

## Next Board Meeting

April 4, 2019  
7:00pm Meeting  
2815 N. Rampart St.

## Next General Meeting

April 15, 2019  
6:30pm Potluck, 7:15pm Meeting  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
2624 Burgundy St.



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## Les Amis de Marigny

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

# Where Y'At?

Deborah Oppenheim is the new record holder for the "Farthest from Home" category in the sporadic *Les Amis de Marigny* "Where Y'At" series. 6,940 miles from New Orleans found the honoree in Petra, Jordan, where the famous archaeological site is located.

Join the "contest" by sending a photograph of yourself holding a recent copy of our newsletter. The possible category honors are endless:

Farthest from Home, Closest to Home, Never Been Before, Never Heard Of, Most Exotic Locale, Favorite Vacation Spot, Most Frequently Visited, and the list goes on...

Who will be featured next, and where will their adventures take them?

Submit your travel photos to [Editor@FaubourgMarigny.com](mailto:Editor@FaubourgMarigny.com) to answer your neighbors' age-old question... "Where Y'At?"



The 2019 Home & Garden Tour, our 48th, will be on Sunday, May 19. Still need homes. Yes, yours.

## Home and Garden Tour

By Lisa Suarez

This year's *Home and Garden Tour* will take place in the Marigny Triangle, beginning in Washington Square Park. New this year, our traditional *Tour Program*, with histories and current photos of all participating properties, will be in *color*. The after-party will be held at Sun Oak, the home Dr. Eugene Cizek, Professor Emeritus of Tulane University's Preservation Architecture Program, and founder of our Association. Copies of *Color Me Creole; A Faubourg Marigny Coloring Book*, which he co-authored, will be available.

What's your architecture? Homes do not have to be showcases, though we surely love those too! People are interested in how we live in our wonderful Historic District, and other tours rarely have the privilege of seeing our interiors - however much you'd like to show. Help your all-volunteer neighborhood association make another year's operating costs, as this is our only fundraiser of the year. Don't be shy, be neighborly! For additional information, contact Lisa Suarez at [suarezinmarigny@gmail.com](mailto:suarezinmarigny@gmail.com). To place an ad in our commemorative color *Home and Garden Tour Program*, email [Ads@FaubourgMarigny.org](mailto:Ads@FaubourgMarigny.org).

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# Calendar of Events

## April 2019

*Board Meeting* (1st Thursday)

April 4 – 7pm

2815 N. Rampart St.

*One Book Marigny Book Club* (2nd Tuesday)

April 9 – 6:30pm

Second Vine Wines – 1027 Touro St.

Contact [Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org](mailto:Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org) for details

*Meet the Neighbors*

Date and Venue to be determined

*General Meeting* (3rd Monday)

April 15 – 6:00pm Potluck, 7:15pm Meeting

St. Paul Lutheran Church – 2624 Burgundy St.

## May 2019

*Board Meeting* (1st Thursday)

May 2 – 7pm

2815 N. Rampart St.

*One Book Marigny Book Club* (2nd Tuesday)

May 14 – 6:30pm

Venue to be determined

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*Meet the Neighbors*

Date and Venue to be determined

*General Meeting* (3rd Monday)

May 20 – 6:00pm Potluck, 7:15pm Meeting

St. Paul Lutheran Church – 2624 Burgundy St.

## NONPACC Meetings

*5th District*

2nd Wednesdays – 6pm, 3900 N. Claiborne Ave.

*8th District*

4th Tuesdays – 6pm, 334 Royal St.

*If you have an event for the calendar, please send it to*

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# Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

## TRAVELERS

Mardi Gras, French Quarter Fest, and Jazz Fest bring great joy to our city, and in many ways give us an opportunity to show our beloved city at its best. They also bring travelers that will take up residence in our neighborhood. Whether they're living in Washington Park, along the river wall on N. Peters, or in cars and campers in front of your home, they are hard to miss. There is much confusion regarding what can be done (or will be done) to help those of us in the Marigny. Usually, when there is a sweep on Esplanade and Decatur, the remaining travelers will move to Washington Park, and then to the river wall, if a sweep happens in Washington Park. Additionally, parking enforcement will not write tickets for vehicles that are occupied or have people living in them, out of concern for the safety for their employees, which is understandable.

SO, what should be done? Photographs and phone calls!! If people are living in their cars, please call the police and offer to send them photographs of the vehicle and/or people. These registered calls for service will hopefully draw attention to this issue in the Marigny. Also, if people are blocking the right of way, do the same. Call the police, as it is illegal for people to block the right of way. Hopefully, we can draw attention to the traveler population in our neighborhood and bring attention that we have lacked for so long.

## SHORT TERM RENTALS

TIRED. That is the best way to describe everyone on both sides of this issue. I can't even begin to count how many hours I've spent on this issue,

nor the number of meetings I've been to. However, it does appear that we're approaching the implementation of new rules. The new proposal that is going from the City Planning Commission to the City Council includes a requirement that owners be on-site for Residential STRs, and that Commercial STRs (Whole Home Rentals, i.e. unmonitored hotels) not be allowed in the interior of our neighborhood, but along the Rampart/St. Claude Corridor, down Elysian Fields, and in the HU-MU district along the river and railroad tracks. While it makes sense that Commercial STRs should be allowed in those areas, it ignores the fact that people's homes will abut these Bachelor Party pads. The Quality of Life of our neighborhood will still be affected.

Additionally, the City Planning Commission decided (against the CPC Staff Report recommendations), to ban STRs in the French Quarter, except for the first 7 blocks of Bourbon and a small section between Decatur and N. Peters. This will continue the intensity of STRs in the Marigny and Tremé. We had requested the City Planning Commission to enact density limitations per block face, in order to keep the areas around the French Quarter from losing their residential character. We received no consideration or help. Therefore, it is up to us to petition the City Council and ask them to give us some relief. As the saying goes, "Actions have consequences," and those consequences shouldn't be disproportionately shared by the Marigny and Tremé. We hope to see you at the City Council vote on this issue and will keep you updated on the date when it's announced.

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## “Feed the 5<sup>th</sup>” Bacchus Sunday

By Lisa Suarez

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year FMIA collected funds and worked together to provide food for the Officers of the NOPD 5<sup>th</sup> District who handle crime in the District, doing 12 and 16-hour shifts. Officers who work the Parade routes during the last four-day Mardi Gras onslaught are cared for by the Police Foundation and the Health Department with meals, snacks and drinks. In the 8<sup>th</sup> District, restaurants donate so much food that volunteers are needed just to help serve. (How many times have you been on Bourbon Street during that last weekend?)

We found that on Fat Tuesday, most officers were just glad to get home and back to their regular shifts after that last day, but that after a long Saturday, snacks and sandwiches in the kitchen were most needed. So this year, the annual “Feed the 5<sup>th</sup>” was moved to Bacchus Sunday.

Charles Murphy, Rick Prince, and Danny Bruschey made 80 sandwiches, (ham & cheese, turkey & cheese, just ham, or just turkey), contributed the bread, condiments and bags. Rick Prince made the labels. Lisa Suarez procured the groceries, which included Moon Pies in 3 flavors (chocolate, vanilla, banana), peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, and oatmeal cookies. Jane Morgan helped make the delivery. Thank you to ALL, and especially contributors to the Grocery Fund: Elizabeth Thornton, Den of Muses, Robert Moosy & Kipp Rhodes, Tom Perrault & Sal Giambanco, Eric Epstein, Steve Halpern, Donna Wakeman, Ray Buntin, Eugene Cizek, Deborah Oppenheim & Rick Fifield, Gretchen Bomboy, Craig Lewis & Lisa Vaughn, Barbara LaFleur, Peter Politzer, and Susan Drongowski.



Jane Morgan & Officer Candace Cowie at “Feed the 5<sup>th</sup>” on Bacchus Sunday.

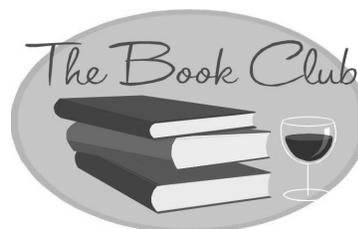
## One Book Marigny Book Club

By Donna Wakeman

The FMIA sponsored book club is off to a great start. The first meeting, in addition to discussing the first selection and enjoying a glass of wine (or two) at The Elysian Bar, set the guidelines for future meetings. To be held at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month, the meetings will be at various locations throughout the neighborhood where a quiet corner and drinks can be had. Additionally, the group decided that the books selected would center on New Orleans and alternate between fiction and non-fiction.

April’s meeting will be at Second Vine Wines, 1027 Touro, and the book to discuss will be James Lee Burke’s *Tin Roof Blowdown*. The 16<sup>th</sup> in his Dave Robicheaux mystery novels, it is set in post-Katrina New Orleans. A Book List starred review, it deals with the murder of two black men in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward and the tragedy, nobility and evil in the aftermath of the storm.

The book club is open to all; the only requirements are that you like to read (especially New Orleans-centric books), drink and talk. If you are interested in joining us, contact Donna Wakeman by emailing [Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org](mailto:Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org).



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# Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

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**RESUME REVIEW:** SATURDAY, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-3:00pm. Children's Resource Center Library, 913 Napoleon Ave. – 504.596.2628

**RETURNING TO THE WORKFORCE:** WEDNESDAY, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-7:00pm. Alvar Library, 913 Alvar St. – 504.596.2667

## PROGRAMS AT ALVAR:

- **In the Garden Writers' Workshop:** Welcome to our third 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 any session. We will meet the **SECOND SATURDAY** of every month from 2:00pm-3:45pm, from September through May. This month's workshop will meet Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and will focus on writing Poetry. *Special Guest for National Poetry Month:* Poet, Writer, and Bywater resident Lee Meitzen Grue, founder and editor of the New Laurel Review.
- **THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: Drag Queen Story Time:** Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: 1:00pm-2:00pm. Come listen to the beautiful and talented Vanessa and Desiree read stories. Open to all families, caregivers, and children of all ages.
- **MONDAYS, 3:30PM: After-School Teen Movie Madness.** Join us for a fun afternoon movie! Free popcorn!
- **TUESDAYS, 11:00AM: Toddler Story Time.** Open to all families and caregivers with children age 5 and under.
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### Norman Mayer Library

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS through April 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am-2:00pm

### East New Orleans Regional Library

WEDNESDAYS through April 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am-2:00pm

## ALVAR LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

*All NOPL locations will be CLOSED on:*

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for Easter**

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Easter**

*It's Springtime!*

*Happy French Quarter Fest!*

*Happy Jazz Fest!*



# Marigny Green News

By Deborah Oppenheim

I wept when I heard about the fatal crash killing two bicyclists and injuring 7 others by the suspect who was a blind drunk driver going 80mph into the bike lane crashing into cars and the Esplanade neutral ground. This horrific tragedy that occurred on March 2<sup>nd</sup> reinforces the need to have safe and accessible streets for everyone to share. It is apparent that a single line or an image indicating to share the road is not enough to create the safety bicyclists and pedestrians need. One major change could have helped prevent this catastrophe – **safe, connected, and protected bike lanes**. It is important to support all citizens' ability to navigate the city safely whether they use public transportation, walk, bike, or drive.

The laws for bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers is misunderstood and not supported by the city. Many of the existing bike lanes are covered in gravel, glass, and inundated with potholes. It is confusing where the existing bike lanes start and stop. There are no traffic lights specifically for cyclists. Some drivers drive down bike lanes and/or park their cars in the bike lanes. With protected bike lanes, the bicyclist is physically separated from vehicles and it can only be used by people biking. An errant driver would crash into a parked car and not a bicyclist. Drivers and passengers often do not look before they open the car door. All drivers of commercial vehicles need to know the laws and follow them. Drivers' Education classes should teach first time drivers and new drivers to the city how to properly use the streets and learn the laws.

In addition to the necessary infrastructure, an important facet is educating pedestrians, vehicle drivers, and bicyclists on the laws. An idea is to start educating children of the laws in elementary school and continue throughout the years into adulthood. The city has a responsibility to enforce the penalties for disobeying the laws. Drivers are unaware that the crosswalk graphic indicates for the vehicle to stop for pedestrians crossing. These crosswalks are not adequately marked. It is more likely a bicyclist and/or pedestrian will be injured or killed in a collision with a motor vehicle than the driver/passenger of the motor vehicle. All crosswalks need to be repainted and constant public service announcements stating the law to be viewed on television/radio and social media. As a tourist town, it is the onus of the Tourist Commission, hotels, B & B's, Blue Bikes, touring

companies, and short term rental platforms like Airbnb to provide literature on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Bicyclists are not exempt from following the law. They are required to ride the correct way, have front and back lights, and follow the traffic laws. Specific traffic lights for bicyclists would help alleviate this problem. Bike advocates and bike touring companies should encourage cyclists to wear helmets. As a child, I was taught to ride the wrong way to see the cars and be seen. This is not an excuse for some bicyclists to ride against traffic but with protected bike lanes this would help make cycling feel safer.

*"It's exhausting having to justify that bike infrastructure and safety is good policy. By now, we should all be able to agree that biking is good for your body and your pocketbook, that it's good for the planet and that it's good for our overall quality of life. The equation should be simple: Get more people on their bikes, and there will be fewer cars blocking traffic. It is time for everyone to contact their councilperson, Mayor Cantrell, and other stakeholders to act with urgency to build connected, protected bikeways to make New Orleans a safer, healthier city for this generation and the next," said Chelsea Brasted, a columnist on the Latitude team at NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune.*

*As a community, it is important to, "... reach out to your councilmember, Mayor Cantrell, and other key stakeholders to ask them to act with urgency to build connected, protected bikeways to make New Orleans a safer, healthier city for this generation and the next," said Dan Favre, Executive Director of Bike Easy.*



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LOW NEW ORLEANS

# Newsorthy Notes

By Donna Wakeman

Want to visit one of the best new hotels in the world? Just take yourself down to **Hotel Peter & Paul**. Sharing company with such exotic locations as a game reserve in Botswana and an Argentinian jungle, the hotel is one of 74 listed by *Travel + Leisure* for 2019.



While you are at **Hotel Peter & Paul**, drop in at *The Elysian Bar*. A semi-finalist for the James Beard Best New Restaurant, the restaurant and bar associated with the hotel has also been named by the iconic Southern magazine, *Garden & Gun*, as one of the best Southern bars of the last two years. Grab a drink, order something from the light menu and then find a seat where mood dictates: the garden room, the elegant parlor, or that otherworldly bar.

Many people were disappointed when The Franklin closed last year. Word on the street is that it will reopen any day now, if it hasn't already. No word yet on who the chef will be, but with a new partner, Ken Jackson, from Herbsaint, and a new general manager, Will Davis, from Cochon, we're sure it will be as successful as was its previous incarnation.

How many architects live in award-winning homes of their own design? Well, in the Marigny there's at least one. Rick Fifield design...

The Faubourg Marigny rules the 2018 Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation from the Louisiana Landmarks Society. On the list this year are:

**Marigny Opera House (725 St. Ferdinand), Scott King and Dave Hurlbert, owners; Rick Fifield, architect.** Constructed in 1853 to serve Faubourg Marigny's German Catholics, Holy Trinity Catholic Church was suspended from use by the Archdiocese in 1992. With the exception of a new code-compliant entrance and stabilization of historic fabric, the rehabilitation project has embraced the concept of "patina of age."

**Robert Fresh Market (2222 St. Claude), Marc Robert (Marketfare St. Claude, LLC), owner.** The long-anticipated rebirth of Schwegmann Brothers' Giant Supermarket Number 1 as a Robert Fresh Market finally occurred. Listed on the National Register in 2014, this iconic landmark, shuttered since Hurricane Katrina, was revitalized using historic tax credits for renovation of the 1946 big-box grocery buildings.

**Royal Frenchmen Hotel (700 Frenchmen), Hugh Stiel (700 Frenchmen Street, LLC), owner.** Facing Washington Square in the heart of Faubourg Marigny, the circa 1844 masonry townhouses, which comprise the Royal Frenchmen figured as a part of the vast holdings of Julien Adolphe Lacroix (1808 - 1868), a Cuban-born free-man-of-color, and his brother Francois Lacroix (1806 - 1876). The wealthy and influential Lacroix siblings belonged to that unique group of cultured *gens de couleur libres*, found in the Creole suburbs. The current owner acquired these significant properties, formerly the home of Father Flanagan's Boys Home, and faithfully restored all salient architectural features.

**Baker's Row (2415 Dauphine), MK Real Estate Development, owner.** Located on the site of the burned Hubig's Pie factory, Baker's Row, an infill project of new construction, consists of a townhouse condominium complex of four buildings, each with two residences. The development team worked tirelessly with an engaged neighborhood, as well as seeking input from experienced advisers. A consensus emerged to create a modern living environment within the historical context, resulting in historically-referencing façades with modern interiors and courtyards. In further deference to nearby residents, the developers addressed expressed concerns by using foundations not requiring pile-driving and not having windows face the adjacent properties.

**801 Frenchmen, Todd Bieber, owner.** Located in the heart of the historic Marigny neighborhood on a visually prominent corner across from Washington Square, this mid-to-late 19th century commercial/residential building underwent severe damage from fire and termites in recent years. Last year the building was revitalized and restored back to its former character. All the original components were salvaged and reinstalled or reproduced in exact detail. Most significantly, the documented wrap-around gallery was reconstructed on both elevations, contributing greatly to the ambience of the streetscape. Numerous structural enhancements were done as well.

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# March Public Safety Report

By Lisa Suarez

## 3-13-19 New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) – 5th District

Attendance: Officers 18; Citizens 7, including 5th District Police and Citizen’s Advisory Board (PCAB) Representative Linda Marchand, who lives in Holy Cross.

Commander Frank Young opened the meeting by introducing our new Chief of Police, Superintendent Shawn Ferguson, a celebrated Detective from the 4th District (Algiers). The new Chief spoke only a few minutes, first about how he has known Cmdr. Young for several years, and will continue to rely on him for his talent, then how his parents still live in the 5th.

He then took questions, but none of the citizens were volunteering, except, naturally I had to ask him if he would consider changing- or adding to- the name “NONPACC,” with “Open House.” My personal belief is that more citizens would participate if they felt invited. Chief Ferguson said he believes tradition is important, promised to consider it, and said his good-byes.

The Commander then spoke with us about statistics. He doesn’t want to reel off a bunch of numbers, without them meaning something. However, there hasn’t been a lower crime rate, for the last 6 months, in the past 5 years. At this point in 2019, there’s only been 1 homicide in the 5th, and last year it was 8,

Sgt. Gary Lacabe and Detective Buckel have cleared (solved) 6 of the 11 shootings in 2019, a 55% clearance rate, in a District that used to achieve an 8% rate.

Sgt. Walden confiscated 2 guns and some heroin recently.

He believes another thing that’s been helping are the monthly meetings and conference calls every two weeks between NOPD, the D.A., and Federal Agents. Citywide, this activity has lowered narcotics crimes substantially.

There was a meeting between the Naval Support Facility (on Poland Avenue, gifted to the city, laying fallow since before Katrina) contractors and NOPD. A “sweep” has been scheduled, and the contractors agreed to board it up.

FMIA was thanked for our support in providing sandwiches and snacks on Bacchus Sunday for the officers working the 5th, and not the parade routes.



Newest Citywide PCAB members with Chief Shawn Ferguson. Linda Marchand, far left.

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As a member of the FMIA, you'll receive valuable information on our local community and the City of New Orleans. You'll also receive opportunities to get involved, including, but not limited to:

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Please share our history!

# FMIA General Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** February 18, 2019

**LOCATION:** 2624 Burgundy St. – St. Paul Lutheran Church

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:15pm

## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Allen Johnson**

1. Recommends new book by Scott Ellis, “The Faubourg Marigny of New Orleans,” dedicated to Gene Cizek and Lloyd Sensat. Great articles about the Peter & Paul Hotel this month in Preservation in Print and Garden and Gun magazines.
2. Esplanade and Governor Nichols Wharves project (linking Crescent Park to Woldenberg Park) by Audubon Institute, delayed 12 to 21 months due to possible restructuring of property tax millage to apply to ALL parks, not just Audubon. Allen Johnson and Rick Fifield are monitoring.
3. City Planning Commission (CPC) February 26 Public Hearing to establish Interim Zoning District (IZD) for Short Term Rental Economic Opportunity Zones, does not include Marigny.
4. MARCH 12, Thursday, Short Term Rentals City Council hearing on Homestead Exemption and Density Limits.
5. Kudos for Chewbacchus, new Krewe Boheme, Krewe du Vieux, and Krewe delusion Mardi Gras parades in Marigny
6. Councilmember Palmer re-introducing 10% Affordable Housing for height and density bonuses in Riverfront Overlay, which had been removed by previous Council. Discussion: Gene Cizek motions to send letters of support to return to 55-foot height levels. General meeting votes: All in favor, none opposed.
7. Councilmember Palmer calling for community support for a “Support Services for Families and Children” Resolution, to apply to Affordable Housing, benefitting neighbors. Refer to “Equity Index.” In the near term, she is asking for Affordable Housing development on the lot behind Aloysius Apartments, along with park space.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Lisa Suarez**

1. New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) 5th District: Lieutenant Lejon Roberts had been promoted to Commander of the NOPD 1st District .
2. Vehicles camping near the Reilly Lot, (City block bounded by Decatur, N. Peters, Spain and Mandeville Streets.) recently “stickered.” Hearing Officer stated there are “Insufficient Signs” posted detailing camping policy (NOT ALLOWED!).
3. New Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Engagement District “C” East Bank Liaison, Sam Gordon, introduces himself. Will be coordinating with the Department of Public Works (DPW) for production of signage and placement. Donna Wakeman expresses need for similar signs on Homer Plessy Way.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Donna Wakeman announced new program, “One Book, Marigny” reading club. First year will be “Vengeance,” by Tulane Professor Zachary Lazarre. First meeting: March 12. For details, contact [Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org](mailto:Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org).

## **SPECIAL GUEST(s):**

1. Emma from the Crescent City Farmer’s Market announced re-location of the 3p.m. to 7p.m. Wednesday Market from the French Market to the Rusty Rainbow parking lot (Piety and Chartres). There will be 14 to 15 vendors with local produce, seafood, meat, dairy, baked goods, and live music. You can double a SNAP purchase up to \$20.00.

## **OF CONCERN:**

1. New development planning for 1800 McShane Place (where Rampart St. becomes St. Claude Avenue in the Triangle). Requesting conditional use from 10,000 square feet allowed, to almost double, 14,860. Neighborhood Participation Plan being re-scheduled. Gene Cizek comments: “Completely insufficient detail on plans previously presented.”

## **PRESENTATION: Donna Wakeman**

Donna Wakeman gave a PowerPoint presentation on: *Researching Your Home, a brief tutorial*. If you are interested in finding out about the history of your home, and the people who have lived in it, email her for a copy of the presentation at [Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org](mailto:Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org).

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:20pm

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# FMIA Board Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** March 7, 2019

**LOCATION:** 2815 N. Rampart St.

## ROLL CALL:

Present: Allen, Bobby, Mark, Elisa, Jeff, Ray, Donna

Absent: Pat, Lisa

Guests: None

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00pm

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Allen Johnson

1. 1026 parking lot issue
2. Iggy's update
3. Café Istanbul
4. Café Brazil violations

## TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Malouse

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. 522 Franklin - Jeff Treffinger - Reviewed new designs to include parking variance for 17 spaces for a mixed-use property. The new plan includes **additional commercial space** on Franklin Ave.
2. Historical Plaques - Bobby Moffett & Gene Cizek - No update to share this month.
3. Gov. Nicholls Wharves - Allen Johnson & Rick Fifield - Timeframe to build out wharves has been pushed back 12-21 months. VCPOA fielding survey to better understand the preferred use of space. The purpose is to gather ideas from neighbors and residents.
4. STR - Allen Johnson - Report came out from CPC. Commercial STR in VCE, VCE 1 approved in French Quarter. A partial unit, small residential, and large residential STR approved in French Quarter if owner-occupied. Large residential adhere to B&B density standards (limit 1 per block face). Commercial require storefront below. See the report for full details.
5. Website - Elisa Cool - Elisa moved to use alternate secure payment engine that allows major credit cards to be used in addition to PayPal and will save the organization up to \$500 annually. Seconded by Lisa Suarez. Vote passed.
6. Reilly Lots - Lisa Suarez - No new updates.
7. Home Tour - Lisa Suarez - No new updates.
8. 1800 McShane Place - Allen Johnson - NPP attended by the board, staff report recommends approval.
9. Dauphine B&B - Allen Johnson - NPP on Saturday at 10:30am.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Require Yard Proposal - Donna Wakeman - Proposes an amendment to use restrictions. **10.2.B.11 Outdoor dining and entertainment are prohibited when abutting a residential district.** Seconded by Pat Galloway. Vote passed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:40pm

# Address Corrections

*By Elisa Cool*

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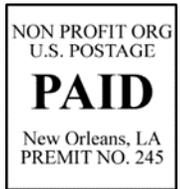
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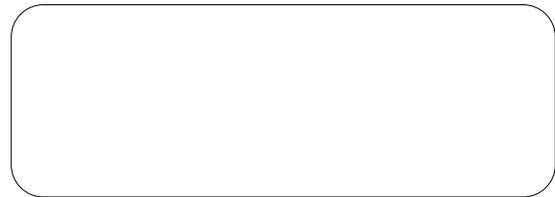


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