landlord, but the City's cart will remain with the property and/or use the blue recycle bin.

Q: *What can I recycle?*

A: 1) Paper products such as office paper, newspapers, color inserts, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, paperboard boxes (including cereal boxes), 12 pack soft drink boxes, telephone books, shredded paper  
2) Plastic containers coded #1 through #7 (water, soda, juice bottles, etc.), plastic pots from nurseries  
3) Small metal cans 4) Cardboard

## NONPAC Meetings

**5<sup>th</sup> District Report** *By John Luckett*

Commander Goodly opened the meeting stating that crime in general is trending down in the district from last year. His officers have made 1,717 arrests this year vs. 1,702 last year. So far this year we have had 43 murders; in 2010 we had 48. Violent crime is also going down. Since the last meeting they have taken 10 firearms off the street. Of the 10 robberies reported, five have been cleared.

The Marigny Rectangle has been quiet this month; most of the incidents have happened on the upriver side of the Industrial Canal.

Officer Alsina reported on action taken on the Quality of Life problems since the last meeting. The meeting ended at 8 pm.

**8<sup>th</sup> District Report**

A volunteer is needed to attend and report on the 8<sup>th</sup> District NONPAC meetings. Contact [volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org) if interested.

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## An Open Letter

### In Support of KIPP at Colton: An Opinion Piece

*Part of an on-going dialogue regarding the Colton School.*

TO: John White, Superintendent, Recovery School District  
Please give our children a KIPP school at Colton — it's in their best long-term interests and, thus, ours.

Before Katrina, I was among the many who accepted educators' explanation that our New Orleans public schools were ineffective because they served overwhelming numbers of poor and African-American children. The view was that these children were hopelessly victimized by their society and community, and thus beyond the reach of their well-meaning, beleaguered teachers and Principals.

After Katrina, I was privileged to operate tutoring programs serving four different schools operating under four different systems, all open enrollment, serving the same populations—predominantly African-American children, well more than half of them eligible for free lunch. Each year, for the past five years, I was able to contrast what I saw Monday-Wednesday at one school with what I could see at another Tuesday-Thursday. I've witnessed the transformation a KIPP school brings about in the lives of even the most challenging students — not only academically, but in character development — and noted the skill, commitment and love KIPP staff bring to create their successful structure and culture.

But I'm a retired Federal social science research analyst, so I've also been reading books, articles and research reports regarding reforms in education, including those that thoroughly researched the issue of whether KIPP was somehow enrolling better students or shedding undue proportions of the ones who were problems. So I've satisfied myself that what I've personally seen is real: KIPP does no creaming or rejecting, it changes lives. Each year, for the past three years, I've created a spreadsheet using the data in the Parents' Guide to New Orleans Public Schools, to rank the open enrollment schools on their School Performance Score, which not only made glaringly obvious the irrelevance of % African-American and % eligible for free lunch, it also showed the success of KIPP in New Orleans. Recently, I've been privileged to visit some non-KIPP schools who also are high-scoring and have been astonished at how many of them have adopted or adapted KIPP strategies, particularly those committed to researching the efficacy of everything.

So, when I heard that a small group of parent-educators opposed the Recovery School District's plan to have KIPP at Colton, and would be submitting a competing charter application, I had to research "why." Your kids are being given the best and it's not good enough? I had to know more.

I've attended one of their organizing meetings, introducing myself as a KIPP-supporter (since I didn't learn till later that KIPP staff had attempted to attend an earlier meeting and had been asked to leave); have spent several hours

interviewing four of the families involved with the group; have been in the audience for five of their presentations to community groups; and have been in email communication with some of their leadership.

I've learned that some of the most virulent and inaccurate anti-KIPP statements made by persons who oppose KIPP at Colton are coming from members of an artists' community that was using the old Colton building and resent being ousted to make room for a school.

Other oppositional voices come from the well-organized anti-reform group that grew out of the post-Katrina mass firing of teachers. Since New Orleans had a larger proportion of African-American teachers than any other city, and the fired teachers comprised a large sector of the black middle class, the anti-reform movement is, inevitably, a race issue. And that's now become a Colton issue, since key organizers of the new charter application are staff at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, which has strong ties to the Faubourg St. Roch neighborhood association through the development of Plessy Park and, thus, the Plessy Foundation and the Creole community of mixed-race middle-class Orleanians.

While these adult issues need to be addressed, please don't let them keep us from doing what's in the best long-term interests of our children.

Most of those committed to an alternative school at Colton seem to be willing to grant, grudgingly, that KIPP schools are doing a good job with lower-class kids. They simply feel their own middle-class kids don't need some of the things that "those other kids/families probably need," such as a parent-signed contract with the school, a long school day, and a teacher working extraordinarily long hours to make home visits and be on call for homework help. They say they're tired of paying tuition to private schools: "We deserve good public schools too," "we" meaning the middle class, and they seem to be ardently committed to "cultural integration," meaning the kind of middle class racial integration to be found in private schools.

We do need to be addressing the racial and social class divide that keeps our children apart and handicaps the social development of all. But creaming off the black and white middle class kids into a publicly-funded school is only going to exacerbate the problem.

The application for an alternative to KIPP at Colton was submitted to the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) at the end of August and I believe the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) will be making a decision on that application in December. The applicant has said publicly that they prefer the Colton building but have been shown two alternative buildings that they might be given, and OPSB tells me that the application will become public information at some point in the process, they're not sure when and they're confident they'll be approved.

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That confidence may not be misplaced, since one of the key organizers is the sister of a City Council member. And that fact explains the large number of e-mails you said you received from supporters of that alternative application. Supporters of the alternative application are “well-connected” both technologically and politically, in sharp contrast to the poorer families KIPP serves. I hope those you met eloquently conveyed to you orally — as they did to me — why we should give our children KIPP at Colton.

RSD tells me that they have the authority to decide what goes into the Colton building and will probably submit their recommendation to BESE in December, but neither RSD, OPSB, nor the Louisiana Department of Education (DoE) seem to know whether the KIPP-at-Colton and alternative application from OPSB will be reviewed at the same BESE meeting, or possibly reviewed and potentially approved independently, at different times, to serve essentially the same area. The applicant for the alternative charter says he’s been told the application need not be made public, but DoE says it will become public information, they just don’t know when. OPSB says that if anyone wants to know the location of the two buildings potentially being considered for the alternative applicant, we need to get our names on the list of people who are notified about meeting dates for a committee making “property decisions,” attend the meeting, and submit the question on a card, but the good news is we can do that even if the issue is not on the agenda.

I’ve seen you in action at “RSD 100 Days” meetings, read your report and recommendations, and am confident you’ll soon be getting us a better system for the review of charter applications.

In addition, I’m hoping you’ll find some ways to educate our middle class parents, who seem to be woefully ignorant about what’s happening inside the high-achieving schools to effectively over-ride the demographics. They see the race and free-lunch statistics, connect that in their minds to the crime statistics, and withhold their children from our best public schools out of a primitive protectiveness. This is not in the long-term best interests of even the middle-class kids, nor in the public interest. Please help us bring our children together inside our best public schools.

And thank you for being here to meet the formidable New Orleans educational challenges! I’m confident you will.

Bonnie C. Morel, Bywater resident

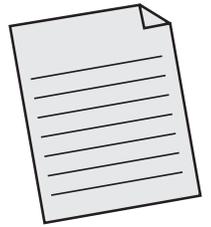
*The newsletter is looking for an informed member of the Homer Plessy School group to write an opinion piece about the Plessy School application, its objectives and aspirations as to location, composition, enrollment process, etc. Interested parties please contact editor@faubourgmarigny.org.*

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## FMIA General Meeting Minutes October 17, 2011

Type of Meeting: Monthly  
Date of Meeting: October 17, 2011  
Location of Meeting: St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 P.M.

### WELCOME / INTRODUCTION

Newly elected FMIA President Alex Vialou started the meeting with an introduction of the new officers:

Alexandre Vialou - President  
Miles Swanson - Vice President  
Donna Wakeman - Vice President  
Chris Costello - Treasurer  
Marshall Gries - Recording Secretary  
Gretchen Bomboy will continue as Correspondence Secretary.  
Gene Cizek and Jim Far were both present as past presidents.

The president gave a brief presentation of his perspective of the role of the FMIA and of the officers. He emphasized the need for all members to be involved in the process. He underscored the importance of the FMIA as a forum for all points of view and encouraged open dialog.

### New Faces/Members:

Blue Flettrich - St. Anthony  
Matthew Newbit - St. Anthony  
J. Miller - Port St.  
Emily Railen - Burgundy  
Claudia Baumgarten (potential new neighbor)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPEAKERS

1) Meet the neighbors will be at Sweet Lorraine's on St. Claude at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 18. All are encouraged to attend and meet new neighbors and make new friends.

2) State Senator J.P. Morrell was introduced. He is running for re-election for District 3 which includes most of the Faubourg Marigny. Mr. Morrell, formerly a state representative, took the opportunity to review his past accomplishments which included: legislation granting the inspector general subpoena power; the right to invalidate contracts with the state that were obtained with the use of bribery; supporting various anti-crime and pro-rehabilitation initiatives; sponsoring legislation to close loopholes that previously permitted the public disclosure of the names of juvenile witnesses; prohibiting the interaction with minors without the permission of their parents. Mr. Morrell closed by asking for our support and vote in the upcoming election.

3) Fringe Festival. The Fringe Festival will take place on November 16th - 20th at various venues around the city. Over 70 performances are anticipated over the course of the five days. Various types of entertainment are scheduled and will include theatre productions, performance art, dance, comedy, poetry, improvisation, and more. On the weekend, November 19th - 20th there will be a large tent with an art market on Press and Dauphine. There will be an art market as well as a "Family Fringe" which will include activities for kids. A "Yard Art Tour" will be included again this year where people who have art incorporated into their house/yard-scape can notify the Fringe Fest and will be promoted as part of the Festival. Yard art displays promoted by the Fringe Fest must be free to the public.

4) Farmer's Market. Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Holy Angels Church in the Bywater. Megan Burns, manager for the farmer's market, announced that autumn produce was beginning to arrive as was citrus and seafood. Fresh bakery and pasta products are available. She reminded neighbors that the second Saturday of each month health screenings are available and there is music, cooking demonstrations, and other events.

5) Global Green U.S.A. Jonathan Lundquist of Global Green introduced himself and his project. Global Green, which is responsible for five new homes in Holy Cross, has entered into a partnership with the City called the "NolaWISE" program (Worthwhile Investments to Save Energy). New Orleans was chosen as one of ten cities in the Southeast to receive federal funding for the project which focuses on "weatherizing" homes. Global Green trains local contractors in the weatherization process. The ultimate goal is to increase the energy efficiency of a home by a minimum of 15%. The process involves: 1) efficiency assessment, 2) recommendations, 3) pricing options (including financing through Fidelity Bank), 4) work/implementation by contractors and 5) final review by project manager.

6) Dearly Departed Society. Gene Cizek announced the second annual meeting of the Dearly Departed Society which will take place at the tomb of Bernard

de Marigny in the St. Louis Cemetery #1 at 10:00, Tuesday, November 1st. All are encouraged to come early and look around the cemetery. The FMIA will place a wreath on the tomb of Bernard de Marigny and there will be a presentation of Bernard de Marigny by William de Marigny Highland, great grandson of Bernard de Marigny. Gene will give a presentation on the work of the FMIA in the community. There may be other historical characters in costume standing by their respective tombs. There will be food and music followed by a 12:00 p.m. mass at Our Lady of Guadeloupe (Old Mortuary Chapel) church on Rampart Street. It promises to be fun and all are encouraged to attend.

7) Gene Cizek. Gene Cizek, past (and first) president of the FMIA, announced that he will be receiving the James Marston Fitch Preservation Education Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Council for Preservation Education. The prestigious award recognizes the contribution of individuals who are instrumental in the preservation movement in the country. The award will be presented Friday, October 21, at the National Trust for Historic Preservation Convention in Buffalo, New York.

8) CVS: Representatives of CVS went before the HDLC with their proposal for a new store on the corner of Franklin and St. Claude Avenues. The proposal was rejected. The FMIA had supported a coordinated neighborhood effort to stop the project which ignores all of the neighborhood's concerns. Resident Sharon Robinson and Skylar Fein reported that CVS had made false representations about asbestos in the former Frankie & Johnnie's furniture building. She reported that CVS used the need for asbestos remediation as a reason for not using the existing buildings. Proof of the asbestos was to be provided in an engineering report. However, no report indicated the presence of asbestos. Further, a fire in the 1990s likely burned any remaining asbestos. CVS has not yet commented on the asbestos issue but it is likely that they will present their plan to the City Council. Skylar has anti-CVS signs available to residents at his studio at 1029 Franklin Ave.

9) Streetcar: Donna Wakeman attended the most recent meeting regarding the proposed extension of the streetcar down Rampart St. and St. Claude Avenue. At present, funds only permit extending the line from Canal St. to Elysian Fields Avenue. The most recent extension of the streetcar from Canal St. to the Union Passage Terminal is currently under construction. The website [Transportformola.com](http://Transportformola.com) provides ongoing information on the project.

10) Café Istanbul: A Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) is being negotiated with Café Istanbul and the city. The FMIA is trying to arrive at a mutually beneficial agreement. Neighbors are concerned about their quality of life. In particular, the potential disruption caused by using the North Rampart St. as a late night exit/entrance is source of concern to neighbors. We will continue to resolve the matter in a mutually beneficial way.

### UPDATES / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees:

**Marigny Green:** Deborah Oppenheimer urged all members to participate in the Marigny Green initiative. She emphasized that numbers are crucial if we hope to expand the recycling services available to the community. Only two clipboards with residents' names have been returned. She urged all to canvass neighbors personally to gather signatures. She reiterated that residents can use either the large carts or smaller blue bins and households can share the recycle bins. More information about Marigny Green is available on the Faubourg Marigny website: [www.faubourgmarigny.org](http://www.faubourgmarigny.org).

Security Committee:

Al Schnur. Al Schnur is chairing the new **Security Committee**. He lives at Pauger and Burgundy and reported that he is the process of investigating various options for increasing security in the Marigny. His plans are to contact other neighborhoods (lower garden district, Lakeview) that have added security patrols to see how they operate, how effective they have been, and how they are financed. He indicated that the goal must remain realistic: not to eliminate all crime but to make our part of the city a safer place. To that end, he announced the new police sub-station in the Healing Center for NOPD's 8th District which will be extended to include all the Marigny. The discussion that followed focused on concerns that residents have related to how much authority additional patrols would have, the possibility that they could hassle Marigny residents rather than protect them, and the cost. Al reported that he was still in the investigation phase and that he hoped to have more to report in the future.

**Blight Committee:** Alex Vialou reported that owners of certain blighted properties continue to have fines/penalties/liens removed from their properties or their hearings postponed. Exactly how this happens is unknown but it cripples the enforcement process and leaves properties blighted with no resolution. Specifically, the property on the corner of Franklin and Dauphine streets just had its lien removed. The action was noticed by a code enforcement worker, but the process must now start over. However, it appears that City Hall is starting to proceed with lien foreclosures and Sheriff's sales. If an owner doesn't pay the fines for neglect of property, which can be up to \$15,000 per year, the property can eventually be sold at a sheriff's sale. It is possible that budget

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considerations have forced the City to become more aggressive toward these properties. The FMIA will announce sheriff's sales of Marigny property through e-mail announcements.

**MEMBER DISCUSSION / TOPICS**

**Mardi Gras Zone:** Quality of life issues were raised, specifically related to the wood burning pizza oven. Neighbors are complaining about the smoke and smelling pizza at all hours. There are issues related to both a) zoning, and 2) permits. Although Mardi Gras Zone has proper permits for the pizza oven, quality of life and zoning are still issues. The President emphasized the need for continuing open and cordial discussion.

**Master Plan:** There is a November 1 deadline to submit comments to the master plan. There have been unanticipated changes in the Master Plan and letters from private individuals regarding changes are encouraged. Recent maps have changes that were not originally in the plan. Letters should be sent to the CPC re: Master Plan.

**Sound Ordinance:** Business owner Bill Walker stated that the new noise ordinance is excessive and would effectively kill businesses in the Marigny. He stated that the current ordinance is adequate for enforcement purposes and police resources are better spent on more serious crimes. He stated that he is seriously looking for business opportunities in the Bywater as an alternative to the Marigny. Ensuing discussion focused on the respective rights of residential owners and commercial interests and the need to resolve outstanding issues.

**Walking Tour:** November's Walking Tour has been canceled. Between the recent elections, conflict with the Bywater Mirliton Festival, and a lack of volunteers, the tour was not feasible.

**Miscellaneous:** Members were encouraged to request topics to be discussed regularly at meetings.

Resident Eva Campos asked to have a copy of the Home Tour financials.

Eva Campos requested that we continue discussion on the perceived anti-business environment in the Faubourg Marigny.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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## FMIA Board Meeting Minutes October 5, 2011

Type of Meeting: Monthly Date of Meeting: October 5, 2011

Location of Meeting: Café Who Dat

Members Present:

Gretchen Bomboy - Presiding; Alexandre Vialou; Gene Cizek; Jim Farr; Marshall Gries; Miles Swanson; Donna Wakeman;

Members Absent:

Chris Costello; Jason Patterson

Guests: Organization:

- 1) Al Schnur Resident
- 2) Bob Barton Applicant for new business in Marigny.
- 3) Sean Pfister Resident

Meeting called to order:

By: Gretchen Bomboy

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Read? Yes (by email) Approved? no

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMUNITY REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS

### 1. PRIVATE PATROL DISTRICT

Resident Al Schnur requested consideration of creating a private patrol district and hiring either private security services or additional NOPD security details. Highlighting the issue of crime, especially along the Rampart/St. Claude corridor, he proposed the possibility of hiring additional/supplemental crime prevention services. Ensuing discussion underscored the need for additional law enforcement presence and the associated issues (insurance, cost, etc.). It was noted that Private Patrol companies do not have the power to arrest which would be of limited value whereas the creation of a Legislative Security District could ensure continued funding for the service. Al Schnur volunteered to further investigate the possibilities, options, and cost. All members concurred.

Motions Made: Al Schnur to chair a Security Committee to investigate creating a private patrol district.

Made by: don't remember

Seconded:

Votes For: unanimous

Votes Against:

Action to be Taken: Al Schnur to further investigate the possibilities/ options.

By: Al Schnur

### 2. CHILI FEST

Sean Pfister, an event manager and resident, is proposing a neighborhood sponsored Chili Fest which could serve as a fund raiser for the FMIA. The proposed format would be that of a block party in the parking area of the Healing Center. It would be hosted by the Healing Center and the Food Co-Op in early December. The concept is modeled on a similar type festival in Atlanta, "Cabbage Town," which has now grown into a great success (2010 profit = \$50,000). He is looking for FMIA support. He needs help for items such as website, promotion, and volunteers. Mr. Pfister suggested a \$1,500 sponsorship contribution from the FMIA since the FMIA would stand to receive profits from the festival. Mr. Pfister would be owner of the festival and the FMIA would receive the profits as long as it sponsors the event. Questions were raised concerning FMIA sponsorship and whether Chili was an appropriate dish for a New Orleans festival.

Subsequent discussion highlighted the concern that other/outside organizations may be willing to pay more to sponsor the festival than the FMIA. This could leave the neighborhood with the burden of hosting an event for which they would receive no benefits. Although the concept of a Marigny-based festival was supported, it was agreed that the FMIA would not support Mr. Pfister's current project.

Motions Made: FMIA to decline invitation to sponsor the festival

Made by: Marshall Gries

Seconded: Donna Wakeman

Votes For: Unanimous

Votes Against:

Action to be Taken: N/A

### 3. NEW RESTAURANT @ 2106 Chartres

Mr. Bob Barton presented his plan for an upscale creole restaurant at 2106 Chartres. He believes there is demand for another restaurant of Galatoire's caliber in the Frenchman Street area. Top priced entrees would be \$26. He

would like a liquor license to sell top shelf liquor and wine with the meals. That address is not currently permitted to sell liquor and it would require a variance. Mr. Barton stated that he is currently a residential and commercial builder and his wife has been in the hospitality business (primarily country clubs). He has owned five newspapers, is a former president of the Louisiana press association, a former member of the Louisiana legislature, and president of various chambers of commerce. Mr. Barton indicated he had no intention of being another bar and he would otherwise stay within the zoning and other city regulations. He expressed a desire to have live music but insisted that he wanted solely dinner music and would abide by city regulations for a restaurant. Subsequent discussion focused on the fact that liquor licenses run with the property, not the individual, and there is a risk that ownership of a particular property is eventually transferred into the hands of someone who is not a good neighbor — a historic reality for the neighborhood.

Motions Made: None

Made by:

Seconded:

Votes For:

Votes Against:

Action to be Taken: N/A

By:

### 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following a discussion of the duties of the various positions the following board members volunteered for the positions listed below:

Alex Vialou – President

Donna Wakeman – Vice President

Miles Swanson – Vice President

Chris Costello – Treasurer

Marshall Gries – Recording Secretary

Gretchen Bomboy – Correspondence Secretary

Motions Made: Nomination of above members for listed positions.

Made by: Gene Cizek

Seconded: Jim Farr

Votes For: All candidates approved unanimously

Votes Against: None

Action to be Taken: N/A

By:

### 5. REVIEW/RENEW POLICIES

All discussion/actions postponed until next meeting.

Motions Made: None

Made by:

Seconded:

Votes For:

Votes Against:

Actions to be Taken: N/A

By:

### 6. APPROVALS BY E-MAIL

Support for ABO temporary permit Halloween event inside NOHC – approved (e-mail)

Support for Fringe Fest Special Event Permit – approved (e-mail)

Support 527 Elysian Fields Ave./Reese Johanson/4 Special Event ABO app. – approved (e-mail)

Motions Made: None

Made by:

Seconded:

Votes For:

Votes Against:

Actions to be Taken: N/A

By:

### 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None. President's report previously distributed and approved by former board members.

Motions Made: None

Made by:

Seconded:

Votes For:

Votes Against:

Actions to be Taken: N/A

By:



# FMIA Board Meeting Minutes October 5, 2011 — *continued*

## 8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ken Caron distributed the FMIA balance sheet, profit and loss statement for the year to date, and audit report by Daniel Johnson C.P.A. for the year ending 12/31/2010. Deposit report and check records were distributed. Ken stated that, following a full review by himself and Mr. Johnson, FMIA books are up to date and financial issues have been either clarified or resolved.

Ken presented his observations regarding issues raised by both his and Mr. Johnson's audit. A host of poor or insufficient bookkeeping practices made reconciliation an unnecessarily complex and expensive job and brought to light some weaknesses of the present system.

Some of the outstanding discrepancies that came to light during the audit: 1) failure to reconcile pay-pal account, 2) failure to reconcile accounts receivable leaving questions regarding who owes how much and if it balances, 3) pay pal account was used instead of checks, 4) \$130 deposit outstanding — does not appear in any bank statement, 4) check register inadequately maintained, 5) the 2009 tax return was not filed until 2011 and the return was signed (pre-dated).

The cost of the audit to the FMIA was \$3,000. This is an amount which may be attributable to the former Treasurer. It was suggested that any decisions regarding actions to be taken in light of past accounting deficiencies, including the \$3,000 audit, should be left to the new Board.

Other general inefficiencies which will need to be corrected include: insufficient procedures for recording cash at meetings and functions. Ken suggested that two people should be responsible for all sums received, receipts should be given, better recordkeeping must instituted for artist payments, etc. Also discussed was the need to have duplicate records in the event files are again deleted, misplaced, or stolen.

An invoice from the Trapolin law firm for work related to the board elections (\$490) was presented to the board.

Motions Made: Approval of attorney Trapolin's invoice.

Made by: Donna Wakeman

Seconded: Gene Cizek

Votes For: Approved unanimously

Votes Against:

Actions to be Taken:

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

General discussion and agreement that those Committees that had no chairperson or active members would be dissolved.

Committees Retained:

Blight Committee – no report.

Marigny Green Committee – no report.

Newsletter – no report.

Washington Park Committee – no report.

Bylaws Committee – no report.

Membership/Volunteer Committee – no report.

Banner Committee - see below.

Event Committee (Home Tour, Walking Tour, Caroling) – see below.

Banner Committee – Banner Committee approved a new banner design. Final details including costs will be distributed (Ken Caron) via e-mail for final approval. Decisions on St. Claude banners will be postponed pending further development of streetcar.

Event Committee – Walking Tour is scheduled for October 16, leaving only 11 days to organize it. Discussion focused on the short time remaining before the tour date. It was agreed to postpone the tour in favor of a November date.

Motions Made: None

Made by:

Seconded:

Votes For:

Votes Against:

Actions to be Taken: Gretchen Bomboy to contact the City for potential new tour dates.

By: Gretchen Bomboy

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

Parking Permits (triangle only): Streets where parking permits will be allowed have been approved. The City will keep us updated on any further action we need to take. Signage will have to wait for the City. There will be a one-time

\$15 processing fee and a \$40 annual fee for those who live on the approved streets and who want to participate.

Land Use Survey – Ongoing.

Café Istanbul – The Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) which was discussed between the North Rampart St. residents, City, and Café Istanbul is still with Nicole at Kristen Palmer's office. It is awaiting input from Café Istanbul's attorney. Nicole had not finished the document at the time of the meeting.

Creative Alliance of NO/Sts. Peter & Paul – CANO closer to leasing Sts. Peter & Paul – ongoing.

Colton School – Ongoing

511 Marigny – Zoning change from light industrial to mixed use residential approved – REMOVE.

Redistricting – REMOVE

Lead in WSP – REMOVE

Standing to sue – Ongoing. Gretchen to follow-up.

Sound Ordinance – Ongoing

Replacement Banners – See report above.

Bicycle Safety PSA – Miles Swanson to investigate bicycle racks for Washington Park instead of PSA.

Night Out Against Crime – Gretchen Bomboy (5th District) and Ken Caron (8th District) to contact respective police district offices to determine which neighbors are hosting parties. Party hosts to be contacted regarding qualifying for a \$25 reimbursement from the FMIA.

Movies in the Park – REMOVE

Food Co-Op Loan – Gretchen Bomboy to contact and underscore our support but decline any unsecured loan from the FMIA.

Lloyd Sensat Donations – Ongoing

Motions Made: None

Made by:

Seconded:

Votes For:

Votes Against:

Actions to be Taken:N/A

By:

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Chili Fest – See Above

B & B Changes – Carrie Altemus not present. Issue postponed until November meeting.

Motions Made: None

Made by:

Seconded:

Votes For:

Votes Against:

Actions to be Taken:N/A

By:

## 12. ORCHIDS & ONIONS

Orchids: Deborah Oppenheim and Ken Caron for tireless efforts on the FMIA Board

Onions: None

Meeting Adjourned (Time):10:05 P.M.

## NEW FMIA OFFICERS

At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors for the Faubourg Marigny, the following officers were chosen:

President:..... Alexandre Vialou

Vice President: ..... Miles Swanson

..... Donna Wakeman

Corresponding Secretary: ..... Gretchen Bomboy

Recording Secretary: ..... Marshall Gries

Gene Cizek serves as the Past Presidents' representative.

