

Next Board Meeting

August 1, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

Next General Meeting

August 20, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting  
St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
2624 Burgundy St.

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*"This is the tenth 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, foster a love for old buildings and demonstrate the importance of historic preservation."*

— Lloyd Sensat, Sun Oak in Faubourg Marigny  
May 2010

## Plantation Style Raised Basement House: 1750-1865

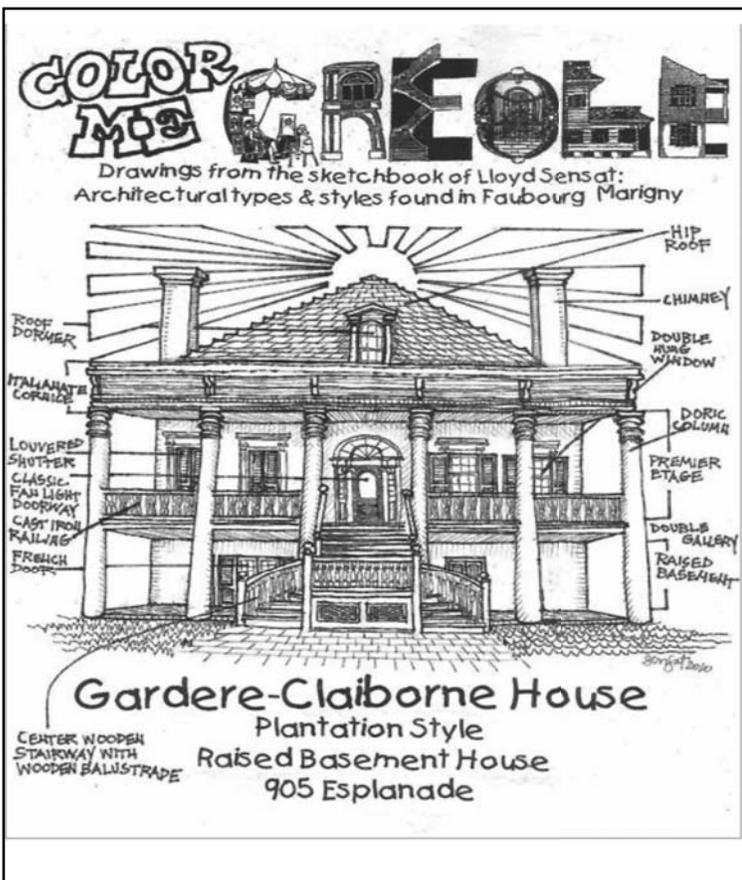
By Eugene Cizek & Lloyd Sensat

The earliest houses of Louisiana had raised, above ground level cellars (raised basements) with the main floor on the second level. A gallery on the second level was on at least two sides and sometimes all four. Later in the Greek Revival period, the gallery would be supported by full length columns. A steep hipped roof was generally pierced by dormers on either two sides or on all four.

The house was built in by 1833 by Francois Gardere, a native of France. This is one of the grandest houses in the neighborhood and another Claiborne mansion.

It is an urban adaptation of a plantation style house, exhibiting Creole, Federal and American features both inside and out. The house is constructed of brick with a spacious double gallery supported by Greek Doric columns on the front facade. The circa 1885 Francois Mugnier photograph records the original facade with original Greek Revival cornice and column capitals behind a vertical board fence. The side and rear have not been altered and are treated with fine detail and original dentils continuing around the house. Like Louisiana plantation houses and suburban villas, it was designed to be seen from all directions. During this time the dining room was in the raised basement ground floor. A beautifully detailed classic federal doorway gives entry to the center hall on the premier etage.

In 1894, Judge Charles Claiborne purchased the house. He was a grandson of our first American Governor. The present house is the result of Claiborne's exuberant remodeling. A wide wooden stairway with double curved centered on the front facade was added, as well as the leaded glass front door, and the heavy facade entablature. The interior was transformed to late Victorian decor with arches in the wide center hall, marble mantels and fancy ceiling medallions. Lavish wallcovering, varnished woodwork and English and Dutch crystal gas-electric chandeliers reflected the opulence of other Esplanade Avenue mansions. The house remained in the Claiborne family for over 100 years. It was another victim of Hurricane Katrina when the descendants auctioned off the family property.



# Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

## Hampton Inn

When this process began in 2016, the developer and architect (Mr. Patel and Mr. Alecha, respectively) met with the FMIA and asked us for our support of this project, with the promise from Mr. Patel that they would take this long vacant property that had become a nuisance to the neighbors and that "the neighborhood will have a building they are proud of." Especially considering that this property is the site of the original Marigny Mansion. With this caveat, we supported the idea of a hotel, with the hope that a less corporate sounding name could be used and neighborhood amenities (such as a proposed dry cleaner, which was included in the last plans we saw) could be incorporated.

Once this process went to the Architectural Review Committee, Mr. Patel's stance changed. We asked Mr. Patel to hire a design consultant to assist Mr. Alecha with the challenges of designing a building in a Historic District. After telling us, at an FMIA General Meeting, that he would do this, he reneged, and hired an attorney instead. While no one can deny that Justin Schmidt is a great attorney, he is not an architect. Even though, many times, he stood at the screen in ARC hearings and suggested proposed changes to the building, while Mr. Alecha remained seated. With the incorporation of the non-historically significant warehouses, this building went down the wrong road, and is not a building suitable to the site of the original Marigny Mansion. We believe that this simply become a war of attrition, as this project went before the ARC 10 times before they finally approved it. In fact, at one time, Mr. Schmidt asked them to deny it, so he could simply take it to the City Planning Commission and then to the City Council, which we saw as further evidence of a developing lack of cooperation that Mr. Patel promised at the beginning of the process.

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With a coming renovation of the neighboring Michalopoulos property that is a return to the historic façade, as well as a hoped-for building of parking decks across the street, it was our hope that this project would set a positive precedent for the development of

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Elysian Fields. Instead, we believe the proposed building will do the opposite, and for this reason, we do not believe that the current building design should be approved by the City Council. We feel that this site is too important to our neighborhood to not be treated better.

It is for that reason that Gene Cizek and I went to Mr. Alecha's office on July 2nd to meet with Mr. Alecha, as Gene offered assistance and advice on how to improve the building. After an hour and a half discussion, we left with a list of ten suggestions. Mr. Alecha said he would get back to us in one and a half to two weeks. We have now been told it will be three weeks, as Mr. Alecha awaits samples of windows he suggested. As I write this, I do not know how the building will look with the proposed changes. And I do not know what the FMIA's official position will be, but if the past two years of this project is any indication, I can't say I'm optimistic. As of now, this project will go in front of the City Council on August 9th. I urge you to go and voice your opinions on this project that will set the tone for the future development of Elysian Fields. Please pay attention to any FMIA eblasts, as well as our Facebook page, as we publish updates of the project.

### Short Term Rentals

I would like to go one month without writing about Short Term Rentals, but it just doesn't seem possible, I've said many times. And, hopefully, I'll be able to do that. But that time hasn't arrived yet. On July 10, the City Planning Commission accepted public comments for yet another study of the Short Term Rental rules. This included a successful vote to support the City Council's motion to ban most Whole House Rentals in Historic Districts. (This does not address Whole House Rentals in Commercial property, but that is something we have to address, and will). Many of you were there, as were people from all over the city, but it's fair to say that the majority of the people speaking for regulations were from Historic Districts, as we are the ones that have seen the effects Short Term Rentals have had on our neighborhood. What I found most significant was that many people with Accessory licenses (meaning that they rent out a part of their residence) seemed to be acknowledging that there needs to be further restrictions, whether it be density limitations per block or bans on rentals without Homestead Exemptions, eliminating the large multiple property investors that have caused a bubble in our housing prices. If these changes can occur, as I hope and believe that they will, we can begin to have New Orleanians move back to our neighborhood as properties become available and prices drop. How wonderful would it be for our neighborhood businesses to have regular

customers, seven days a week, and not be so dependent on weekend visitors?

Final written comments are due to the City Planning Commission on August, 20th, with the release of the study on August 21 and the CPC Public hearing on August 28. From there, it will go to the City Council, with future dates to be announced. Please make plans to be there on August 21st and share your thoughts. This is OUR TIME to have OUR SAY on what happens in OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

### The Current Climate

After much hoopla, the new City Council came into office promising not to waste time and to get things done. And there is no doubt that they have, from jumping all over the mess that is the Sewerage and Water Board, to addressing Short Term Rentals, and developing a long awaited Sexual Harassment Policy for City Government. They have also maintained their promise to sincerely listen to the citizens of New Orleans, and to stay engaged. I believe we have a real opportunity to do great things for our neighborhood and believe it is an exciting time for the FMIA. I urge you to join the FMIA and become involved. I hope to see you at our August General Meeting on August 20th as Commander Nick Gernon of the Eighth District will be there to discuss the new LEAD program, which is designed to divert people from the cycle of the Criminal Justice program and get them the social services they need.

### The Roots of Music



FMIA members were entertained at the June General Meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church by the Roots of Music Marching Band - Thank You!

# Marigny Green News

By Deborah Oppenheim



We are in a Plastic society. Plastic is a legacy of World War II – about a century old. Plastic is a global problem that humans alone have caused.

The facts are alarming:

- 18 billion pounds of plastic ends up in the ocean each year and will stay there forever.
- 40% of plastic produced are used only once and then tossed.
- Nearly a million plastic bottles are sold every minute around the world.
- 100 trillion plastic bags are used every 15 minutes worldwide.
- China is the largest producer.
- Plastic is a substance the earth cannot assimilate.
- Plastic cannot biodegrade; it breaks down into smaller pieces.

- 9% of the world's plastic is recycled.

*(The Economist, March 6, 2018)*

- Plastic spoils our groundwater.
- Plastic poisons our food chain.
- Plastic can affect human health.
- It is said by 2050, the oceans will contain more plastic than fish by weight.
- Plastic is made from oil. We use 17 million barrels of oil to make plastic water bottles. This could fuel 1 million cars every year.
- Plastic pieces outnumber sea life 6 to 1.



The Plastic Pollution Coalition

(PPC - [plasticpollutioncoalition.org](http://plasticpollutioncoalition.org).) has been a global alliance of more than 700 businesses, organizations, and leaders in 60 countries since 2009. "PPC is working towards a world free of plastic pollution, its toxic impact on humans, animals, waterways, oceans and the environment." Their mission is to combat single use disposable plastic.

Recycling plastic is not a sustainable solution. When we recycle plastic, it is called downcycling because plastic never goes away. Consumption of disposable plastic has gone out of control. By refusing disposable plastic, you can

improve health of the ocean and the environment including human health and animal health.

The Last Plastic Straw is a project of Plastic Pollution Coalition. According to the Last Plastic Straw.org, 500,000,000 are used each day in the United States. The Last Plastic Straw project is getting individuals and businesses to think about not using plastic straws.

- Cities such as Seattle, Manhattan Beach and Malibu, California have banned plastic straws.
- Various restaurants in San Diego, Huntington Beach, Asbury Park, NJ, New York, Miami, Bradenton, Fla., have pledge to ban straws or withhold them until patrons ask for them.
- Starbucks is eliminating plastic straws by 2020.
- Alaska Airlines will serve drinks with a compostable version of a stir straw.
- The tourist industry is working to eliminate plastic straws in hotels, restaurants, cruise ships and other tourist locations.

Say 'no' to single-use plastic — take the 4R's pledge!

1. Refuse whenever possible
2. Reduce your plastic footprint
3. Reuse items such as non-BPA water bottles, bags, utensils, try to purchase items that use sustainable packing materials, glass containers, reusable straws
4. Recycle what you can't refuse or reuse

## Resources

[plasticpollutioncoalition.org](http://plasticpollutioncoalition.org)

[nationalgeographic.com/magazines/1/plastic-sub/index](http://nationalgeographic.com/magazines/1/plastic-sub/index)

The Plastic Age: A Documentary fest,  
Pharrell Williams (Full film)

[youtube.com/watch?v=Pt6KIPCX1BU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt6KIPCX1BU)

Ocean Plastic series, Huffington Post

A campaign to eliminate plastic straws is sucking in thousands of coverts' by Darryl Fears, Washington Post, June 24, 2017

'We've Made a Mess of Our Oceans' by Eleanor Goldberg, Huffington Post, June 9, 2017

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## Calendar of Events

August 2018

### *Board Meeting*

August 1, 7 pm,  
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### *Meet the Neighbors*

Tuesday, August 14  
Buffa's Bar & Restaurant, 1001 Esplanade Ave.

### *General Meeting*

August 20, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting  
St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
2624 Burgundy St.

September 2018

### *Board Meeting*

September 5, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

### *Meet the Neighbors*

Date & Venue TBD.

### *General Meeting*

September 17, Potluck, 7:15 Meeting  
St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
2624 Burgundy St.

## NONPACC MEETINGS

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

*8th District — 4th Tuesday 6 pm, 334 Royal*

*If you have an event for the calendar  
please send it to  
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# Meet the Neighbors

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In June we had a great turnout at **Kebab** on St. Claude. Everyone was munching on the plates of hummus, feta beets and other goodies they served up. A fun place with great food and old-timey pinball machines.



Then in July it was **Second Vine Wine** on Touro in the triangle. We were groovin' to the mellow sounds of Shape on the piano while enjoying some terrific wines and conversation.

Thanks to Louis Keyes for hosting.

Next month:  
**Buffa's Bar and Restaurant**, 1001 Esplanade on Tuesday,  
August 14 from 6:30 to 8 pm.



**If you have a suggestion for a future Meet the Neighbors venue, email [secretary@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:secretary@faubourgmarigny.org)**



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## Hurricane Season

An average hurricane season has 12 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes. NOAA's original hurricane forecast for this season called for between 10 and 16 named storms, five to nine hurricanes and up to four major hurricanes of Category 3 or higher.

A cooler than normal tropical Atlantic has resulted in lower hurricane forecasts for this season, but that's no reason to be complacent.

The city has a very good web page detailing everything you need to know in case of a hurricane, from preparing for the storm to returning after evacuating. It's at <http://ready.nola.gov/plan/hurricane/>. The page details evacuation plans for those of us without cars using Evacuspots. Marked with distinctive metal sculptures, the two nearest for Marigny residents are located at:

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# Hotel Peter & Paul Update

By Nathalie Jordi

Hi everyone! Here's an update on our progress at the Hotel Peter & Paul (2317 Burgundy St). For anyone interested, previous updates can be seen at [stpeterandpaul.blogspot.com](http://stpeterandpaul.blogspot.com)

## Accomplished

- Site work is complete (sidewalks, planting beds, parking lot, fence)
- Interior/exterior painting
- Kitchen equipment install
- Masonry repair
- Church interior plaster restoration
- Restoration of original wood floors and trim

## Ongoing

- Landscaping, irrigation, site lighting
- Rectory bar millwork and lobby check-in desk are under construction uptown
- Developing menu for rectory bar
- Actively seeking a General Manager!
- 3rd floor stage mural
- Website – teaser is up at [www.hotelpeterandpaul.com](http://www.hotelpeterandpaul.com)
- Repair and reupholstering of antique furniture

## Upcoming

- Furniture / art install
- Hiring/training staff



Construction is winding down - we have removed all the temporary fencing, but still have a few months of work before our anticipated opening this fall. Anyone who wants to have a look inside, I gladly give tours, please email me at [nathalie.jordi@gmail.com](mailto:nathalie.jordi@gmail.com).



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# Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer. We had many exciting programs here at Alvar, including the World's Smallest Magician, a Spoken Word workshop for youth, Barcation for Adults, Sipping and Painting for Kids, Wetlands Express, hula hoops, movies, and various crafts.

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## Check out these events presented by NOPL to celebrate New Orleans 300:

**Sunday, August 5th from 2pm - 3:30pm**

**East New Orleans Regional Library 5641 Read Boulevard  
New Orleans, LA 70127 (504) 596-0200 In Katrina's Wake**

New Orleanians fought through floodwaters and uncertainty to return home. Journalist Katy Reckdahl looks back at the tragedy and perseverance in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Further reading: Reckdahl is a frequent contributor to The New Orleans Advocate, The Times Picayune, The Lens, The New York Times, and many other news organizations. Inquire at your favorite Library location for free access to The New York Times online.

**Wednesday, August 15th from 6pm - 7:30pm**

**Nora Navra Library 1902 St. Bernard Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 596-3118 The Sporting Life & The Saints Are Coming**

S. Derby Gisclair and Brian Boyles will converse about the unifying cultural effects of sports through boxing, baseball, and horse racing during New Orleans' gilded age and Super Bowl XLIV following Hurricane Katrina. Further reading: New Orleans Boom and Blackout: 100 Days in America's Coolest Hotspot (The History Press, 2015), Baseball in New Orleans (Arcadia, 2004), and Baseball at Tulane University (Arcadia, 2007)

## Ongoing programs at Alvar:

**Mondays-Fridays 1-2 PM, Second Harvest Snack Site** – Free after-school snacks and meals offered on a first-come, first-served basis for youth under age 18. This program ends on August 10th.

**Tuesdays, 11 AM, Toddler Story Time** – Open to all families and caregivers with children age 5 and under.

**Thursdays, 10 AM-12 PM, Drop-In Medicaid Assistance with Odyssey House** – A representative from Odyssey House is available to assist with Medicaid applications and questions. Odyssey House can also assist in answering

questions such as: Why should I go to the doctor when I'm not sick? How often should I get tested for STIs? What is a co-pay? I have loved one who is suffering from addiction, what resources are out there for them? How can I find affordable health care?



Young poets choose their favorite poets.

**Thursdays, 11 AM-1 PM, One-on-One Computer Tutoring**– Designed for those who are just beginning to learn about technology or who would like to grow their digital skills and utilize the many digital resources the library offers.

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## Photos from the Home Tour



Rick Fifield and Nathalie Jordi in the sanctuary of Peter and Paul



Guests linger at the entrance of the Dr. Nut house.



Ed Hunt, Gary and Jane Rinck, and Lisa Suarez at the Den of Muses After Party



Tour goers enter Peter and Paul



Mark Malouse and visitor at Robert Sonnier and Victor Nguyen's home.

# Public Safety Reports

By Lisa Suarez

## June 13, 2018 Public Safety Report

The 5th District NONPACC (New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council) meeting was held by Lt. Lejon Roberts. There were 8 members of the Police Force present, and attendance swelled to more than twice the usual with 16 citizens, including T.V. camerapersons, due to a rash of burglaries, personal and property crimes by 5 juveniles, from 9 to 15 years old.

The juveniles were apprehended on Thursday, June 7, after stealing keys off a counter at a business on St. Ferdinand Street, and then police converged on the business. All 5 were arrested for simple burglary, and later found to have property in their possession belonging to victims of previous crimes. There was also an eyewitness report of a gun possession, and an attempted armed robbery charge was added.

The 15-year-old will continue to be held, as he was witnessed with a gun, but the others were released into the custody of their parents. They will continue to be followed and tracked. Officials of the Juvenile Justice system (Attorneys and Judges) are more than well aware

of the problems, and it is noted that juvenile crime always spikes in the summer months. What makes it different this time are the shocking young ages, which seems to have flummoxed the entire community, so much so that editorials and TV appearances were made by the District Attorney Cannizzaro, and Kenneth Polite, former U.S. Attorney.

According to nola.com's James Karst, Louis Armstrong was first arrested in 1910...at 9 years old. [https://www.nola.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2014/12/our\\_times\\_the\\_louis\\_armstrong.html/](https://www.nola.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2014/12/our_times_the_louis_armstrong.html/)

One attendee stated that she has been repeatedly harassed by neighborhood thug activity but refused to report it to the police. How can NOPD do their jobs if you do not report the crimes? Relationship-building with the community has helped enormously with the "clearance rates" (crimes solved and prosecuted) of Platoon leaders such as Sgt. LaCabe and Sgt. Brooks, along with Detectives Kevin Williams and Chad Cockerham.

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IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Even if you are not sure it's a crime - Call 911, let the professionals sort it out.

The numbers of "Calls for Service" shape the budget. Techniques have evolved. For years we were asked to call a non-emergency number, but a now it is crucial to call 911, no matter how small the matter may seem. You are not "clogging the pipeline."

Summer Curfew Hours are 9p during the week, and 11p Friday/Sat.

In other complaints, 2 juveniles tried to pull riders off their bikes, but they did not want to press charges.

Lt. Roberts announced there will be random Mounted Patrols, for which he is using Overtime, two times a week from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., from Franklin to Poland, St. Claude to Chartres. The nights will vary.

Crime cameras are working like a charm! There will be more. Mr. Ervin is very happy with the cameras in the Lower 9.

There was further news about success with sports at St. Roch Park, especially "Bitty Baseball," (for 5-year-olds), but the park still gets a bum rap as being dangerous.

## July 11, 2018 Public Safety Report

The 5th District NONPACC (New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council) meeting again, had a large turn-out (12 citizens, 14 Officers). This time an appearance by NOPD Superintendent Chief Michael Harrison was the draw, and Commander Young had invited three pastors from Rock of Ages, St. Roch, and Urban Outreach. Councilmember Palmer also attended the meeting.

Chief Harrison talked about crime being substantially lower citywide: 117 fewer shootings than last year...58 fewer robberies, etc. "Though it won't seem that way to you if you've been a victim," he said. The numbers in all categories are better than the years Chief Richard Pennington was in charge, when we had 1600 officers!

He spoke briefly about the size of the force. Last year about 120 officers were lost by attrition. This year, with a raise and retention efforts for officers with between 5 and 20 years of experience, attrition was reduced to 76 officers. There are 1206 officers now, and they are budgeted for 1250 by 2019. The 5th District has a solid 90, where they were pushing 83 to 86 most of the year.

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The Chief announced:

1. NOPD is breaking ground for its own crime lab, (DNA samples won't have to be delivered to Baton Rouge every day) in December.
2. Both the 2nd District and the 4th District (in Algiers) are getting new station buildings.
3. A new shooting range is being built.
4. A new part of the City Violence Reduction Plan will soon include \*Safecam NOLA Platinum\*. Many people have registered their security cameras with Safecam NOLA, where, once registered, NOPD may contact you for copies of footage, should a crime occur within range of your camera. Soon, individuals will be able to purchase cameras for \$150.00 each that will automatically feed into the system, recording all the time.
5. Organizations, including Neighborhood Associations are invited to buy the large crime cameras (for \$10,000.00!) through the Police and Justice Foundation, which have a 50-foot (three blocks) view, and are installed and programmed to cover a requested area. Lakeview and Uptown are participating, so far.

Councilmember Palmer was asked if she wanted to make any announcements. She (and her chief of staff) were there mostly to listen, but she did want the 5th District to know City Council had approved a new Smoothie King to be built at Elysian Fields and Claiborne, on the little triangle, downtown riverside across from Melba's, where there has been a blighted shack for many years.

Chief Harrison said his goodbyes, and the meeting continued with Commander Young. There is now an initiative, coming from the new Mayor's office, for NOPD to cooperate with Code Enforcement and other City Services partnering to address complaints in real time from the Stations, being piloted in the 8th District.

5th District's Community Liaison Officer Larry Dace had a meeting in the Lower 9 addressing grass cutting, blighted property, and tire dumping (coming from used tire shops), seen by the cameras on the St. Claude and Claiborne bridges.

The water was finally shut off at the Naval Station, which had been affecting the water pressure on Poland Avenue from St. Claude to Chartres, but the contractor who had been "looking after" the complex is no more, and the NOPD cannot be expected to "guard" an abandoned building.

Cmdr. Young said he was familiar with the West bank drug suppliers who are affecting the 1400 to 1600 block of Annette Street in the 7th Ward.

The 15-year-old from last month's havoc at the Costume Shop and other businesses is still locked up, but the younger children, two in particular (one riding a bike, the other on the handlebars), are still being tracked by the Juvenile Bureau.

Flag Football at St. Roch Park is receiving some extra patrols; The Hardin Park Boosters expressed thank-yous for the extended period without gunshots, so far, though it is still closed to activities by NORD.



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## FMIA Board Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2018

Members Attending: Mark Malouse, Jeff Bromberger, Allen Johnson, Matt Del Vecchio, Lisa Suarez, Elisa Cool and Donna Wakeman

President's Report: Allen reviewed the results of the Riverfront Overlay. The requirement for affordable housing was removed from the Overlay. The effort was made to obtain a Mayoral veto but it failed.

A working group is being formed to develop plans for the Gov. Nichols Wharf. More to come.

A discussion was held regarding Sun Yard and supporting Neighbors First For Bywater. A motion for support was made and passed. 5 yeas, 2 abstentions.

There are no plans for the Meet the Neighbors in April, but we will try to hold May's meeting in Crescent Park.

Hampton Inn's zoning change was discussed. With a new Councilperson it is hoped that everyone will be more responsive to neighborhood concerns.

The RTA has been invited to the next General Meeting to present current plans to extend the streetcar line to Press St. and to link it to the riverfront line.

Allen welcomed Chris Young to discuss the efforts needed to create an Economic Development District for the Triangle and what changes to the Frenchmen Street Overlay might be necessary. The discussion focused on what works and what doesn't.

Allen welcomed Carol Gniady to discuss her difficulties with Marie's Bar and their request for an expansion of a legal non-conforming use with the Board of Zoning Adjustments to put in a commercial kitchen. She requested the support of the FMIA in opposing this request. A motion of support was made and passed unanimously.

Lisa Suarez reported on the status of the Home Tour.

Elisa Cool made a presentation of her work on the membership committee and the progress she's made with the FMIA Facebook page. A motion of support was made and passed unanimously.

## FMIA General Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2018

President Allen Johnson began the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with greetings to the assembled.

Allen reported that the clean-up drive for Esplanade Avenue on April 7th was a great success, with over 30 residents of the Marigny and French Quarter, as well as officers of the NOPD's Eighth District and employees of Parks and Parkways filling three large trucks of debris with leaves, trash, and limbs. Additionally, over 20 needles were found and disposed of. He proposed that the next clean-up drive target North Peters Street.

Allen met with Councilperson Palmer and other interested parties, including French Quarter organizations, to discuss the Governor Nichols Wharves. Discussions are on-going.

STR's continue to be an area of concern. As everyone is aware, the outgoing City Council asked the City Planning Commission to study the current Short Term Rental rules. There will be a public hearing on April 24th. The FMIA position is that there should be a limit of two STR's per block, a homestead exemption should be required and the booking platforms should make their data available as a condition of doing business.

Allen mentioned the defeat of the Sun Yard Hotel at the CPC, saying it showed the results of cohesive and sustained neighborhood resistance.

Allen and Jeff Bromberger discussed the research being done to get an Economic Development District for the Triangle. The objective is to fund security for Frenchmen Street, especially the weekend evenings. Members at the meeting indicated their support of this effort.

Deborah Oppenheim, Chair of Marigny Green, discussed the discontinuation of glass recycling at the Elysian Fields Drop-Off Center. She referred people to the Sanitation Department's website for information regarding City recycling.

Lisa Suarez, Public Safety Chair, introduced Commander Young of the 5th District, who reported on the progress the Department and the District has made. He also pointed out that with the help of residents, a single arrest resulted in solving 14 robberies.

Allen introduced Taylor Marcantel, Senior Transportation Planner with TransDev (they run the RTA) spoke about a new (!) study to extend the streetcar line on N. Rampart/St Claude to Press Street and also to connect the existing line with a new run down Elysian Fields to connect with the riverfront line. The discussion included reminders that this would be at least the third study of these two line extensions, and questions were raised as to what ridership were these possible extensions targeting.

Lisa Suarez, Home Tour Chair, detailed the homes to be featured this year in the Rectangle for the Home Tour, and asked for volunteers.

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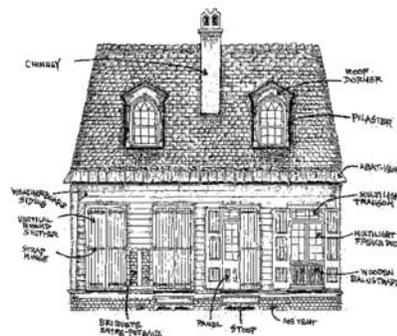
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