

Next Board Meeting

December 6, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Caroling at Washington
Square Park

December 10, 6:30 pm

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"This is the fifth in a series of drawings to show the rich architectural inventory of Faubourg Marigny. I will be featuring drawings from my sketchbook of Bernard de Marigny's historic neighborhood. Eventually, it will become a coloring book to teach children and adults how "to read" a building by type and style and identify its components. The houses illustrated will represent

what I consider to be the best examples in Marigny. It is my hope that this will aid in a better understanding of architecture and foster a love for old buildings and demonstrate the importance of historic preservation."

— Lloyd Sensat, Sun Oak in Faubourg Marigny
Feb. 2010

Creole Town House (1790-1840)

By Eugene Cizek & Lloyd Sensat

The Creole town house has an enclosed, narrow pedestrian passageway which is smaller than the broad carriage way of the Porte-Cochere house. This interior-exterior alley runs the length of the house, opens to the rear courtyard and is secured with a door or gate. At the end of the alley one finds the large, curving staircase that interconnects all of the floors.

The components of this house type include the alley rather than an interior hall, french doors with transom or fanlight, long multi-hung windows on the upper levels, rear loggia, balconies and a courtyard. The patio or courtyard is created by the main front building and interconnected slave quarters, kitchens and privies. Sometimes there are more than one courtyard, each serving a different function. By the 19th century cast iron galleries became popular, often replacing original wrought iron balconies. Both



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Creole town houses and portecochere houses can be two, three or four story buildings. As early as 1819, Benjamin Henry Latrobe was lamenting the demise of the Creole town house.

The brothers Francois and Julien Adolphe Lacroix, both free men of color, were some of the wealthiest men in New Orleans, also some of the largest property owners in Faubourg Marigny. Julien Lacroix was a grocer by trade, who lived above his store at the corner of Frenchman and Decatur Streets. He built 2109 Decatur Street in the 1840s as rental property. The building is a quintessential example of a Creole town house. It is a three bay, three story building of brick construction with stucco and scoring to look like stone. A cantilevered balcony on the second level has some of the finest wrought iron balconies in Faubourg Marigny. The entrance is the characteristic

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December Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

City Council and Riverfront Overlay (The Sequel that Refuses to Die)

As I wrote in last month's letter, and the one before that, and the one before that, we are still waiting to hear from the City Council as to when the RiverFront Overlay will be presented, and any amendments presented. We will keep everyone aware via this newsletter, and our FaceBook page.

The City Planning staff has drawn up regulations, and they have been approved by the City Planning Commission. When they will go in front of the City Council, and whether they offer amendments, is unknown at this time. We are hopeful that whatever happens, we will be able to address changes when the new Council comes into office in May.

Short Term Rentals

Short Term Rentals were a huge part of the most recent elections. Now, the media has done exhaustive reporting on this issue, with studies coming out almost weekly, with the most impressive work coming from the *Lens*. Feel free to go to the FMIA FaceBook page to read the articles in case you missed them. In short, everything that the neighborhood groups said would happen, has happened.

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And, with a moratorium on STR's in the French Quarter, the Treme and Marigny have been most impacted by STR's. In fact, per the *Lens*, over 10% of the homes in the Marigny have an STR license. The City Council has noticed, and it seems they are willing to act to address these issues now, and not wait for the new Council. To be frank, they were told that this plan from AirBnB would be the "gold standard" and New Orleans would be setting a precedent for cities across the country. I don't think anyone believes that anymore.

Whole Home Rentals, Homestead Exemption requirements, density limitations and other issues should all be on the table. When it comes time to be heard, we need EVERYONE to write the City Council and share their thoughts. The more letters and speakers, the more likely we are to be

heard. On a positive note, the STR adjudication hearings are extremely well done and professional. Jen Cecil, Lily McNee Haggerty and the entire team should be commended for their dedication and hard work.

Governor Nicholls St Wharves

Well, the City finally held a press conference discussing all of the development along the riverfront. Instead of announcing what would happen on these wharves, all of the politicians stood around and congratulated each other. The only substance came from the New Orleans Advocate the next morning. What was known beforehand, that Crescent Park and the Moonwalk will be connected, providing a path for citizens from Bywater to Canal, seems to be very popular with citizens. The big question appears to be what type of events will be planned for the wharves. Apparently, there will be an Economic Development District, so that tells me that they are planning to put some sort of commerce there. It was also said that neighborhood input will be allowed, so we will be working with our partners in the French Quarter to make sure the citizens are heard.

Taking the Initiative

So, here we are. It seems that month to month we are dealing with the same big issues, as listed above. While it can seem like Groundhog's Day sometimes, I think it is important to not get bogged down in the workings (or non-workings) of City Hall, and do something for ourselves.

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We should remember that our role should be to improve the Marigny. And with that said, I would like to thank Elisa Cool, one of our members. Elisa has taken it upon herself to organize Catch Basin Cleanings. I have gone with her, and it is especially rewarding, and a great way to explore your neighborhood from a street level. Additionally, as always, it is a great way to get to know your fellow neighbors.

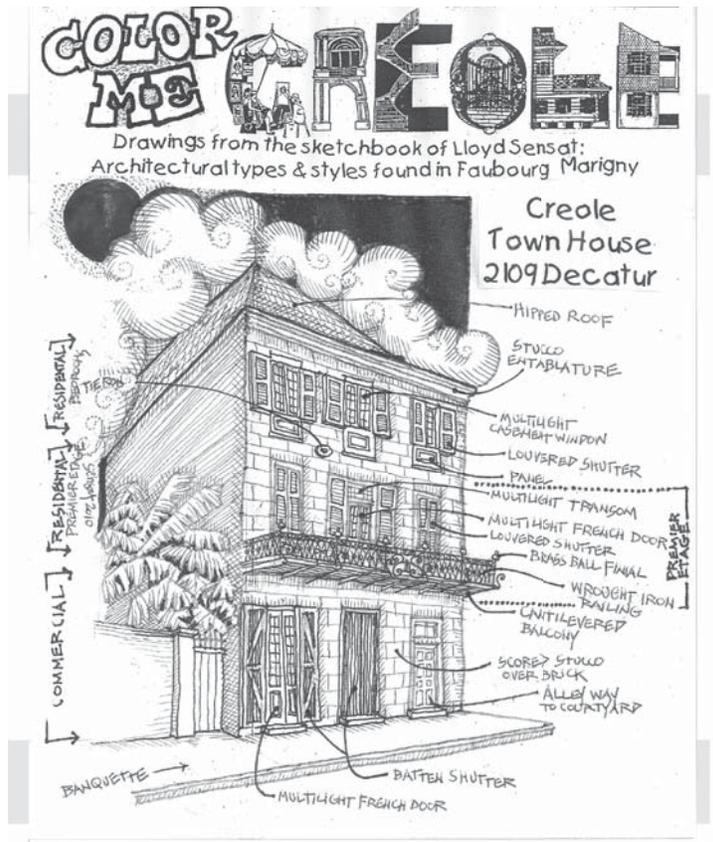
MERRY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

narrow passageway which leads to a rear enclosed stair loggia with a magnificent spiral stairway winding upward with no visible supports. The loggia opens to the courtyard with a three-story service wing to the left with balconies at the second and third level. A previous owner, W. A. Groves, a noted antique dealer and collector, installed the marble floors on the ground level which came from the old St. Charles Hotel. All of the doors and windows have Greek key surrounds. The second floor or "premier etage" has its original pocket doors. Despite years of neglect and abuse, the building is very intact and is being restored by realtor Richard "Dick" Kirshner. The drawing shows the building in its restored condition.



Next Month:

Creole Service Building



Creole Town House at 2109 Decatur
By Eugene Cizek & Lloyd Sensat

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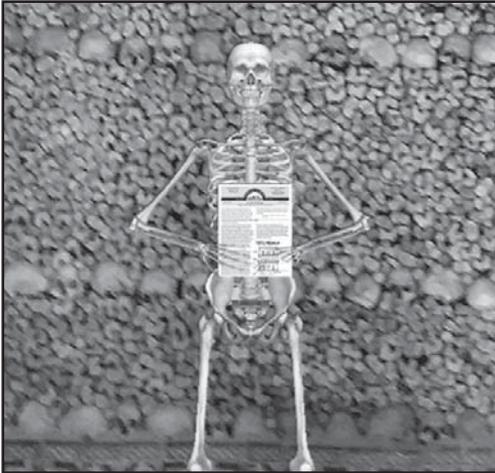
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We'll see how far this newsletter is willing to go!

Calendar of Events

December 2017

Board Meeting

December 6, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

December 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Kajun's Pub, 2256 St Claude Ave.

General Meeting

No General Meeting for December

Caroling at Washington Square Park

December 10, 6:30 pm

January 2018

Board Meeting

January 3, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

Date & Venue TBD.

General Meeting

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

NONPACC MEETINGS

*5th District — 2nd Wednesday, 6 pm,
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8th District — 4th Tuesday 6 pm, 334 Royal

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Our contact in city government for neighborhood issues is **Valerie Bouldin**, Neighborhood Liaison with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement. She is almost always available at our monthly meetings. Otherwise, she may be reached at VBouldin@nola.gov, 504.658.4977 office or 504.410.2248 mobile.

November Public Safety Reports

By Lisa Suarez

The Fifth District New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) meeting of November 8 was led by Lieutenant Lejon Roberts, with 13 officers attending and 10 citizens. Commander Young was at Hardin Park in the 7th Ward for a news conference with Chief Harrison.

Of Marigny Interest: "Travelers"/Gutter punks/Crusties: Recently, the 8th District (French Quarter and Marigny Triangle) conducted a sweep of homeless people who were camped on the neutral ground at Decatur and Esplanade. Years had gone by with the individuals collectively, often with dogs, being a general nuisance to the neighborhoods. The sweep removed garbage, and encouraged the people to partake of intervention resources, such as food and shelter at the Ozanam Inn, as well as having their dogs checked out by the ASPCA.

Their existence is not against the law, and in most cases not associated with violent crime. Still, the complaints from people who live here, as well as visitors is ever-present. Although "Sweeps" take a lot of manpower, and medical service (picking up a passed-out drunks, etc.) is expensive, NOPD is committed to seeing that the homeless population receives services, and that the heavy tourist district doesn't just, "kick the can down the road." There will be some community meetings (TBD) about the issue, and the 5th District will be holding their own, sweeps that is.

The Chief initiated monthly press conferences, and Hardin Park was the second of these. Last month's was on France Street, where there is demonstrably less crime now- after a quadruple shooting which had been caught on video by Chanel 4, dodging bullets. The new "Public Safety Partnership," (PSP), between the 5th, the 1st, the 6th Districts and the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) played a role in apprehending the alleged perpetrators.

Hardin Park has been mentioned in this column several times, as their "Boosters" always attend NONPACC, asking for help because the neighbors are afraid to let their children play outside for fear of gunfire. The park is a large playground which used to have seasonal sports, and a good football team, until the drug dealers took over.

NOPD announced that District Patrols, directly from the 5th, supplemented by members of Special Operations and the Multi-Agency Gang Unit, uncovered drug activity and illegal weapons, and were able to reclaim the Park.

Lt. Roberts went on to give "props" to Sergeants Brooks, Johnson, and Franklin for leading a variety of gun and drug arrests this month. He also explained a new initiative being practiced in large cities, with training received in Tampa, Florida, called "Custom Notifications." Pastor J.B. Watkins of the St. Roch Baptist Church participated in facilitating conversations with possible violent individuals, who are informed they are being watched. Chief Harrison said, "If people want to commit crime here, they should know, you're going to be watched and you're going to be caught."

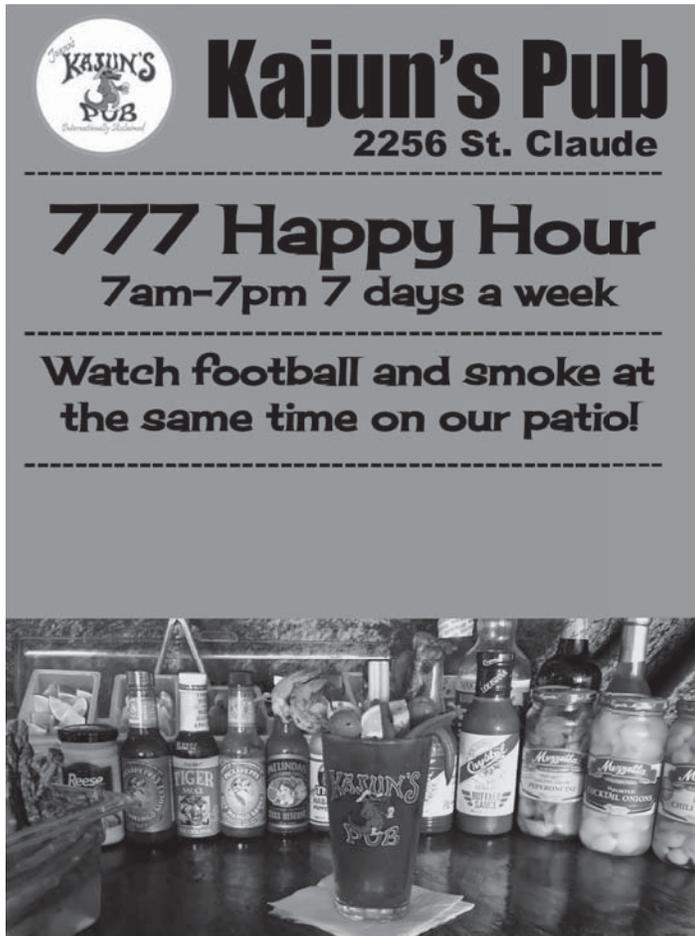
Overall, last month in the 5th District...Crime was down 22%; down 15% property crime; down 15% Auto burglary/theft; down 20% shootings; down 50% armed robberies. There were 31 crimes fewer than last year at this time, though an uptick in Homicides, 42 in the 5th, for the year. "Operation Summerheat" made arrests for 128 guns and 228 narcotics violations.

Three guns were reported stolen in car burglaries, along with an iPod and a GPS. We were reminded Do NOT leave desirable items, or your GUN, in your vehicle.

We heard about two female juveniles who showed a gun while perpetrating a car-jacking near the Art Studios off Japonica. A detective canvassed the area, after a neighbor called, and stopped them in the stolen vehicle.

We were informed, after a question from a citizen, that Juvenile Policy dictates "they must be handled with kid gloves." Juveniles cannot be interviewed without a guardian, and they are addressed by The Child Advocacy Center and the Juvenile Justice Center of the Court System.

The 5th District worked the Fats Domino Second Line without incident.



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Meet the Neighbors

Our November MTN was at the **Royal Frenchmen Hotel** at Frenchmen and Royal (the old Boys Town building).

A large, sometimes vocal crowd was treated to various appetizers, and offered tours of the newly-renovated building. A good time was had by all.



Next Meet the Neighbors:

December 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Kajun's Pub, 2256 St Claude Ave.

If you have a suggestion for a future Meet the Neighbors venue, email secretary@faubourgmarigny.org

All Saints Day

A dedicated group gathered on All Saints Day in Saint Louis Cemetery Number One to honor the memory of **Lloyd Sensat** and **Bernard Xavier Philippe de Marigny de Mandeville**.



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Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim

Green Ideas for the Holiday Season

It is the holiday season and we want to engage in fun, festivities and SHOP. It is easy to go overboard in preparing for the holidays at home and or at work. There is a way to consciously reduce your environmental impact and still do everything you love during the holidays.

- 1. Use LED Christmas Lights:** Light emitting diode (LED) Christmas lights use 10 percent of the energy of typical incandescent Christmas lights. LED lights are safer because they do not generate heat. Now, LED lights have become inexpensive and a variety of colors and shapes are available. Keep your electricity bill even lower by putting the LED lights on a timer from nightfall until midnight.
- 2. Send E Christmas Cards and Party Invitations:** You can save paper and money by e-mailing holiday cards and party invitations. There are many on-line sites that offer free invitation choices.
- 3. Party Planning:** As you plan a menu for a party, think about what you can serve that does not need wrappers. Why not use reusable utensils and plates to reduce waste. Holiday decorations can be stored

and reused each year. If possible, try to find a way to compost all left-over food.



- 4. Recycle:** This is the easiest way to reduce your waste removal cost. It is estimated that 25% of gift wrapping and packaging is waste. Think about choosing gifts and supplies that can be recycled. This means no big plastic bows and cellophane. Being creative with gift wrapping could include natural items such as flowers, herbs, pine cones, reusable bags and cloth wrapping.



- 5. Recycle Products:** You could buy products that are recyclable. The number that is appropriate to recycle are on the back of the product. By using recyclable goods will increase a demand for more recyclable goods in the market place.
- 6. Gift Ideas Employees:** Why not consider stipulating 'buy local' for secret Santa. As suggested, wrap gifts in reusable bags or recycled materials. For corporate ideas, anything reusable such as coffee cups, travel mugs, utensils for lunch, lunch bags can be purchased with the company logo. Check out www.envirotote.com and www.ecobags.com. It is an excellent marketing technique and helps elevate the business' profile every time the product is used.
- 7. Carbon Neutral Shipping:** This is now an option offered by UPS and several retail stores which allows you to buy carbon offsets to cancel the shipment emissions. The business and/or individual can reduce its carbon footprint by demonstrating their commitment to sustainability. The business and/or customer contributes to a project that is available

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and UPS calculates the carbon dioxide emissions to purchasing and retiring the carbon offsets. Another idea is to use eco-friendly filling material instead of Styrofoam. Shredded paper is good for filling packages as well as recycled newspaper. There is a bio-material that works as alternative foam called Mushroom Packing. Ecovative's Packaging, <https://shop.ecovatedesign.com/collections/packaging> is grown from agricultural waste and mycelium, the root structure in mushrooms and is made in the USA.

8. **Carpool to Parties:** It is a good incentive to eliminate more cars and drivers during the holiday season by having a designated driver to take a group of party goers. Paying the parking for the designated driver is a kind gesture.
9. **Gifting:** Giving gifts that involve an experience like a ticket to a sport games or baking your favorite dessert and/or making the receiver their favorite dinner, donating to a charity in the name of the receiver are nice holidays gift giving ideas.
10. **Tree Recycling:** The perfect ending to the holiday season is to recycle your fresh tree. The Christmas tree can be used for mulch or to prevent erosion

in the coastal wetlands. There is a city program for recycling Christmas Trees. The city's program will not pick up flocked Christmas trees for recycling. Please check the city's help line for more information.

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By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

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From the press release: This is not the quiet tap of civilized literature; this is the loud, raw truth of life. Valentine Pierce: spoken word artist, writer, graphic designer, actor. Publication credits include Mapleleaf Rag, Mending for Memory: Sewing in Louisiana Essays, Stories, and Poems, Nasty Woman



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Light refreshments will be served.

In the Garden Writers' Workshop:

Welcome to our second season of the workshop. Writers of all levels of experience and all genres are welcome, including Poetry, Fiction and Nonfiction Prose, and Plays. Local and visiting authors will periodically stop by to read their work and offer advice and encouragement. Participants will read their work at a public reading in May. You may sign up at the Circulation Desk, or just come to the first session. We will meet the second Saturday of every month from 2:00-3:45 pm, from September through May. This month's workshop will meet Saturday, December 9th, 2:00 pm and will focus on poetry. Special Guest: New Orleans poet and creative writing teacher Andy Young will lead this month's workshop.

Alvar Holiday Party:

Tuesday, December 19, 5-7 pm. Stop by for treats and drinks and celebrate the holidays with us.

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Compost at NOPL: Thursday evenings, 6-7:30 pm

**All NOPL locations will be closed
Monday, December 25.
Happy Holidays!**

Renovation Update

Hi neighbors,

Just wanted to give an update on what's been going on in the last 2 months at 2317 Burgundy (the renovation of the former Catholic school/church campus into a hotel on Burgundy St between Marigny & Mandeville.)

Accomplished

- Construction is about 40% done
- Guest room framing in the school is nearly complete, including mezzanines and arched showers
- The masonry on all four sides of the school has been cleaned; the west elevation has been repointed. Slow going.
- Rectory windows were removed and taken off-site for rehabilitation
- We are adding about 1.5% to the total square footage of the buildings, in the form of two additions. One is a kitchen at the back of the rectory and the other adds about 6 feet of depth at the rebuilt rear of the convent. Those have now both been framed.
- Convent siding was removed and is being salvaged; walls have been sheathed and waterproofed.
- Original convent windows have been repaired and are in the process of being reinstalled (about half of them are back in)



Upcoming

- Skylight install in school roof
- Plumbing and electrification of church bathrooms
- Church plaster sounding and restoration
- Ongoing masonry cleaning and repointing
- Irrigation and site lighting wiring install

We are still on schedule with anticipated completion date of late summer/fall 2018. You can always reach me (Nathalie Jordi) with any questions at stpeterandpaulfeedback@gmail.com or on my cell at 504-715-7142.



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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes: September 5, 2017

Members in Attendance

Allen, Lisa, Gretchen, Jeff, Matt

Topic 1 – President’s Report

Allen delivered president’s report.

Topic 2 – Chlorine Rail Cars Meeting with Nadine Ramsey- Allen Johnson

No report

Topic 3 – 813 Frenchmen St Zoning Change (FAR)- Rick Fifield & Ben Jaffe

Rick Fifield speaks about the 813 Frenchmen project he is designing which requires a variance. Gretchen moves we write a letter of support, seconded. Passes unanimously.

Topic 4 - 13 Cocktail License Request- Tierney Monaghan

Tierney Monaghan & Trey Monahan from Frenchmen restaurant 13. They’d like to change from a restaurant to a bar. Jeff moves we write a letter of support, seconded. Matt abstains, motion passes.

Topic 5 – Hampton Inn- Joel Ross

No report

Topic 6 – Candidate Forum Preparation- Allen Johnson

No report

Topic 7 – Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:21 pm

FMIA General Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2017

Allen Johnson called the meeting to order, 7:18 PM

Roughly 40 neighborhood attendees at beginning of meeting

Greetings and Announcements

Proposed Board Members, 4 Running

Passed unanimously

Topic 1 – Crime Report – Lisa Suarez

There is a community liaison poll at NOPD website – please take the poll if you get a chance

If you have video of crime being committed, send to NOPD.

Hampton Inn

10 times we went to ARC, war of attrition, but finally passed. Allen was there to hold the feet to the fire.

Council Members -

Nadine Ramsey -

Kristin Palmer -

Kristin – Forgotten about community engagement

Very Unusual District – Westbank & Eastbank Disparity, what have you done specifically in the Marigny?

Kristin – Streetcar, second vine, Faubourg wine, my hallmark is that I took my lead from Marigny. Someone from Marigny is on the French Market Board. Colton School, St. Roch, Elysio Lofts. Hold the City Council accountable. Take orders from each of the individual neighborhoods.

Nadine – Everyone feels underrepresented in the City. She represents all of her districts. Her track record shows the Frenchman Guest House, The St. Peter and

Paul Church, and security at Crescent Park. She put in place the Short-Term Rental policies.

The port of New Orleans is planning on opening a Cruise Ship Terminal – what is your proposal for working with the port?

Nadine – She has a track record of working with the port. The last project she worked on was the Poland Avenue Terminal. It will be a large impact on the City, Kristin – She has met with the port and they have pulled back on their plan. They want a master plan at what is going on at the public belt and NSA east bank. The neighborhood needs to be at the table at the master plan. She is opposed to that neighborhood. She is a proponent of Tourism, but does not believe that we have the infrastructure for it. Port Jobs make more money per household than tourism. Since you mentioned public belt – What kind of public activities on the wharves? FQ and the Marigny ports?

Kristin – We need to think about operations and maintenance. Who is going to be in charge of the new port location at Marigny? Are we setting ourselves up to have another entertainment venue?

Nadine – Swap involves part of a Master Plan. It would be a benefit if Frenchman Street could be a release valve to the French Quarter. It could be an extension and connection to the Jackson Square.

Can Frenchman Street be normalized, what should the zoning be there?

Nadine – Some bars are operating illegally for a long amount of time. Quality of life is important, safety is important, and working with the musicians to make sure they work within the CZO.

Kristin – Opponent removed the requirements of bars, lifted requirements along Frenchman Street. Nadine dropped a lot of zoning rules from Frenchman Street in June of 2015.

Nadine – rebuttal – Kristin exaggerated about the amendments that Nadine dropped.

Kristin -

Most people agree that Crime, STR, and Economic Development are important issues, but Drainage has become a major issue with SWB. Should SWB become part of City Hall?

Nadine – She agreed with the Mayor that the top level should be removed from the City, Sewerage and Water Board.

Kristin was on the SWB, she removed herself from the Board so she could serve as a City Council person. She thinks the board should be professionally based. The role of a city council members is land use and budget, not to oversee the day to day of

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a water system. They can be held accountable as a city department. Think back to hurricane Isaac. Entergy now has an app, SWB should have a similar app.

Nadine – All DPW meetings that were “canceled,” were actually rescheduled? Council members shouldn’t have to wait on the legislations.

Since Katrina – We have not had a grocery store – People are upset about the Robert tax incentives in the face of rising property taxes.

Kristin – She doesn’t feel knowledgeable enough to speak to this subject. But the information is giving her pause.

Nadine – She was excited about the opening of Robert, but there is a tax freeze in place to encourage development. She will not support any increase in personal property tax increases, but wants to continue to encourage development through incentives.

STR - Moratorium on the FQ, Whole home to 180+ days per year, doing away with occupancy limits?

Ramsey – It’s very early on in the process – it was going to continue to grow, but we got concessions other cities got. She is not supporting looking at any changes in December.

Kristin – opposed to relaxing any of the current regulations. She wants to protect the residential quality of our neighborhoods. There are blocks of housing in residential neighborhoods that are nothing but Airbnb. We have to re-look at this issue. She is all for density caps. She wants to work with the state to determine a different kind of taxing structure.

Ride New Orleans issued a report that the Streetcar has made commuting time longer. Is it an artery for Tourists?

Kristin – This was supposed to be a Phase I of the streetcar, we need more busses. Need a greater tie in. We need to look at a multiplier benefits. A streetcar lasts 30 years longer than a bus. All streetcars are made by and for locals. Greater connectivity is good for communities. She would like to see a connected streetcar and smaller busses. Streetcar ridership is always going to be higher than a bus.

Nadine – The RTA has done a great job putting together a strategic report. It is a financial burden that prevents the streetcar from moving forward. The ridership numbers are up, there is a lot of room for improvement with bus routes and more. Ridership should continue to increase.

What can be done so that people can afford to live here? What can be done to increase the supply of housing? Would you be in favor or rent control?

Nadine – Ensure that we keep limits on STR’s. It cannot be such an expansive system that it overtakes residential neighborhoods. There is also a huge problem with blight in this district. Blight is a difficult issue because of owners’ rights. Homeownership needs to be equal, there are some huge disparities in pay and economic development? She is not willing to look at rent control right now.

Kristin – STR is a big issue, but there must be programs in place to keep people in neighborhoods they want to be in. She needs to look at the 35k vacant and blighted housing units in neighborhoods. Non-profits need to do a better job to utilize tax credits. We need to incentive developers to provide more affordable housing. She pushed for soft 2nd ownership and other financial incentives to help make housing affordable. We need to take a hard look at NORA. There should be a hard look at adding a retainer to housing. Houston and Florida are going to impact housing costs.

The Riverfront Overlay passed in different ways. Now it is 75’ without affordability requirements.

Kristin - Marigny and Bywater need to be looked at differently. Opposed to high buildings and big walls that will separate our communities from the river. The city has a poor track record with keeping the affordable housing requirements in place. She wants affordability, but doesn’t want to have buildings taller than 55’.

Ramsey – She is comfortable with buildings that are 75’ tall. Her preference is between 55’ and 75’. She believes that working with neighborhoods is critical and giving the neighborhoods other concessions. Visibility and access are critical.

Spot Zoning has become an issue –

Nadine – She has conducted some research and doesn’t know where the project at 121 Royal is in the process. She will work with developers to help promote preservation and economic development. She is in favor of making developers provide concessions.

Kristin – She is opposed to development outside of the current zoning regulations.

Poshtel – This a Bywater Project.

Consolidating six lots into one changes density and what is allowable. She is absolutely opposed to this development.

Nadine – Supported project with restrictions. She is confident that it would be workable in that neighborhood.

STR – Why did you vote to allow whole home rentals in this district twice?

Again - She was able to work out concessions to the Airbnb industry. Give it a year.

Kristin – Please explain the Elysio Lofts?

It was a give and take process. The developer wanted to have a height limit and the community wanted a lower building. The community was willing to concede the historic building to make a shorter building. She thought the neighborhood had given quite a bit, but the developer was not willing to compromise. The developer wanted to full on height. She believes it would have set a poor precedent.

Why are historic neighborhoods important to the city?

Kristin – They are part of the built environment. Historic preservation is economic development. People are coming because of what is still here. Sustainable. Protect

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it. We are not going to be able to build anything of this caliber ever again. We have a mandate to protect them! She has been able to repair thousands of historic houses. It is not an either/or to preserve vs develop.

We like historic preservation because it is our history. She supports bringing back the old charm and creating economic development and job training for young people to learn the building arts. She has fought for preservation more times than people remark.

What is a project that you've opposed the demolition? She opposed a demolition on Teche Street recently. She fought to keep this historic structure.

Many believe that the current administration has tried to cut out neighborhood groups from its engagement?

Nadine – Open door policy. She has explored working with all the neighborhood groups. She has met regarding the hostel, storm water management, and other projects.

Kristin – Has a very long history of working with the neighbors.

What will you do to reduce crime? Will the quality of life officers come back? Would you be in favor of this?

Kirstin – Fully staffed police force is the primary thing. We need community policing. We are not going to have this until we have a fully staffed police force. There needs to be testing. We are losing officers. We need recruitment and retention. They need to focus on making background checks faster. The State Police need to get on the State Highways. There were 22 shootings on the highways this year. We have to look at the ways

Nadine – She would support the quality of life officers coming back. We miss our quality of life officers. We need to talk about our families and equity in pay and the 47% of people growing up in poverty. We need to show children that they have choices. The Jr. Cadet program has been very effective so far. Only 2% of our applications can be vetted to become a police officer. 98% of applicants have something in their past that prevents them from becoming police officers.

How can you address all of the quality of life issues – STR, Nuisance Bars,

Nadine – working with the residents. This is a citywide issue. Her office works tirelessly with code enforcement, the city, the police. There are always issues, this is part of living in a community, but we need to come together to find solutions.

Kristin – No elected officials can solve all these issues.

What is your opinion on the possibility of shutting down the St. Claude bridge for 13 years?

Nadine – This is off the table. There are two major issues, relocation, noise, and construction.

Kristin – She fought the expansion in her 20s.

We have lost a lot of historic duplexes to become single family residences. This has become a problem and what can you do to address this?

Kristin – She can't force people to keep their duplexes.

Nadine – This is a personal property issues.

What is your opinion of Chief Harrison?

Nadine – She can't speculate on what will happen.

Kristin – She would bring the police chief to the council chambers and bring him to the meetings, especially budget hearings?

Final Statements

Kristin – This is a critical time in our history. There will be new leadership. We need to look at our council and have a good system of checks and balances. Kristin has the track record and the experience. She is actively involved in charter schools, the ferry foundation, she feels that her voices have not been heard.

Ramsey – Thank you for the opportunity to serve again. She wants our residents to want to live here, and for our residents to want to stay here. She supports families and affordable housings, she thinks all families should be able to adequately provide for their families. She always listens, she has respect for people with who have opinions that are different from her. She created a youth force at City Council and is concerned with the future of New Orleans. She has looked at sustainability initiatives, technological disparities, she has worked hard on bicycle safety, and safety in general. It is easy to talk, but difficult to get things done.

Tracy Flemings Davelier – 4th Circuit Court of Appeals – Needs more representation on Juvenile Court and Civil Court. #11 on the ballot.

Topic 4 – Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

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