



Les Amis de Marigny

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

Size Still Matters, Now More than Ever

By Lisa Suarez, President FMIA

It's coming down to the wire for us and our City government. There will be a final decision in April on whether we, the Downtown Riverfront neighborhoods, will be able to maintain our Historic District Integrity, and keep new building heights close to our 50 foot residential limit, or make us look like *Houston-on-the-Mississippi*.

With Executive Director of the City Planning Commission and Zoning Czar Robert Rivers leading the charge since late 2013, will we be force-fed height (and density) bonuses of buildings up to 75 feet in Marigny and maybe 100 feet in Bywater?

More than 90% of residents in these neighborhoods are against the plans of a handful of developers who, with the City's help, will take advantage of our investments in making the last parcels of undeveloped land for their private profit margin, ruining these historic districts.

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Will the City Council abrogate their responsibility of making the decisions on land-use planning by turning it over to a bureaucrat who makes decisions by executive fiat and without considering what residents want?

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Spring Home Tour

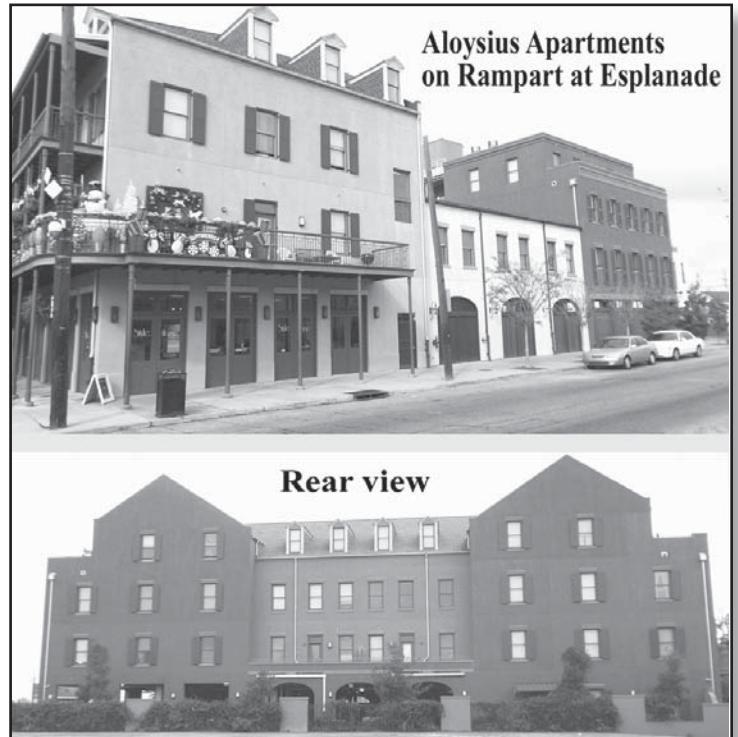
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News from Alvar Library

Annual Blight Report

Mega Bus

**Upcoming Meetings
and More!**



The Promise of the Master Plan

5,000 citizens worked on the Master Plan for 3 years after the failure of the Federal Levees. The plan promised:

New Orleans 2030: A Master Plan for the 21st Century | 3.3

- Improve the performance and credibility of city government.
- Empower citizens to participate in the planning and government of New Orleans.

VISION STATEMENT:

New Orleans 2030 A Master Plan for the 21st Century | 5.3

New Orleanians expressed a firm commitment and shared will to move forward to implement both the letter and spirit of a master plan. The journey to 2030 requires

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growing trust that comes from greater transparency in government and bridging boundaries to work together.

New buildings and public spaces benefit from the lessons learned from the city's historic neighborhoods – buildings that embody qualities of human scale... sustainability, façades that frame and enliven public streets, and a sense of responsibility for the civic quality of the neighborhoods and districts they help build.

Chapter 7 | Historic Preservation Community Issues

Preserve neighborhood character. Overwhelmingly, the post-Katrina UNOP and Lambert Neighborhood plans identify the preservation of the overall "character" of neighborhoods as a top priority.

7.11 Historic Preservation

Preservation for all of New Orleans. Preservation should be a higher priority in all parts of the city and should be for the benefit of residents as well as tourists.

Where has all our participation gotten us?

Mostly ignored. When more than 90 percent of a neighborhood disagrees with a land-use plan, and it is being forced on us anyway, where is our Due Process?

They say we're selfish?

From a 10-21-13 op-ed by Kaare Johnson, on WGNO-TV.

"...a small group of New Orleanians that are convinced they are what's great about the city... they are actually much more of a problem than a help. The latest and greatest from this group of delusional citizens is an absurd height restriction on any new construction on the Mississippi river in the Bywater and Faubourg Marigny neighborhoods. The city has proposed opening up the old, neglected, light industrial river front to 7 or 8 story condo buildings. Considering the metro area has a population of over 1.2 million and less than 1000 folks actually live on the river, this sounds like a long overdue idea. But the squeaky wheels in the neighborhood don't like it. Neighborhoods don't fully control their area just because they live there. Their neighborhood is New Orleans's neighborhood. The needs of the few don't outweigh the needs of the many. Selfish, self-serving folks, many of whom are renters and not even home owners, want things to remain the same."

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We Rebut — Something We're Not Allowed to Do at City Planning:

In the Bywater and Faubourg Marigny neighborhoods, homeowners have struggled for decades to bring these historic areas back to life. Since Katrina, this struggle has gained new life and momentum because this sliver by the river did not flood.

The charm of these two original neighborhoods of old New Orleans is due to the preservation of original buildings and the area's original ambience, which dates back to the 1700s.

Developers have had their eye on this wonderful area since before Katrina, when "Riverfront Vision 2005" initiated the dreaded "Nodes" and now "Gateways." They have been targeting height restrictions all in the name of making a buck, so they can build high-rise condos and afford wealthy tenants a view of the river.

Yes, they are high-rises, in comparison to the 25 feet average peak of our historic roofs. We have been told a number of times, "They are mid-rises." Perhaps they are, when measured by CBD standards. Note: the Warehouse District height is protected at 65 feet. Over-scaled buildings will destroy the old-time charm of our Historic Neighborhoods, and we continue to object.

Zoning rules are made for citizens?

These are rules which are supposed to have the city's best and long-term interest at heart. Until now?

We continue to be shocked our protections are thrown out as selfish, when what is so sacred to our city and its citizens is made with public input and the public interest at heart.

Mr. Johnson's attitude, and it appears Mr. River's as well, throws residents under the bulldozers of short-sighted and greedy developers who would rather rape New Orleans, than protect her.

The truth is we want and encourage development within a scale that will not overwhelm the four historic neighborhoods of Marigny, Bywater, Holy Cross, and Algiers Point. We have been encouraging sensitive development all along, such as the Aloysius Apartments at the corner of Rampart Street and Esplanade Avenue.

We want safe development that protects those farther from the levee wall, by capturing water. We want buildings perpendicular to the river to reduce building exposure during a "tropical event."

We do not want pylons driven 150 feet down, next to the river, potentially undermining the levee, and jeopardizing the entire City. Where is the environmental study?

And finally, we don't want our tax dollars to subsidize developers of luxury housing. We

only ask for Due Process, upholding Section 5-411 of the Home Rule Charter, the Master Plan, and common sense. There will be multiple eblasts announcing the upcoming City Council Hearings this month. Please plan to attend— even if you need to take off work—and don't stop sending your comments to our Councilmembers:

http://www.nolacitycouncil.com/resources/resources_czo.asp

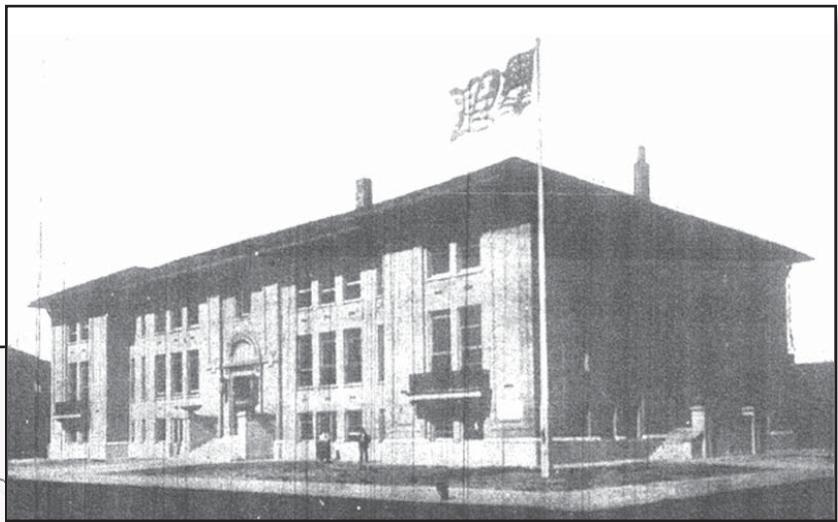
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2015 Spring Home Tour

Sunday, May 17, Noon to 4 p.m.

This year featuring **Marie Laveau's father's original shop building** (at left below) and **McDonough 16** (at right) just renovated for Senior Housing.



If you only volunteer once a year, this is the time. A two-hour shift as a home sitter/docent, gets you a free Tour Ticket.

Contact Carolyn,
csinclair@faubourgmarigny.org

An advertisement for Kajuns' Karaoke Idol Kontest. It features a large microphone on the left and a circular logo for "Kajun's PUB" on the right. The text includes: "Kajuns' Karaoke Idol Kontest", "THIRD TUESDAY EVERY MONTH 9PM-MIDNIGHT", "1ST PLACE OVER \$100 IN CASH AND PRIZES", "2ND PLACE \$20 BAR COUPONS", "3RD PLACE \$10 BAR COUPON", "WINNER AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED INTO THE KAJUNS' ANNUAL HURRICANE KATRINA KARAOKE CONTEST HELD THE 4TH TUESDAY OF AUGUST.", "OFFICIAL SPONSORS: NOLA DEFENDER, NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA RUM, Pabst Blue Ribbon Lager".

An advertisement for Bark Market. It features a logo with a dog and the text: "NEW LOCATION! NEW SERVICES! 3041 N. Rampart 504-949-1525 www.nolabarkmarket.com". A dashed-line box contains a list of services: "*PET SUPPLIES*", "*ART SUPPLIES*", "*BARKEY PARK*", "a Private Dog Park!", "*DOG TRAINING*", "*PET GROOMING*", "*SELF-SERVE DOG WASH*", "*DOGGIE DAY CARE*", "*SCHOOL OF ART & CRAFT*", and "*MEETING SPACE RENTAL*".

QOL

Everyone knows to call 911 for emergencies, but what do you do if you have a quality of life issue?

Call 911!

A record is kept of all 911 calls, creating a paper trail. The more calls the police receive about an issue in the neighborhood, the more likely it is that the problem will be noted or "rise to the top" and be resolved.

What else to do?



Fill out Hot Sheets

Attend the NONPACC meetings

and for QOL call 911 ASAP
and OMG you'll (maybe) soon be LOL

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Calendar of Events

April 2015

Board Meeting

April 1, 7:15 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

April 8, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Paladar 511 in the 511 Marigny Condo Building

General Meeting

April 20, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

May 2015

Board Meeting

May 6, 7:15 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

May 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Mags 940

General Meeting

May 18, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

NONPAC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday

6 pm, 3900 N. Claiborne

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

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

FMIA Dues

Not sure when your FMIA dues were paid? The date you paid is conveniently located on the mailing label of your newsletter. Just one more service from your friendly neighborhood neighborhood association.

Marigny Green News:

By Deborah Oppenheim



Spring is here and so are Louisiana Strawberries and warm-season crops. Go green Marigny and shop for local food at the various Farmers Markets around the city. The Farmers Markets promote healthy living. What you purchase is grown by local farmers. The vegetables and fruit at the Farmers Market do not travel far to one's table which reduces transportation emissions. The produce at local markets is fresher and tastes better than store bought.

Crescent City Farmers Market are located in various areas around New Orleans.

Wednesday and Saturday Market

In the French Quarter at 1235 N. Peters Street in the French Market. Every Wednesday from 2-6 pm and Saturday 10 am - 2 pm. Local fresh produce, meats, seafood, dairy, bread and baked goods are sold. There is 2 hour complimentary validated parking for Wednesday market shoppers at the French Market's Riverside Lot (enter from St. Peter St. next to Jax Brewery).

Tuesday Market

Uptown New Orleans at 200 Broadway Street, 9 am to 1 pm. This market is year round, rain or shine.

Thursday Market

In Mid-City at the American Can Company, 3 pm to 7 pm. This market is year round.

Saturday Market

In the Warehouse District, 700 Magazine Street at Girod Street, 8 am to 12 pm. If it is raining, the market moves inside to a building. This market is year round.

Other Public Markets:

Sankofa Farmers Market

Holy Angels Complex, 2500 St. Claude at Gallier, Saturday 10 am - 2 pm.

Hollygrove Market and Farm

8301 Olive St. 10 am - 2 pm.

Gretna Farmers Market

between 3rd and 4th Street at 300 Huey P. Long Avenue, Saturday 8:30 am -12:30 pm rain or shine.

Vietnamese Farmers Market

14401 Alcee Fortier Blvd, Saturday 6 am -9 am.

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Meet the Neighbors



Spills and Thrills

The March MTN held at Feelings Café — neighbors gathered in the cozy bar for tasty appetizers provided by the host. As the crowd increased we spilled out into the courtyard, then as light showers started coming down we spilled back in, then the rain let up and we spilled back out. Spirited conversation provided the thrills.



Next month's venue is **Paladar 511** in the 511 Marigny Condo Building ("paladar" is Spanish for palate). If you have a suggestion for a future Meet the Neighbors venue, [email us at secretary@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:secretary@faubourgmarigny.org).

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FMIA sends out an email blast every Sunday with important news about what's happening in the Faubourg Marigny and surrounding area — news that you need to know! To sign up for this service, email secretary@faubourgmarigny.org to be put on the list.

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Did you ever wonder who these people are? ↑

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.

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On the Road Again with Megabus

By John Gutekunst, Newsletter Editor

Living on Elysian Fields Avenue means you get used to seeing a lot of people on the street. This number has increased in the last year with the establishment of the “temporary” Megabus stop on Elysian Fields Avenue and St. Claude.

Recently I’ve noticed a marked increase in the trash thrown on our streets — whether from the bus patrons or others traveling through the neighborhood is unknown. I do know that somebody is frequently having an early nosh on our front steps, and we have the joy of clearing the table.

This trash increase, along with the shiny new chain link fence that just went up around the parking lot of the Robért Supermarket, prompted renewed curiosity on my part concerning the status of the “temporary” stop. The Megabus uses the lot as a staging ground for their operations, where are the bus patrons going to congregate if the lot is closed to them?

Emailing back and forth with the offices of Councilmember Ramsey of District “C,” and Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs, Office of The Mayor, I received the following answers:

Q.

What is the status of the “temporary” mega bus stop on Elysian Fields and St. Claude Avenue?

A.

Megabus should no longer be using Elysian Fields and St. Claude Ave.



Q.

What does it mean when you say: “Megabus should no longer be using Elysian Fields and St. Claude Ave.” They are still there. (*above photo was sent to them*)

A.

Safety and Permits is working with the City Attorney, Public Works and NOPD to establish enforcement procedures. We hope to have a more detailed description of the outcome of these discussions very soon.

Q.

Establish enforcement procedures concerning what? This will not be a permanent bus stop, correct?

A.

It will not be. The nature of Mega Bus’ operations do not fall under the normal enforcement authority of Taxicab Bureau since they are not licensed by the City as tour buses are. We’re coordinating within City agencies to issue the appropriate citations.

Q.

Is there a timeline for this?

A.

I hope to have an answer or at least an update for you this week. (email dated 3/23/15)

Because of the deadline for printing of this newsletter we were unable to include further information, but will continue in future issues as we find out more.





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Fighting Blight

By Alex Vialou, Blight Committee Chairman

Over the last few weeks, I have once again walked our neighborhood tracking our fight against Blight. Blighted, boarded, or unused houses are still to be found almost in every block in our neighborhood.

Significant progress is nonetheless visible as highlighted by the pictures here that show the renovation of 1518 Pauger Street and the new construction of a two-story single family home at 1807 North Rampart where once used to sit an abandoned commercial building.

The number of blighted, boarded or unused structures has been declining at a steady annual average rate of 11%

over the last four years. With a few notable exception (such as the Press Street Garden), the number of vacant lots that are fenced or not, with or without overgrown weeds has remain mostly unchanged. I have counted about 60 such vacant lots without any visible use to our



1807 North Rampart



1518 Pauger



community (not being used as a adjacent garden, not a house, not even a parking lot).

Through this annual exercise it is possible to recognize that significant density increase in population and businesses can be achieved simply through the rehabilitation of our remaining stock of blighted, boarded or unused structures and through the conversion of vacant lots to more productive uses.

To report a blighted property or an overgrown vacant lot next to you call 311. To check the status of a reported property go to blightstatus.nola.gov

St. Anna's Episcopal Church Food Pantry

We are looking for donations of food for St. Anna's Food Pantry. Donations are distributed to those in need on a monthly basis.

Canned fruit & vegetables, peanut butter, small bags of rice are just a few suggested items. A convenient drop off point is at the address noted below.

The Friendly Bar 2301 Chartres

Contact: Don Dubay 504-458-0510

You Thought It Was Just Books

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

We here at the Alvar library hope you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather. We certainly are and have been celebrating by building and tending to two new raised beds in our garden! We are growing vegetables, herbs, and flowers and would love for you to garden with us. An upcoming event to take place in our garden is the Edible Book Festival, which we invite you to participate in by creating beautiful or humorous edible, bookish creations to display and eat. Additionally, we want to inform you of a May ballot measure that impacts the entirety of the New Orleans Public Library System. Please read further to learn more.

First, we want you all to know that City Council has approved a proposition to be on the May 2nd ballot asking voters if they will support an increase in amount of taxpayer funding for the Library. The proposition would provide an additional \$8.25 million to the Library for 25 years, through 2040. If this proposition does not pass, 7 of 14 libraries will close, there will be a 35% decrease in hours of operation, and a significant decrease in collection,

programs, and technology funding. If it does pass, there will be a 30% increase in hours of operation, an increased investment in collections, programs, & technology, and the Nora Navra branch in the 7th Ward will be reopened. More information can be found by stopping by any NOPL branch or on our website, www.neworleanspubliclibrary.org.

Next, the Edible Book festival will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, April 18th, from noon until 3 pm. We will have live music, a book-making table with Small Fires Press (www.smallfirespress.com), and much more! This year, we will have five categories for submissions:

- Novel Eats
(Most inspired use of literature or literary reference)
- Upper Crust
(Best in show/adults)
- Cooked Book
(Best use or exploration of a book-like structure)
- Bound for Greatness
(Best in show/youth 12 & under)
- Offensive Tastes
(Best inspired use of a banned or challenged book reference)
- For more information about Edible Book events and a brief history, check out www.books2eat.com.

On a final note, we continue to offer weekly programming at Alvar. Each Thursday morning between 11 am and 1 pm, we offer one on one computer tutoring. Please come with questions! Additionally, each Saturday at 10:30 am, we provide story time and a craft for young children and families. Last but not least, each Saturday at 2 pm, we offer an activity for teens. As always, all programs are free and open to the public. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Upcoming Millage Proposition Vote

Asking voters to support an increase in the amount of taxpayer funding for the library

Desha Rhodes, Manager, Alvar Branch Library

The New Orleans Public Library will exhaust its reserve funds in 2016 and won't be able to keep up with the services they currently provide. Some libraries could close altogether.

City Council has approved a millage proposition for the May 2nd ballot asking voters to support an increase in the amount of taxpayer funding for the library. The proposition would provide an additional \$8.25 million to the Library for 25 years, through 2040.

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If it does pass, there will be a 30% increase in hours of operation, an increased investment in collections, programs, & technology and the Nora Navra branch in the 7th Ward will be re-built.

Please also consult the library's website, neworleanspubliclibrary.org for more details. This is an issue of great importance to the library system, and to our community.

**NEW ORLEANS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

MILLAGE PROPOSITION ELECTION

**VOTE
May 2
2015**

Current NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY Financial Situation

In 2016 the Library will exhaust all of its reserve funds and will be unable to maintain the current level of service. The City Council has approved placing a proposition on the May 2, 2015, ballot asking voters if they support an increase in the amount of taxpayer funding the Library receives.

**Millage Proposition Election
May 2, 2015**

**Current Operation Level
(will not continue after 2016):**

IF YES

IF NO

What if the Proposition passes:

- ↑ 30% Increase in hours of operation
- + 7 days a week service at 6 Libraries
M-Th 10a-8p, F-Sa 10a-5p, and Su 1p-5p
- + 6 days a week service at 9 Libraries
M-Th 10a-8p, F-Sa 10a-5p
- ↑ Increased investment in collection, programs, and technology
- + Re-open the Nora Navra Library in the 7th Ward
(Renovation funds are already secured by FEMA)

What if the Proposition does not pass:

- ↓ 35% Decrease in hours of operation
- Close 7 of 14 libraries

Ballot Language

Shall the City of New Orleans (the "City") be authorized to levy and collect annually, in addition to any other authorized tax, a special ad valorem tax not to exceed 2.5 mills on all property subject to taxation within the City (an estimated \$8.25 million reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 25 years, beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2040, which tax shall be collected in the same manner as all other ad valorem taxes and which shall be dedicated to and used by the New Orleans Public Library System for the purpose of adequately funding its continued operations, said tax to be levied and collected in addition to the current 3.14 mills previously approved by the voters of New Orleans for the benefit of the City's public libraries, which current 3.14 mills shall expire December 31, 2021?

YES
 NO


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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes: February 4, 2015

Members in attendance

Lisa Suarez, Kash Schriefer, Gretchen Bomboy, Matt Del Vecchio, Carolyn Sinclair, Miles Swanson, Jeff Bromberger, Gene Cizek, Alex Vialou

Guests

Michael Bosio & Kyle Resmondo, Developers from MK Real Estate Development presents residential plans for old Hubig's lot on Dauphine Street.

Mariigny Security District

Committee formed to research issue. Miles volunteers. Kash motions to have committee report to board, seconded. Passes unanimously.

Cafe Istanbul

Kash met w/ Joe Rochelle, Dan Walker, Chuck Perkins and his attorney. Kash motions that FMIA caps its spending to \$2,500 excluding ear-marked donations.

Treasurer's Report

Alex doesn't yet have Quickbooks report going but is planning to. Has laptop back and will input expenses into Quickbooks online. John Gutekunst delivered PayPal username/password.

Short Term Rentals

Councilwoman Stacy Head writing new legislation. Head doesn't feel CZO will pass. Said she is not willing to meet with anyone not willing to compromise.

Guest - Brock LaBorde: Brock from New Movement speaks about 2706 St. Claude Ave theatre space. Desires conditional use for concessions bar w/ outside serving window for alley & yard.

Guest - Haley & Jen: Haley from Indywood theater talk about renovations to their space 628 Elysian Fields and desire to get permits to become legitimate.

Guest - Carol Gniady: Carol from FQC speaks about Cafe Habana, desires FMIA to reject project as planned.

Riverfront Alliance

No way for member associations to vote on issues. Most feel Article 5 should be canned. Aren't against music but want neighborhoods to be able to run themselves rather than one-size-fits-all city policy.

Home Tour

Running into challenges finding interested owners.

Newsletter

Kash motions that all non-profits receive ad discount, seconded. Passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.



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for those most in need.

Project Lazarus helps heal and empower people living with HIV/AIDS by focusing on wellness, providing housing and offering important support services.



From the Kitchen of the
NEWORLEANS FOODCO-OP



Vegetable Fried Rice

4-5 button mushrooms, sliced	½ cup frozen broccoli
2 green onions finely chopped	2-3 tbsp soy sauce
½ cup frozen peas	2 eggs
	½ lb. cup brown rice

Cook brown rice according to directions.
 In a small frying pan heat 1 tsp oil over medium heat. Scramble eggs and set aside.
 In a large skillet heat 1 tbsp oil over medium heat. Add sliced mushrooms and sauté until tender. Add in cooked rice and cook for another 1-2 minutes. Add in frozen vegetables and cook until thawed. Add in egg, soy sauce, and green onion. Mix well.

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FMIA General Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2015

Attendance: approx. 45.

Board Members present

President Lisa Suarez, Secretary Gretchen Bomboy, Jeff Bromberger, Carolyn Sinclair, Miles Swanson.

Announcement: Resignation accepted from VP Kash Schriefer, due to health issues.

Request for Board replacement candidate.

Cafe Istanbul: latest violation of CBA. See video: http://youtube/lKwjRE-32_U

Healing Center neighbor Lord David commented he had posted the video to youtube.

Remedies: complaint letters issued to Safety & Permits, and Alcohol Control Board.

No Treasurer's report.

Security District progress report by Miles Swanson.

SizeMatters: City Council will be having more hearings at the end of March. How many members have a Size Matters shirt? Six. Poster on your house? Eight.

Announcement of the passing of Freddie Pincus.

Home Tour Report: Have acquired the “*Marie Laveau” house at 1801 Dauphine. (*so called because her father had an Iron Shop there.)

Code Enforcement with John Hagan, introduced by NoraAnn Winbush of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement. Mr. Hagan familiarized us with procedure for reporting lack of maintenance, blight, and the prosecutorial system of his Department. The Department, with more than 50 employees, processed more than 16,000 reports last year, and has a 65% resolution rate.

Ed Quatreveau, New Orleans Inspector General, reported on the current state of the NOPD, under consent decree, stating he had a lot of confidence in Chief Michael Harrison. He also stated that he could not get the new jail under control. Fraud and Abuse complaints? Fill out the online form: <http://www.nolaoig.org/main/inside.php?page=hotline>

Announcements: Former Hubig's Pie factory site on Dauphine St. had their NPP while the General meeting was going on. Rick Fifield made a report; the density was too high with the design presented (8 Townhouses).

Trash Palace & Indywood NPP will be taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m.

Adjourned, 8:35 p.m.

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FMIA General Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2015

Lisa Suarez called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

NOPD Report

8th District Sgt. Sandra Contreras, Quality of Life; 5th District Sgt. Robert Franklin, Off. Larry Dates, Quality of Life. It's OK to call 911 for quality of life problems. These calls-for-service help identify issues and repeat problems.

Guest Speaker

Dist. C Councilmember Nadine Ramsey

Councilmember Ramsey talks about draft CZO, has read our comments and will present amendments to council. Freddy King is her head of constituent services. She takes several questions from membership.

Cafe Istanbul

Late-night parking lot noise issues on-going. Meeting with city attorney Dan McNamara.

Treasurer's Report

Six grand in the bank. Membership dues are up.

Zoning Report

Gene Cizek and Lisa Suarez present slideshow on Faubourg Marigny and city planning.

Guest Speaker

Brian Lucket, Neighbors First for Bywater

Brian presents a proposed draft of zoning and building language they would like to see, as opposed to what they don't want to see. Q&A session.

Guest Speaker

Mark Gonzalez, Neighbors First for Bywater

Advocates telling city council what we want to see in Riverfront Overlay, not what we don't want to see.

Frenchmen Street Art Market

"Trash Palace" building, 2121 Chartres, is looking for to build parking spaces where the Art Market is currently, in order to open event hall.

Announcements

43rd Home Tour coming up

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

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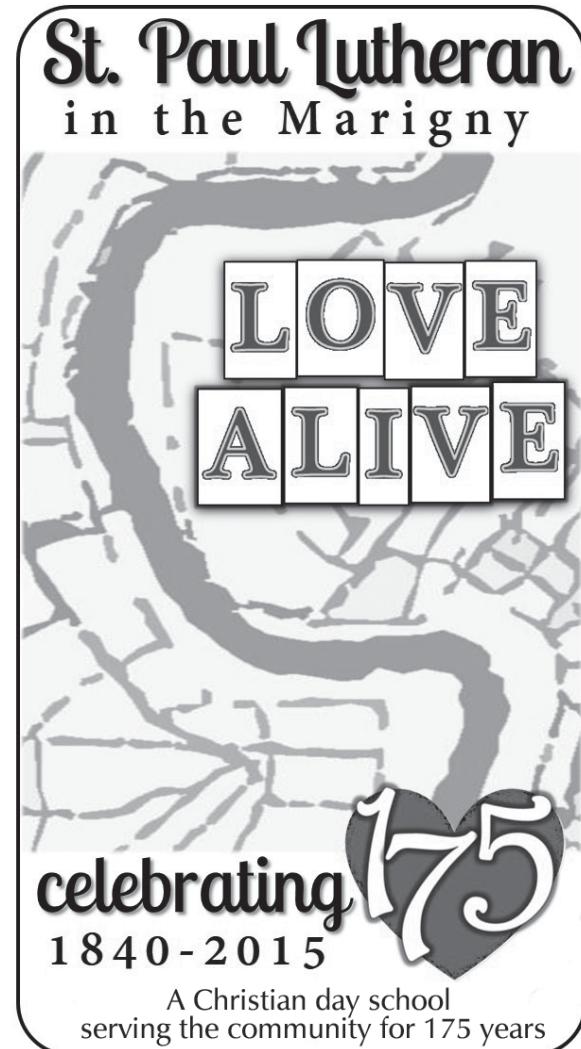
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