



Les Amis de Marigny

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Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

Hampton Inn Proposal at Elysian Fields

This fall has been quite busy for the FMIA. At the October General Meeting on October 17, we hosted the NPP for the proposed Hampton Inn. At the meeting, many members of the neighborhood voiced their opinion of the project. While some were against the project altogether, claiming it was an inappropriate size for the neighborhood, or that it was more suitable for a suburban location or Interstate exit, others were interested in a project at the location and offered suggestions to improve the project.

The input varied from requests to change the windows, add balconies and/or shutters, removing or adding proposed vegetation, and adding a commercial business to the bottom floor of the project so as to add something beneficial for the citizens of the neighborhood. The meeting ended on a positive note, as the architect and developer said they wanted to work with us and create a building the neighbors would like. They also promised to get back to us soon with revised drawings.

On November 14, we received revised plans, which are posted on the FMIA Facebook page.

These plans included a recess on Elysian Fields, with a brick façade, wide brick columns on the parking area, and galleries enmeshed in a metallic screen that looked something like a cage. With the short time window between the receiving of the drawings, and the Architectural Review Committee meeting on 11/22, the FMIA Zoning and Land Use Committee met on 11/17 to review the plans and formulate a letter to submit to the ARC, which is also posted on our Facebook page.

On November 21, at the General Meeting we discussed the next day's meeting. Just that afternoon, at 4:45, we received a new set of plans from the architect. No one had had a chance to review, but there were no changes that would have substantially altered our position. On November 22, numerous members attended the ARC meeting at City Hall. After Mr. Alecha presented their plans, myself, Carol Gniady, Rick Fifield, Joel Ross, Lisa



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Suarez, and Gretchen Bomboy all spoke to the ARC Committee and shared our opinions of the proposal.



After 10 minutes or so of discussion, the ARC voted unanimously to defer a decision, allowing the team to devise plans that were more appropriate for the neighborhood. As of now, Mr. Alecha and Mr. Patel have agreed to come up with plans and present them at the next Board Meeting on December 7. As soon as those plans are shared with us, they will be shared with everyone on our FaceBook page, allowing the entire neighborhood to see them and share their opinions.

New Committees

At the November 2 Board Meeting, new Committee members and Chairs were selected, and are as follows:

- Zoning and Land Use- Joel Ross (Chair)
- Short Term Rental- Allen Johnson (Chair)
- Public Safety and Graffiti- Lisa Suarez (Chair)
- Special Events & Fundraising- Jeff Bromberger (Chair)
- Newsletter- John Gutekunst (Chair)
- Membership- Allen Johnson (Chair)
- Home Tour- Lisa Suarez

We would ask each member to choose the Committee that you find most interesting, and please join it. Our organization is always stronger with the work of our many members. Please find a way to participate.

Happy Holidays!!

Just a reminder that there is no General Meeting in December, but there is a Meet the Neighbors event on December 14 at the Arts Estuary at 1024 Elysian Fields. We hope to see everyone there, and wish everyone safe travels during the busy Holiday Season!!

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St. Peter and Paul Hotel Renovation Project

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to offer an update on the St. Peter and Paul hotel renovation project at 2317 Burgundy St. As many of you know, we've worked closely with FMIA for two years on this historic preservation project, the conversion of the former school, rectory, church and convent into a 71-room hotel and event space.

The plans are complete and all historic and municipal approvals and financing are in place except for one last, crucial piece of the puzzle: the construction loan. We spent the past six months working with local bank First NBC, which, if you've read the news, has run into compliance problems with the FDIC. This sets our timeline back several months as we re-start the search for a construction lender.

Although we are frustrated by the lost time, we are confident we will find another solution, and will begin the renovation as we do. Thanks for your patience and as always, feel free to email stpeterandpaulfeedback@gmail.com or call Nathalie at 504.715.7142 with any questions.

Nathalie Jordi



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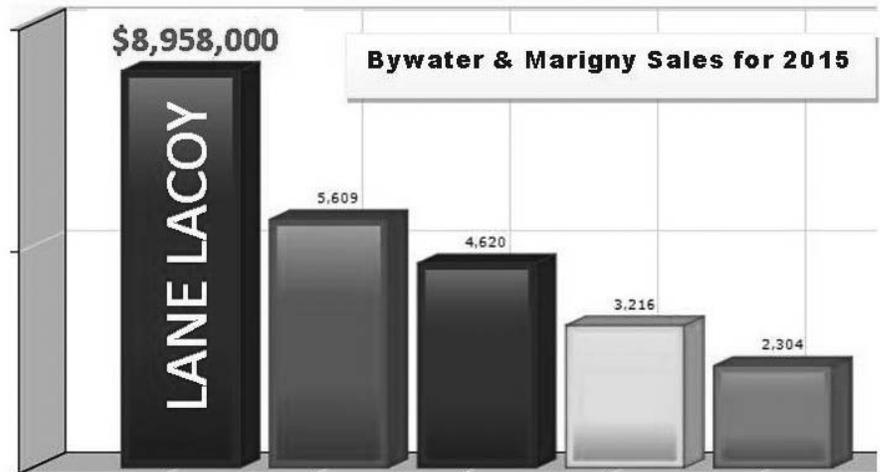


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Interview with Kristopher Doll of Shank's Charcuterie

By Madison Louviere, FMIA Newsletter Intern, Class of 2018, Nicholls State

Q *Where are you originally from?*

A I was born in Lafayette.

Q *What made you decide to be a butcher?*

A I used to go hunting and fishing with my grandfather during the summer, living with my grandparents while I was in school. So, just from hunting and fishing with him it ended up being something I learned how to do. Later when I started cooking professionally, it was something I could do better than others, so I just seemed to be in charge of that.

Q *Did you go into culinary thinking you would be a butcher?*

A No, I didn't have any idea that it would be what I would end up doing.

Q *Did you always want to be a chef?*

A I always liked cooking but I didn't necessarily intend to be a chef. But as I grew up, it just kind of happened and that I liked doing. I was able to make a career out of it.

Q *I understand you started at the St. Roch Market.*



What did it take to make you change locations and establish your own charcuterie?

A We actually had this location before the market, and there was a delay in construction. We were ready to go into business and when we found out about the delay, they offered us some space. We went there for a few months and then construction finished here so we came back.

Q *How's business?*

A We made it a year, which is a good thing. Not many places with food make it in a year so that's good. We get a lot of neighborhood people which is what the original intent was to be more of a neighborhood spot and so I think it's doing well. Bills are a little bit better every month.

Q *What do you think the future will look like?*

A I hope that we continue to grow. As more of the neighborhood grows, I hope that more people who cook come here, as the ultimate goal is to be around for a while.

Q *How do you like being part of Marigny?*

A I like this Neighborhood.

Q *Are most of your clientele from this area?*

A We get people from other neighborhoods too but the majority are from Marigny.

Q *Any words of wisdom for other food entrepreneurs?*

A It's completely random about who makes it big and who doesn't. Often times it comes down to putting in the hours and just keep doing the work.

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Calendar of Events

December 2016

Board Meeting

December 7, 7 pm,
 2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

December 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 Arts Estuary, 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue

General Meeting

No General Meeting for December

Caroling at Washington Square Park

December 11, 6:30 pm

January 2017

Board Meeting

January 4, 7 pm,
 2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

January 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 Venue TBD

General Meeting

January 16, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting
 St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

NONPACC MEETINGS

*5th District — 2nd Wednesday, 6 pm,
 3900 N. Claiborne*

*8th District — 4th Tuesday 6 pm,
 location varies between 334 Royal
 and the Healing Center*

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Meet the Neighbors

We met for MTN at the **Hi Ho Lounge** in November for drinks and camaraderie.



The bar was a bit dark for photography, but we did get a few shots of **Fry and Pie** in the courtyard. As the name says: french fry based dishes with a range of toppings and homemade personal pies. Who knew rhymey things could also be so tasty?

Next Meet the Neighbors:

Arts Estuary, 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue on December 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

From Arts Estuary: "Please join the National Performance Network/Visual Artists Network for the next "Meet the Neighbors" on December 14th. Come and join us for cocktails and lite appetizers at Arts Estuary 1024 in our outdoor event space located at 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue. We look forward to meeting everyone."

The Arts Estuary 1024 is a multi-tenant arts facility in a renovated historic building. The center is located at 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue in the Faubourg Marigny neighborhood of New Orleans on the edge of the St. Claude Avenue Arts District. Arts Estuary 1024 supports a collaborative environment that fosters the growth and development of individuals and organizations dedicated to the creative arts and community engagement.



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Thank-you to our Newsletter Intern, Madison Louviere

By the time you read this, Madison's internship from Nicholls State will have been concluded. Here's what she had to say:

" It doesn't feel like my internship is over. It's hard to believe that a whole semester has flown by. Thanks so much for the opportunity you gave me. You gave an unknown girl a chance, and let her see what it meant to be a real-life published writer, increasing my desire to be an editor. Thank you so much!"

We haven't heard the last of Madison. As a condition of her internship contract, she was required to submit 100 hours of writing, so we have stockpiled a number of her interviews, which you will see in upcoming newsletters contrasting veteran Marigny businesses with newer entrepreneurs.

If you're enjoying these spotlights on businesses, please volunteer to add to the collection. Even if it's your own business, we want to hear from you!

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Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim



The holiday season is upon us and there will be lots of empty containers and materials that can be recycled. Please read the bottom of the container to see if the container material is eligible for citywide recycling (see the list at right).

Until recently if you wanted to recycle glass you would have to go to Target stores. **Phoenix** and **Whole Food Market** at Broad Street now have glass recycling. There is a giant low purple dumpster at the corner of Bienville and Broad Streets in the Whole Food parking lot. This is the only NOLA's public glass recycling location. PLEASE ONLY PUT RECYCLABLE GLASS in the dumpster; if it is abused, we will lose it. WE APPRECIATE HAVING GLASS RECYCLING AND THANK YOU, PHOENIX, and WHOLE FOODS.

The Department of Sanitation offers monthly recycling drop-off at the Recycling Drop-Off Center at 2829 Elysian Fields Avenue on the second Saturday of every month from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm for other items that are not picked up in the weekly citywide curbside recycling.

To arrange for a complimentary blue recycling bin, call City Sanitation at 504-658-4000.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, from MARIGNY GREEN!

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By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

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Special Event: Alvar Library will present: Global Migration Patterns-Dr. Mark Phillips

Wednesday, December 14th, 2016, 6:00-7:00 pm

913 Alvar St. New Orleans, LA 70117 (504) 596-2667

In this lecture, Dr. Phillips will explain how the scientific community is seen as a model for cooperation across national frontiers, showing that the goal of "people without borders" is not only attainable, but is itself a necessary means toward greater human achievement in the future. This lecture is a part of the Logsdon and Mizell Nelson Library Lecture Series and is presented by the University of New Orleans and the New Orleans Public Library.

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Local Author Birthday for December:

Andrei Codrescu was born in Romania on December 20th, 1946 and has lived in the United States since 1966. He is the founder of the journal Exquisite Corpse, has written numerous books, including *New Orleans Mon Amour: Twenty Years of Writing from The City*, *The Devil Never Sleeps and Other Essays*, and *Casanova in Bohemia*. He has also been a regular commentator on NPR's *All Things Considered*, and a professor of poetry and literature at Johns Hopkins University, University of Baltimore, and Louisiana State University. He lives in New Orleans.

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The First Christmas After Hurricane Katrina By Leonard Earl Johnson - www.LEJ.org

"Yours Truly" is a blog by Leonard Earl Johnson, a member of our Katrina Diaspora presently residing in Lafayette and spending much time in New Orleans. He is an FMIA member and planning to return to NOLA in the near future. His venue is the figurative Great Mother Swamp including Lafayette, New Orleans and adjacent areas. His column had been published in Les Amis for several years and we are glad to have him back where he belongs.

Originally published in 2005 in a slightly different version

The year was 2005, the month was December. The bar was on Saint Charles Avenue, in Uptown New Orleans. It was newly reopened after The Storms and had tried since Thanksgiving to coax Yuletide spirit from the flood-weary City. Their effort had been great, but the task had been greater. The water was gone and in time it would fill with song. But not this night, December 17 ~ nearly four months later.

Streetcars were still silent and military convoys were the only traffic moving on this or any other street in Town. Everywhere, neither stop light nor street light blinked a bright red and green.

Along the street, houses lay splayed open like huge fish with their innards spilled out for the world to see. Occasionally a cascade of generator powered Christmas lights poured over some brave heart's intact gallery rail. They cast faint light on refrigerators sitting along the curb

wrapped in industrial strength tape and the sweet smell of a Mafia funeral.

Inside the bar, blue snowflakes hung from rafters, along with toy gray helicopters lifting little plastic refugees from little blue-tarped roofs. The bartender sported a red baseball cap with cotton around the rim. A silver bell dangled from its bill.

A great effort, indeed, but the bell rang hollow and the bartender looked weary, like some Papa Noel rescuing the hopeless with the promise of gifts not always delivered.

I had come to the bar to meet an old friend. He had just arrived in Town aboard Amtrak's City of New Orleans from Chicago, that broad-shouldered behemoth at the other end of the railroad line. He had ridden on this train to show support for Arlo Guthrie's Friends Benefit Tour for Louisiana Musicians.

The train had stopped along the route to give fundraiser concerts all the way from Kankakee to New Orleans. This night we are to make our donation at a concert to be held at Tipitina's on the corner of Tchoupitoulas Street and Napoleon Avenue.

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When I opened the French doors to the bar I spotted my friend at the far end. He was overdressed, and over-served. He wore a camel hair topcoat, a wool suit, a cotton shirt and a silk tie. A fast-pace Chicago uniform in our Storm slowed parade ~ a pace none too swift in the best of times. These were not the best of times.

A mural behind the bar twinkled with tiny blue lights sprinkled over a snowy hillock of white deer nibbling mistletoe berries dotted among the evergreen trees. The mistletoe berries were represented by tiny red lights.

"Mistletoe is poison," my friend was telling the bartender, "and its berries should be white!"

A beer representative from Saint Louis, Missouri was also behind the bar. He was wearing a sport coat that looked to be made from Anheuser-Busch labels. He was passing out samples of Red Wolf Beer. My friend took one and lifted it in my direction. I moved down the bar and accepted the brew.

"Must be a Santa after all," my friend said loudly to the largely empty room.

From a green felt-covered table, an elderly couple often seen here before The Storm, looked up and smiled. No one was dealing. His cards were lying face up. We tipped our beer towards them. They were wearing evening clothes and his gold studs were set with diamonds that flashed back at the mural. She was ash blonde, well-painted, and wearing a red sequined gown. She unzipped the gentleman's tuxedo.

My friend and I both said in a stage whisper that she was an expensive date.

The man laughed and asked, "How better to spend my FEMA money?" She laughed and slapped him playfully.

"Where is the vice-squad," my friend asked in a real whisper, "at the Canal Street Brothel with David Vitter?"

We both laughed. My friend was in his cups, hanging his observations with Chicago bluntness. "Christmas in New Orleans is not like going over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house, is it?"

"It's a good system," I said. "We are the city that works!"

He snorted at the irony of laying Chicago's famous motto up against New Orleans' famous work ethic.

"Cops protecting brothel patrons," I said, "and people in evening clothes entertaining themselves for free."

We both looked back at the couple and laughed. My friend muttered, "Maybe not free, but a lot less than the cops charge."

The beer rep handed us two more Red Wolves. He wanted to finish and leave. My friend asked him, "Shouldn't you call

this stuff Red Riding Hood?" None of us were sure what he meant by this but we all laughed the laugh required of our station.

The beer distributor gave us two full six packs of Red Wolf and smiled. "Please, I gotta catch a plane back to Saint Louis."

The bartender said, "Allow me to put that on ice for you."

I got up to go to the restroom as my Chicago friend yanked a hanging blue snowflake from its tether. He bellowed at the bartender, "What fathead told you to hang blue snowflakes in this swamp-flooded city?" The bartender is startled and blurts back, "The fatheads in Chicago who own this bar!" Of course he did not know he was talking to fathead number one.

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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2016

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Lisa Suarez, Allen Johnson, Gretchen Bomboy, Matt Del Vecchio, Gene Cizek, Troy Gant, Jeff Bromberger, Marc Malouse, John Gutekunst, Joel Ross, absent Simone Cifuentes

Non-board attendance –Ronnie Brink

Topic 1 –Motions Made

Lisa becomes vice president

Allen becomes president

Recording secretary - Joel

Treasurer - Troy

Gretchen became past-president

Corresponding secretary Gretchen could be office manager also.

Topic 2 - new pages in FMIA Board binder

Pages have all been done and printed, board members are responsible for filing them in their binder correctly

Topic 3 - Matt will change all FMIA email address

Topic 4 - Vision of the future

John G is an unsung hero, he's been sending out everything

We will developed a Facebook page for low level information

E-blasts will be for high level emergency information only

Look into Nextdoor app, Marc will pursue

Motion was made by Joel Ross, 2nd by Gretchen, all ayes, Gretchen nay

Committees??? - officers have overloads, Lisa is hoping other people in the membership can participate on committees

Lisa is chairing home tour, she

worked with other people in year's previous

Look for a new Newsletter editor, John is too overworked.

Allen was doing advertising, tough to keep up with

Give John the advertising back??

Madison's interviews have been helpful

Landmarked business vs. new entrepreneurial businesses

Homework for all - think of your skill or passion that you can bring to the board - find ways for members to bring to the board

Generally – all of us should be nicer to new members at the General Meeting to make them feel welcome. We are too "clicky"

When people's membership dues are due, we need to send invoices. We need to send emails to lapsed members. Need to figure out how to get people back on board.

Allen to write up letter, try to send an email to the entire lapsed membership with a bcc

Topic 5 - Frenchman Fest

Brian Kern has taken care of the sound and the stage Frenchman street businesses will be taking care of the rest

Lisa's signature cocktail idea, of different bars selling different cocktails for liquor sponsorships

more ideas will come from lower level committee work.

Topic 6 - city council postponed STR vote.

City Council postpones vote pushed back to the 20th

Legally it must be done by the 24th

Could end the Airbnb vote

NOLA neighbors was advantageous - sent out to Times Picayune.

Topic 7 – Poland Ave Cruise Ship Terminal

Meeting at the General with port representatives, they will inform us of their plans and what is in the works. Port wants to partner with us

They have met with NFB, they would like to work with liaisons to the community

NFB has a new PR person, the port has been schmoozing them

Road bed of Chartres was redone years ago, will likely have about 4500 people per day

BNA, Sandra Stokes, they've done some work at the port, section 106 hearing in the works.

John Low and his wife did some work on section 106.

Topic 8 - embracing Hampton Inn

General meeting will be their NPP, sounds like it will be a big one

501 Elysian Fields has officially been sold and recorded

Topic 9 - policy on bbq setup

Topic 10 - support for NOPD on Friday 10/6

From Safety and Permits, Special Events Dept.: Only Food Trucks with Safety & Permits plus Health Dept. permits are Permitted to sell food on specified City Streets. No Barbeque trailers are permitted, as they do not fulfill the proper requirements

Topic 11 - unfinished business

Topic 12 – adjourn

Meeting adjourned, 8:08.

If someone broke into your house, or attacked you on the street - - could you defend yourself?



Our citizen-volunteer group sponsors FREE self defense classes. Our motto is "Neighbors Teaching Neighbors." Above are several students who attended a "Ladies Night" where they learned about fire-arm safety and tried a very easy to use home defense firearm. Check out our website and come to a class. Our neighborhood is safer when we can protect each other.

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FMIA General Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2016

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

STR Update— Allen Johnson

Looks like the administration is pushing for whole home rentals.

Come to hearing and write your letters

It appears that homestead exemption will not be required, please put it in your letters to require a homestead exemption

11am on the 20th if you're opposed, wear red

Agenda will be released on the Wednesday before

Guest Speaker (did not sign in)- There is a new master plan

Every 5 years, they can revisit it.

Zoning meeting on Thursday didn't have a good turnout.

Basically requesting rezoning some of Press Street, but the main thing will be parts of Frenchman street and Rampart St. will be rezoned into HMU-1

2300 Burgundy from Marigny to Mandeville Street for St. Paul's Hotel.

Visit the City Planning Website to see map, it's hard to access.

There are a few problems with HANO properties on Dauphine in the 5th District.

NOPD Report - delayed

Officer Joey Joya spoke, there was a community engagement meeting on Thursday, and not many neighbors came out. Not very well attended. They were in the 8th district, only concern was panhandlers. The 8th district takes a lot of Marigny, but we share it with the Quarter.

Crime is not the same on one side of St. Claude than the other.

St. Roch Market - drugs and beat cops were the biggest concerns

They want to see more relationship building

Quality of Life Issues need to be brought up monthly, but the quality of life cannot take precedent over violent crime issues.

Lots of needles and panhandlers in the vacant lot on Marigny St.

One idea is to drag stuff out and throwing them away.

Some neighbors have done at top 5 lots that are blighted and abandoned. Take photos and say they are going to tear this down.

What is the first course of action for a junkie? This is a systemic problem. What are we supposed to do about people on drugs?

If they are on private property, the police recommend not confronting junkies.

More details in the November newsletter.

Some people like the lights on, some people feel like they're under Martial Law. The thinking is it will push them out somewhere else.

The blue lights are blinding at night. No intermediate setting, it's either on or off.

The new lights are very bright.

1500 block of Pauger between Dauphine and Burgundy tomorrow - 6-8pm - potluck
And another one at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School 5-7pm - SPCA, Popeyes, and Canes

Guest Speaker - Rick - regarding early voting, starts 1 week from tomorrow,

City Hall, Algiers, election warehouse in the east, same ballot, senate congress, everything else.

Robert's Grocery Update –

Went after green grocery grant. Should be starting construction in December. Should be a 10-month process.

Guest Speaker - Frenchman St. Fest, Jeff Bromberger

Noon - 6 pm on Saturday, small this year, next year will be bigger and better

Meet the Neighbors at Hi Ho Lounge on Wednesday night with Jayson Williams

Krewe of Boo, starts on Elysian Fields.

Guest Speaker - Hampton Inn on Elysian Fields

This is the NPP Meeting for the project at 501 Elysian Fields -

Architect Francisco Alecha and Owner Mr. Patel

Recent Projects include Holiday Inn Express in Baton Rouge, NPS National Listing

Doing a lot of Hotels lately Homewood Suites on Severn,

Carondelet Apartments at the Corner of Girod, Residence Inn

Proposed Hampton Inn on Elysian Fields, hotel chain is almost more strict than local standards.

Review floor plans

Patel has done number of hotels in Louisiana. Elmwood, Severn, they would love to be part of this community. They would love our suggestions on what to do.

4 story building, fronts the street on the property line, wood framed

Entrance is on Elysian Fields, 51 feet to the top of the parapet,

Alternate windows are recessed to give it some depth.

Brick veneer in two colors

Brick will match the energy building across the street

Some of the parking is covered, 119 rooms, 60 parking spaces

Steel fence and landscaping next to metal fence

20 employees total, maximum of 5 employees

The other Hampton Inn's have plenty of parking

Where will the employees park?

Any customer that comes in, will have additional parking

There are questions about parking, why do they need a conditional use permit?

Anything over 10,000 square feet would require a conditional use

Wayne Ducote is the owner of the parking lot,

47% of people drive in to the Hampton Inn, drive home. No parking without a residential permit?

Off-site owner could get 50-60 people off site

Difficult when parking spaces are taken

Parking spots will be difficult to find on Decatur

Parking will be charged

They are going to roll the parking rate into the room rate

No banquets or special events in the space

No bar, Historic Structure will be torn down

Mr. Patel bought the property two weeks ago. HDLC meeting could take place in the next few days.

Signage will be on the building, 12x28 size rooms

5 employees - 1 person on desk duty, average 5 employees per shift

They will work through the parking kinks

There will be an outdoor dumpster

Pool hours will be 10am-6pm

All access to the parking will be on Decatur

All lobby space on the ground floor

Integrated PTAC units

24-hour online security will be an issue, they will need that.

This sticks out a little too much. The first floor is 12' high, windows are vertical.

They could do shutters, that would spice it up a lot.

Break up the long wall, by breaking up the mass.

There will be a living wall. At the garage.

The balcony will not work, but the shutters would.

This is a very suburban model for a hotel, the ground plan is rendered entirely to the car

Car dominated design

Make this a little more pedestrian friendly. Building should go down the ground floor

Make the building come down to the street, make it touch the ground.

The HDLC lady really wanted a living wall

Rick F would like to see a commercial space

There will be lighting from regulations horizontally oriented,

4 renderings

Very concerned about the finish materials and the proportions

Worried about the face you put forward, they will not age well.

Another thought - take it in the direction of creative

It doesn't look like the neighborhood

HDLC wants stucco and

living wall and brick

How do we get comments in to the owners, in the next couple of weeks?

They will be meeting with the HDLC and CPC in the next couple of weeks.

"It is very hard to make 20 people happy, some people want modern, some people want traditional. Architect just gave up at some point."

Motion to adjourn at 8:28pm. 2nd by Lisa Suarez



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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes: November 2, 2016

Members in Attendance

Lisa Suarez, Allen Johnson, Gretchen Bomboy, Troy Gant, Jeff Bromberger, Mark Malouse, Joel Ross
Absent are Matt Del Vecchio and Simone Cifuentes

Topic 1 – Treasurer’s Report

Outstanding invoice unpaid for storage unit. Troy is taking care of unpaid invoice.

John is preparing the quickbooks report

Gretchen will be depositing a check

\$5k is earmarked in a separate account, for AIDS memorial fund and in honor of Lloyd Sensat.

We have almost \$6k in bank, Storage is \$1200

Lawsuit is not part of our funding.

Discussed some expenditures that we voted to make, that we never completed.

Lisa doesn’t understand where some Money went. Troy will give a snapshot out to everyone.

Contribute \$100 to each police officer that died in Marigny.

\$123.00 in sandwiches for the board transition meeting

we wrote a \$200 check to anti-airbnb second line event with Bywater

What do other newsletters charge? How much does advertising cost?

Who else writes a newsletter? Any other neighborhood groups?

Find out what other groups do for their budget?

Topic 2 – Frenchman Fest

Things got pulled together at the last minute

4 bands + DJ. Family Day Event. You could smell the potential of a money maker.

We need move cars from both sides of street

Get the bike shop involved, get other businesses involved

Find balance between business’ not getting angry and getting people to come

This should be easier to do now Hopefully people can make money next year

Topic 3 – Nextdoor Account

Marc did some voodoo, but he made it happen

FMIA seemingly has a page now. Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association is now set up.

New neighbor post went out Got some welcome and some thanks

Use it exactly the same as we used to do e-blasts

Use it promote events around the neighborhood

Mention positive things we don’t want to be a ‘zoning’ organization

Important to have a presence on Facebook and Nextdoor

Motion made by Joel Ross, 2nd by Troy

Lisa, Marc, and Allen will have access to the Nextdoor Account

Matt is tech guru, he can help with email access

Topic 4 – E-Blast

50% of the people that get the e-blasts are not members

The Easier you make it to pay, the more money we’ll make

Speak to John about sending out invoices.

Gretchen knows people that are sad to miss the e-blast

Overlapping lists to get PayPal list

John knows how to create an easy pay button

Do we want to go back to e-blast? It is up to John. John and Katherine do a lot more time consuming items than anyone else. Katherine now sets up the Meet the Neighbors event.

On Facebook page, have the easy pay button.

Send an e-blast that to pay dues, one can log on to Facebook

Post an event on Nextdoor, one click to get it on Facebook

John manages website, he needs to update website

Allen has a volunteer to make the website, John will be relieved.

It’s Ann and Landon across from Allen, she’s offered to do it

Topic 5 – 501 Elysian Fields

NPP process was a little weird Small projector was a problem

Lots of people fired up. Parking was an issue

No pedestrian access

Talked to HDLC, some of it was twisted

Lots of hotel guests are willing to pay to park rather than use the street.

One of the concerns that people really wanted was something for the neighborhood on the ground floor. Retail, a dry cleaner, something the neighbors can use

Have not come back with anything different

We were excited about the scale, Density and height work

PTACs are terrible, that is window units A/C.

We can’t do anything until we get updated plans

Allen and Joel will be involved in moving this forward

Topic 6 – Committee Assignments

No one responded to Allen’s request to send their own committee requests

Simone was the only one to respond

Motivate the FMIA general members

These are the committees – Lisa, as VP, may be in charge of committees

- Zoning & Land Use Committee

o Headed by Lisa, Others, Simone, Troy, Joel Ross, General Member – Gene or Rick Fifield

- Public Safety & Graffiti

o Lisa headed up that one, Joel will help on Graffiti, Ken Caron (head of COPS* and PCAB) will help as well, Marc will also.

- Special Events and Fundraising

o Jeff would be good to head this one, assisted by Gretchen and Troy

- STR

o Allen is head, also Simone, Expand as it goes

- Membership

o Allen will head the membership committee, John will help, Allen, Jill McGaughey, Marc, and Gretchen

- Newsletter

o John is heading this up, Lisa is on the committee, Allen will be involved in newsletter

- Home Tour

o Lisa will spearhead this, she has some homes picked out

o Lisa is happy to do it Gretchen also on home tour

o Lisa needs people on the home tour committee, Nick may help too

- There are 20 other committees

Topic 7 – House Cleaning & Christmas Caroling Report

Elysian Fields Marker – It’s \$800

The marker is safe at Dr. Bob’s

The new column is at Lisa’s

Someone just put up new marker

Esplanade and Chartres – new historic marker

Could write JP about the Elysian Marker re-install?

Storage Locker, invoice paid.

Storage locker holds memorabilia, signs, plaques, 2 boxes full of stuff, cups, rolled banners,

On Annunciation, stuff from the shed is at the storage facility All the tables and stage.

Still have a lot of home tour stuff

Opening Codes, it is difficult to access, Not a 24 hour access

Biggest problem is that you have to have storage

Washington Square Park shed needs to be raised by 4”, maybe the state will pay

Allen is talking to lots of people for solutions.

Do we have business cards?

The past Board has already voted to print business cards

Officers need to have business cards

We can have business cards printed for all, people pay for their own

Joel to help out with the design and printing

Joel to send vice president an email regarding business card jpegs

Caroling – change – who will be in charge of caroling

Too much work in too short of time

Allen has never done it in the past

Call the Phister Sisters, Call Jayson at Snug Harbor for the sound system

Lisa will do the banners

Lisa will check the song sheets

Who will decorate Washington Square Park?

We have plenty of decorations

Check to see if Ken will help with caroling decorations.

Gretchen will be in charge of permits including ad sales

Lisa will look at records to find new people

Topic 8– Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:35

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 Senior Individual: \$5.00 Senior Household (2 votes): \$10.00

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