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Meeting Request on Illegal Short Term Rentals

The FMIA sent a letter on April 15 to Andy Kopplin, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of New Orleans, asking for meeting to address the issue of illegal short term rentals.

Please see page three for full text of the letter.

As of publication of this newsletter, the city has not responded, even after repeated phone calls and widespread media attention.

The FMIA is planning a city wide informational session and calls for the city to take action against illegal short term rentals The meeting will be held on May 20 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street.

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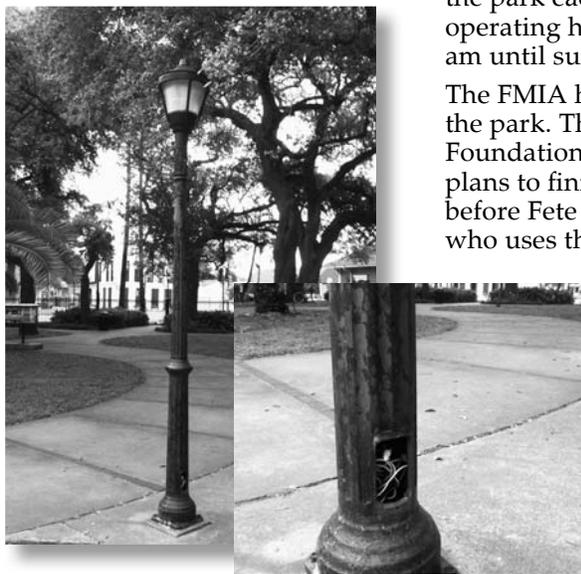
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Washington Square Park Update

By John Gutekunst, FMIA Newsletter Editor

Washington Square Park is an important part of Faubourg Marigny. While located in the Triangle, it is a main focal point of the entire neighborhood, including the Rectangle. It often hosts the numerous neighborhood activities including Home Tours, Christmas Caroling, etc. Parks and Parkways is responsible for maintenance in passive parks. These are parks that have no organized sports or other activities. Such parks include Washington Square Park and Jackson Square. Parks



and Parkways cuts the grass, cleans up leaf litter and sprays for buckmoth caterpillars. They also unlock the park each morning and lock it at night. Standard operating hours for Parks and Parkway parks are 8:00 am until sunset.

The FMIA has provided the trash cans that you see in the park. The FMIA along with the Greater New Orleans Foundation have provided the benches. The FMIA has plans to finish purchasing the balance of the benches before Fete Marigny. It is the responsibility of anyone who uses the park to use those trash cans, unfortunately some people do not. A special shout out to Donnie Law, chief mechanic at Bicycle Michael's, and Bobby Moffett who can be seen almost every day volunteering to picking up the trash left by others. If you see Donnie or Bobby one morning please pass along your appreciation for their work!

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42nd Annual FMIA Spring Home Tour – May 18
See page 7 for details

Washington Square Park continued from page 1

There are currently many pressing issues within the park that need to be addressed:

• **Drainage**

Drainage is a major problem, as anyone who has walked in the park after a rainstorm can attest. The last time this problem was addressed was about six years ago after a Christmas-season storm inundated the park. The flooding in the park dates back 30 years and has never been thoroughly investigated.

• **The Fence**

Another problem is the wrought iron fence surrounding the park. It is believed the fence dates to 1860. Due to subsidence of the ground, much of the fence is in danger of toppling unless repairs are made to the foundation, especially of the interior braces. The sections most in need of repair are along the Frenchmen and Dauphine Street sides. This has also created a problem for the Frenchmen-Dauphine Street gate making it inoperable.

• **Lighting**

Lighting is possibly the most pressing problem. As of now none of the lights in the park are working, both in the interior and perimeter. Many of the light fixtures are in need of repair, but in reality the whole wiring system needs to be replaced, which means digging up the ground and sidewalks — no small task. Public Works is supposed to be assessing the lighting situation, but there is currently no money to repair them in the Parks and Parkways Budget.

Of course it always comes down to money — there is no capital for Washington Square Park. To properly capitalize the park more than \$200,000 maybe needed.



Making that money available is at least a three to five year process: a capital plan has to be written, City Council has to approve, then there is a bonding process for financing. For example, the bond issue that

was used to create the children’s play area in the park took ten years.

The Frenchmen Marigny Triangle Business Association is planning a benefit fundraiser this year for the park. Though only in the planning stage at this point, it is hoped it can be held to coincide with Bastille Day in July. Anyone wishing to get involved should email Tim at tim@bicycle Michaels.com

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Dear Mr. Kopplin:

My name is Miles Swanson, and I am the president of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association. I'm writing to request a meeting with you to discuss the spread of illegal short-term rentals and what we might do help the city stem this tide.

Recently, our group's Zoning Committee met to discuss a variety of issues, including illegal short-term rentals. When that agenda item came up, our residents were very upset and very vocal. It seems that virtually every block in the Marigny have multiple houses that are now illegally rented out to overnight and weekend guests. In fact, on the next block over from me on Mandeville Street, an out of town homeowner kicked out a long term elderly tenant to make more room for his illegal short term rental business. The entire house, four units, is now short term weekend rentals. This is in addition to the three other house on that same block that are also illegal short term rentals. Understandably, the proliferation of illegal short term rentals exacerbate quality of life issues such as noise and trash, result in increased rental prices, and damage the integrity of the neighborhood. Recent local and national press coverage have brought these problems to the forefront of neighborhood discussion and concern.

This problem is not, of course, limited to the Marigny. We have all watched as our neighbors in the French Quarter have suffered the same corrosion of their residential base in part due to this practice. And now, there are reports of such activity in Tremé, Uptown, Faubourg St. John, the Garden District, Carrollton, and beyond. The residents of these neighborhoods do not want their neighborhoods to be eroded and hollowed out through this practice.

We want to help. The FMIA, along with additional neighborhood organizations such as VCPORA, is organizing an informational session tentatively scheduled for the week of May 19th, to share with affected neighbors, neighborhood associations, and prospective short-term rental operators across the city what the rules are, what constitutes a legal short-term rental, the various permitting and zoning rules that apply, and what to do about illegal short-term rentals.

We would very much like to meet with you in advance of this meeting, to get your input, and talk about your office designating a point person to help citizens deal with this issue. (It's my understanding that you, as Chief Administrative Officer, have the power to appoint someone to be responsible for tackling this problem - Sec. 54-491.1). What a win-win it would be if our information session was a venue of announcing an invigorated effort by the city to enforce the laws on illegal short-term rentals!

I'll call your office to follow up, and appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Miles W. Swanson, President, FMIA

FMIA to Award Ten - \$100 Security Camera Grants in Marigny

By Kash Schriefer, FMIA Crime Prevention Chair

Following the successful lead of other neighborhood associations, the FMIA board has voted to award grants to residents or businesses to assist in the installation of private security cameras. The board decided to make limited grants available to those wishing to participate:

- SafeCamNOLA is the most economical, and the individual has ownership over what they have recorded. It's recorded to a home DVR. 
- ProjectNola which has a centralized recording and monitoring. 

People can chose either program, and the FMIA will pay up to \$100 installation. ProjectNola installed cameras, or any other installed camera system can be registered with SafeCamNOLA.

SafeCam NOLA (safecamnola.com) originated in the French Quarter under the name SafeCams8. It has been one of that neighborhood's most important tools for crime solving. Due to this success, the program has now gone citywide under the new name - SafeCam NOLA.

Under SafeCam NOLA, owners of individual security cameras are the day-to-day sole viewers of video footage captured by their cameras. Participating in SafeCam NOLA requires the camera owner register their cameras with NOPD and allow NOPD to view video footage only if requested to help solve a nearby crime if NOPD asks for access to the footage.

Time is critical in criminal investigations. By registering private cameras with SafeCam NOLA, our local police can quickly determine private camera locations near a crime. Read the details at safecamnola.com.

The ten grants of \$100 each can be obtained by contacting FMIA Crime Prevention Chair Kash Schriefer at nonnile@yahoo.com or 318-355-0619. The grant covers the installation cost up to \$100, but not the purchase price of cameras and accompanying hardware. Kash will visit your home or business in the Marigny to view your site before your camera installation. Then grant participants will keep all receipts relating to camera installation and contact Kash again where he will drop by a final time to verify the camera installation. FMIA will then issue a check of up to \$100 to the grant recipient which generally covers costs of all labor for most security camera installations.

Individuals are free to buy cameras from any source they wish and use any installer. However as before, either Larry Lane (safecams8@aol.com) or Robert Simms (robertsimms@cox.net) can be contacted to share information on obtaining and installing cameras. These two men, working solely as volunteers, established the now nationally recognized system which was initiated in the French Quarter.

SafeCamNOLA.com

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Happ'ns in the 'hood

Frenchmen Marigny Triangle Business Association

The Frenchmen Marigny Triangle Business Association consists of businesses operating on Frenchmen Street. Tim Eskew, Business Manager of Bicycle Michael's on Frenchmen, said that this is the first time the many responsible owners of businesses have worked together as a group to address issues, such as installing crime cameras, trash cans, increased parking for bicycles and Washington Square Park Improvements.



Washington Square Park

Vandalism, graffiti, public urination, and other crimes are often seen happening in Washington Square Park. What do you do if you see illegal activities going on in the park (or anywhere else for that matter)? CALL THE POLICE. It's important that everyone who cares about the quality of life in Faubourg Marigny get involved and not just leave it up to a few brave souls.

St. Claude Main Street Honored

St. Claude Main Street has received the *Main Street Award* which recognizes the best efforts made to highlight and cultivate Louisiana's rich cultural resources. The award was presented by the Office of Cultural Development at the Louisiana Culture Awards on April 22.

Noise Ordinance

City Council deadlocked over the controversial noise ordinance. Council President Head was absent for the vote, causing a three to three tie. The issue will go before a somewhat different council, as Jackie Clarkson, Cynthia Hedge-Morrell and Kristin Gisleson Palmer will no longer be on the council.

Police Crime Walks

The New Orleans Police Department is once again holding monthly anti-crime walks in various neighborhoods throughout the city. You can go to nola.gov/nopd for details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2014

Board Meeting

May 7, 7 pm,
Room 256 at the Healing Center

Meet the Neighbors

May 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Venue TBD

General Meeting

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

June 2014

Board Meeting

June 4, 7 pm,
Room 256 at the Healing Center

Meet the Neighbors

June 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Venue TBD

General Meeting

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

NONPAC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday

6 pm, 4015 Burgundy Street

8th District — 2nd Thursday

6 pm, location varies between 334 Royal and the Healing Center

FREE FUN

St. Claude Arts District

2nd Saturday: see www.scadnola.com

Chess Lessons

Thursdays, 5 pm,
Alvar Library, 913 Alvar Street

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Marigny Green News

By Deborah Oppenheim



Concerns About Air Quality

On many days recently there has been a haze and very bad odor in the Marigny raising concern about the air quality. I know that our neighborhood is impacted by the refineries, chemical plants and industries located along the river.

However, last Friday as my company and I were preparing to go to French Quarter Festival, there was



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a terrible smell permeating the house. Our eyes were watering and we experienced a burned taste in our mouth.

Looking outside, there were

huge grey plumes of smoke being released into the environment. I thought that this could be harmful, so I contacted the **Louisiana Bucket Brigade** (LBB) to learn what could be done to address this problem.

LBB is a not for profit environmental health and justice organization that works with communities impacted by the state's oil refineries and chemical plants. Their vision is to have Louisiana a healthy and prosperous state.

After speaking to Molly Brackin, the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist for LBB, she informed me that we can submit as many reports to them as we are seeing, smelling or being affected by air pollution.

The report(s) provides the organization with a public record of what the individuals are experiencing. Citizen reports create powerful and valuable data that can assist the change needed to create a safe and healthy environment.

How can you make a report if you are experiencing air pollution?

1. Call or text (504-272-07645) with your report — a description of your location, what you smell, see, hear and feel.
2. Send an email to report@labucketbrigade.org.
3. Submit an online form at map@labucketbrigade.org. Your report can be anonymous by submitting a report to the Louisiana Bucket Brigade website (www.labucketbrigade.org) — you do not have to give your personal contact information.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency often lack appropriate and consistent methods of monitoring air quality. With the information they receive LBB will be able to evaluate the data to assist that State agency in identifying sources of air pollution.

If there is an environmental concern, the Louisiana Bucket Brigade will work with a group of community members to conduct hot spot monitoring with the EPA approved "bucket" tool to take air samples. Please be vigilant in participating in helping Louisiana become a safe and healthy state.

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The 42nd Annual FMIA Spring Home Tour

The Spring Home Tour is scheduled for **May 18**, between noon and 4 pm. Our focus this year will be legal B&B's to highlight the problem we are having with illegal short term rentals.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer for two hours, and as a thank you for your volunteer time, you will receive a ticket to attend the Home Tour. To become a volunteer for this event email

secretary@faubourgmarigny.org.

Home Tour Artists Needed

For a \$25 fee you may set up in Washington Square on May 18 from 10 am until 6 pm.

There will be music, wine and food!

Occupational Licenses and a fire extinguisher are required. To receive an application email

secretary@faubourgmarigny.org.

Free Showing of "Human Scale"

After the Home Tour, on Sunday, May 18 there will be a free showing of "Human Scale," the documentary the Zoning Committee has made a part of the SIZE MATTERS campaign. See what the buzz is all about at

**Indywood, 630 Elysian Fields,
 Sunday, May 18, 5 pm**



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Find out at the next Meet your Neighbors!
 And if you have a favorite place in the neighborhood that you think would be interested in hosting an upcoming event, let us know by emailing editor@faubourgmarigny.org.

Programs at Alvar Library

By Adele Marrs, Assistant Manager,
Alvar Branch, New Orleans Public Library

Hello friends! This month we would like to tell you about the many lovely programs we have for children and teens each week at Alvar. In addition to all of the captivating programs mentioned below, stay tuned for more information about our upcoming Summer Reading Program. This year the all-ages program will be science themed and, of course, fun-filled.

First, we cordially invite you to attend our weekly Saturday morning story time with Ms. Charlotte. Join us at 10:30 am for stories followed by a craft or awesome activity. Recently, we've had a gardening day in which we planted sunflowers, geraniums, and milkweed (to attract butterflies) in front of the library.



Ms. Charlotte during a Saturday story time.

We've also had an Earth Day celebration and a discussion and show and tell of currencies from around the world.

Coming up on Saturday, May 3rd, is a Cinco de Mayo story time and craft. Come visit us and bring friends!

Additionally, bring friends and family to our brand new Saturday afternoon teen programs! Each week at 2 pm we will play games, learn obscure tricks and trivia, and generally have a wonderful time. To date, we've had a paper airplane flying contest and a board game day. On Saturday, May 3rd, free comic books will be given away to each participant.

On a Final note, we have a few programs for folks of all ages coming up that we think you should know about. First, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2 pm we will host a poetry reading featuring Moose Jackson, Chuck Perkins, and Michael Quess Moore.

Also, on Saturday, May 10th, at 2 pm we are excited to host local authors Jeremy Labadie and Argyle Wolf-Knapp for a discussion of their book, New Orleans Beer: A Hoppy History of Big Easy Brewing. Lastly, this month's Alvar Arts event will fall on Thursday, May 15th, from 7 pm until 9 pm, and will feature musician Andy J. Forest.

As always, all programs are free and open to the public. We can't wait to see you soon!

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- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- Dash of sea salt and pepper

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add shallot and sauté for 2 minutes. Add garlic and paprika and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add chickpeas, salt, and pepper and cook until chickpeas begin to brown. Add vinegar, tomato paste, and then kale. Cook until kale is wilted, about 3-4 minutes.

Remove from heat and add lemon juice. Serve warm.

Meet the Neighbors



April Meet the Neighbors was held at the Wasabi on Burgundy Street. Despite the road construction a large group showed up for conversation, drinks and terrific food including tempura onions and edamame.

Coming in May we'll see, stay tuned.



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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes December 4, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:06

Board Members present: Miles Swanson, Gretchen Bomboy, David Bess, Peter Horjus, Alex Vialou, Mark Malous, Lisa Suarez, John Gutekunst, William Walker

Board Members absent: None

Approvals by email:

Website redesign – 7 in favor

Motion to donate \$500 for 2013 and 2014 to Fringe Festival – 7 in favor for 2013, 8 in favor for 2014

Donate \$1200 to St. Paul’s – 5 in favor

A brief discussion about the current zoning in the neighborhood ensued focusing on Habana Outpost and the Frenchmen Arts and Cultural Overlay. Peter moved to accept position on Arts and Cultural Overlay. Paul Kramer will still accept language for the CZO, and will send us a line by line comparison, if available when ready. Vote on this is deferred until the Marigny Business Alliance can weigh in. A motion was made to send a letter clarifying position on Habana Outpost, but since the hearing had already happened, again, no vote was taken.

Treasurers reports – Mark is currently trying to gather as much information as possible to determine the true amount of cash on hand.

Newsletter – Motion to approve made by John, second by William Walker, unanimous approval.

Website – A discussion took place regarding the redesign of the website. Need to reorganize data, get rid of out of date information, and get current information from all committees.

Parking Committee – Ask Donna if the parking Committee should be folded in under the zoning committee.

2242 St. Claude – A motion to support the project as presented by William Walker, second by David Bess.

For – William, Mark, John, David. Opposed – Lisa, Gretchen.

Marigny Business Alliance – Discussion of their formal organization. Bamboulas is not a part of the alliance.

Zoning – Next meeting will be on December 9th.

Washington Square Park – Deborah Langenhoff sent in an email listing some of the issues that need to be repaired at the Park. She also believes that the small building is historic. Bike racks for the park can be had at Bicycle Michaels for \$375.

Donations – The Board approved our annual donation of \$1200 to St. Paul’s for use of the church. Motion by Gretchen to send \$200 to Good Children and \$200 to Lazarus House. Second by John, Unanimous approval.

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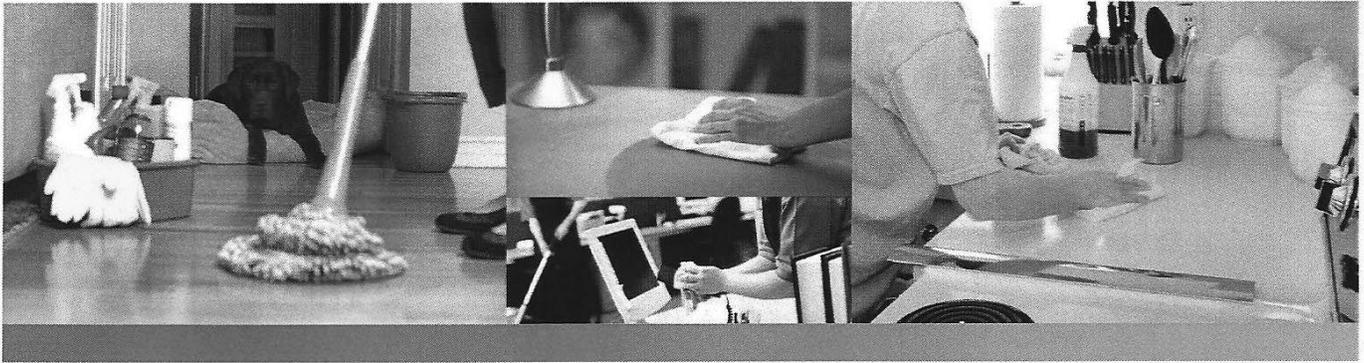
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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes March 12 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Board Members present: Miles Swanson, Gretchen Bomboy, David Hurlbert, Peter Horjus, Alex Vialou, Ken Caron, Lisa Suarez, John Gutekunst, William Walker

Board Members absent: None

A presentation by Robért's for the location at St. Claude and Elysian Fields. Robért's is the owner of the property and will be the owner/operator of the store. Peter Traplin is the architect King Retail is doing the merchandising.

The Claiborne store is not the model for all the Robért's stores going forward.

The process for claiming historic credits is at the start of the process right now. The designs that they have are only a starting point or placeholder.

Robért's has taken their plans to the ARC, HDLC, CPC, and the have a full ARC meeting on 3/20.

The site will be fenced and landscaped. They will have 21,000 sq/ft of grocery retail with an additional 10,000 for a retail tenant. Operating hours will be from 7am to 9pm.

They are 23 spaces shy of grandfathered parking at 79 spaces. Because of the new retail, and construction, they will need a spot zone and conditional use. Again they will be going for historic and new market tax credits. They will be holding an NPP meeting on 3/18 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Sarah Debacher and Rodney Gadois from the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association / appeared to speak asking for support in their opposition to the Perez APC Plans.

The development originally started at 13 stories, now having been scaled back to 7 stories.

The first step of their opposition was to meet with Tulane City Center for a planning session to understand the scope of the proposed plans. Tulane City Center came up with 3 alternative site plans for this development whose scope would be agreeable to the site. They met with Stephen Massacco from Tulane.

They then had three meetings with Angela Byrne and the City of New Orleans.

The site has mixed zoning as RD-3 and C1A. The proposal goes before the HDLC on 3/20.

Treasurer: There was discussion concerning an audit, selection of an auditor, and the status of Income Taxes. Alex made a motion to file for an income tax extension. Peter second, unanimous approval.

Approvals by email:

Motion for the purchase of updated Historic Markers made by Miles, John second, unanimous approval.

Motion to support the application for the parking waiver for the new Suhko Thai by Peter, second by Dave. For – John, William, Alex, Dave, Peter. Against – Lisa, Gretchen.

Motion to approve February Minutes made by John, second William, Unanimous approval.

Verbal motions made – Miles moved to send an eblast out to inform people about HDLC communications, Unanimous approval.

Alex asked that a blight list be added to the website so that it will be easier for people to track blight cases.

Lisa talked about the CPC NPP language. CPC staff is appealing to the City Council to approve their language.

Washington Square Park

Fence repair, a fundraiser is being organized in conjunction with Bastille Day.

Home Tour

This event will take place on May 18th. Carol Gnady will be working on advertising, Lisa and Ken will be helping to organize. Gretchen moved to approve a budget of \$1,600 for this event. Unanimous approval.

Banners for Elysian Fields – This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bastille Day

Decorations will be red, white, and blue. Alex will be organizing passive celebration ideas.

A motion was made by Miles to send a letter to support the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association against the Perez development. Gretchen 2nd, unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes April 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. By Miles Swanson

Board Members present: Miles Swanson, Gretchen Bomboy, David Hurlbert, Peter Horjus, Alex Vialou, Ken Caron, Lisa Suarez, John Gutekunst

Board Members absent: Bill Walker

Guests: Gene Cizek, James Farr, Kash Schriefer

Miles announced that he had a meeting with Leslie Alley and Paul Cramer of the City Planning Commission to discuss the CZO and Riverfront Overlay. CPC staff is considering removing Riverfront Overlay in Marigny. They are asking FMIA to submit further refinement to the comments in the next 2 weeks, and we will be discussing all our points via email.

Treasurer's Report

We still need to finish getting our accounts together in order to have an audit done. As far as taxes, Ken will find out when our last year's taxes were filed, and will find out what needs to be done this year so we do not lose our status as a non-profit.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter & Communication: Nothing to report.

Marigny Green: Nothing to report.

Membership: Dave suggested having a marketing survey done to discover why people join or don't join the FMIA.

Gretchen said that we will be purging our membership list of people who have not rejoined since 2012.

Parking: There was discussion concerning our support for parking requirements in HMC 1 and HMC2, and how the Robert's parking lot will be used after hours once the supermarket opens.

Zoning: Lisa gave a report on her most recent zoning meeting. She spoke about how vacation rentals are costing the city lost taxes. They also did their first Frenchmen Street Stroll last week and will be doing another on Friday. Lisa also spoke on the HDLC inability to come to a decision concerning the riverfront development in Holy Cross.

A letter of support for Holy Cross neighborhood was discussed. Miles made a motion that we send the letter to City Council. Ken seconded, all voted yes, none opposed. It was proposed that the template letter be sent out in the eblast so members also have the opportunity to send it.

Blight: Alex reported that the hearing for the blighted property at 2501 St Claude has been rescheduled.

Washington Square Park: Ken reported that we are ready to repair the fences, but should also consider the lighting situation because it is very dark. Another problem is drainage, as the park was like a lake last week with the

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heavy rain. There was discussion of a fundraiser, possibly tied into Bastille Day.

Fete Marigny: Luke Hoar de Galvan has agreed to run Fete Marigny again this year. Carol Gnaidy has volunteered to be our Publicity Chairman.

Home Tour: We have one house signed up for the Home Tour. Because we are having trouble getting formerly blighted properties to participate it was suggested that we ask legal B&Bs in the neighborhood to participate. Gretchen, Dave and Alex will work on this.

Crime: Crime committee chair Kash Schriefer reported that there have been eleven armed robberies in the Marigny since March. He also mentioned that Safe Cams 8 has morphed into Safe Cam NOLA. He reported that Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association recently voted provide \$3,500 to start a neighborhood crime camera program, with the money to be distributed as \$100 grants to help offset the cost to neighbors who install crime cameras. Kash suggested we could do the same here. Ken proposed we start with \$1,000 and see how it works. One hundred dollar grants will assist the Marigny in getting 40 new cameras installed. Gretchen seconded the motion. All voted yes.

New Business:

Iggy's. There was discussion on what position FMIA should take concerning crime in the area of Iggy's Bar. It was decided that we should write a letter supporting the City's move to take legal action against the bar. Ken will draft the letter.

Friendly Bar: A neighbor said that there had recently been prostitution activity outside of the bar. The State Task Force has since made their presence known, and the prostitution has not yet returned.

ATC: Ken wants to have the State ATC make a presentation at the next General Meeting.

Downriver Neighborhoods:

Miles said that Kristen Palmer will be holding a meeting at Café Istanbul of downriver neighborhood associations, including VCPORA, St. Claude Main Street, BNA and Bunny Friend, in order to further projects of interest such as Streetcar expansion and the Riverfront Park.

Ken is looking for venues for holding General meetings in the Triangle. Christopher Inn no longer hosts outside events. He said that Bishop Perry Center is willing to host Board Meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.



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Meeting called to order at 7:15

New faces – Jim and Phyllis Wagner

Quality of life Officers Franklin, Guidry, and Alcon appeared from the 5th district. They spoke specifically about 5th district neighborhood outreach and stressed the non emergency number was 504.821.2222. They spoke briefly about the Police Community Advisory Board. There are 4 vacancies for this board for the 5th district, and they are looking for applicants for this board. The Citizens Academy starts this week.

Brionne Decker got up to speak for the Committee for a Better New Orleans. They are conducting a survey for the next three to four months. This survey will focus on how the NPP process has worked and how it can be improved to better serve the needs of the community. This survey is an advisory document and will be given to the City Planning Commission once the survey has been completed.

Miles spoke briefly about short term rentals. He has a meeting coming up towards the end of May with some staff from City Council members.

Kash spoke about crime cameras next. He spoke about the \$1000 grant that the FMIA will put up, \$100 for 10 houses, toward the installation of the crime cameras that are registered with Safe Cams Nola or Project Nola.

Miles spoke briefly regarding height limits, the riverfront zoning, and the draft CZO. Once the new City Council is seated, we must maintain the pressure to keep the height limits in tact.

Lisa Suarez Spoke about the Frenchmen Stroll, 5/8/14 is the next one. Ken Caron will be attending a meeting about the brass band at Chartres and Frenchmen.

Nick Suarez got up to speak about riverfront zoning and the BNA.

At this point, Miles opened the floor to general discussion. Alex got up to speak about the home tour and how it will feature legal B&B's from the neighborhood.

Tony Johnson restated the Nathan Chapman/VCPORA talking points from earlier that day regarding the noise ordinance. A brief discussion ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21.

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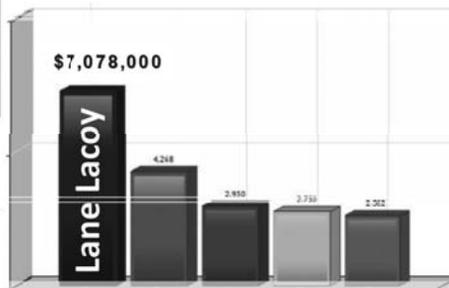
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