

Next Board Meeting

May 2, 2019
7:00pm Meeting
2815 N. Rampart St.

Next General Meeting

May 20, 2019
6:30pm Potluck, 7:00pm 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.

Home and Garden Tour features Historic *and* Modern Porte-Cochère Townhouses

By Lisa Suarez

The 47th Annual FMIA Spring Home and Garden Tour, Sunday May 19th, 12noon-4pm. Tickets are \$25.00, \$20.00 for FMIA members. In advance: thefmia.org. Day of, and Tour begins at Washington Square Park. After Party, 4pm-6pm.

Note to Volunteers and Potential Volunteers: Free Tour/Party with 2-hour shift: suarezinmarigny@gmail.com

One of the many attributes of our historic neighborhood is the architectural rhythm expressed in the juxtaposition of 300 years of development, from the geographical layout, to the preserved stock we fiercely protect, to the buildings of our time. 1415 Chartres, courtesy of Robin Tate, is a recent addition that was designed using well-established proportion in its presence on the street, elegant details, and all the modern conveniences. Both townhouses invite you to contrast and compare.

Many thanks to Jordan Jacobs, who manages The Royal Courtyard at 1428 Royal Street, for volunteering the circa 1838 building. We are so pleased to be able to show a building which defines the Creole Porte-Cochère Townhouse, as illustrated by the dearly departed Lloyd Sensat in *Color Me Creole*, with text by Lloyd and the indefatigable Dr. Eugene Cizek. Gene is responsible for soliciting four of the eight homes on this year's tour, and will be hosting the after party, where the book will be available, in the garden of his beloved Sun Oak, a landmark in American preservation.

Color Me Creole, sponsored last year by the 2018 NO-LA Foundation in honor of the Tricentennial, really *is* a coloring book, which began in 2010 as a series of sketches published in *Les Amis de Marigny*, the FMIA newsletter. Here's what Lloyd had to say, eight years before Donna Wakeman, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief, took the reins and made it happen:

"This is 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 the best examples in the 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."

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A sneak peek at some of the houses featured on the Tour.

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About the Newsletter

Les Amis de Marigny is the newsletter of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, a 501(c) non-profit, all-volunteer organization committed to the preservation of the unique architectural and cultural heritage of our historic district, and to improving the quality of life in our diverse community.

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New Orleans, LA 70117

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Calendar of Events

May 2019

Board Meeting (1st Thursday)

May 2 – 7:00pm

2815 N. Rampart St.

One Book Marigny Book Club (2nd Tuesday)

May 14 – 6:30pm

Mimi's in the Marigny – 2601 Royal St.

Contact Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org for details

Meet the Neighbors

Date and Venue to be determined

General Meeting (3rd Monday)

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church – 2624 Burgundy St.

June 2019

Board Meeting (1st Thursday)

June 6 – 7:00pm

2815 N. Rampart St.

One Book Marigny Book Club (2nd Tuesday)

June 11 – 6:30pm

Venue to be determined

Contact Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org for details

Meet the Neighbors

Date and Venue to be determined

General Meeting (3rd Monday)

June 17 – 6:00pm Potluck, 7:00pm Meeting

St. Paul Lutheran Church – 2624 Burgundy St.

NONPACC Meetings

5th District

2nd Wednesdays – 6:00pm, 3900 N. Claiborne Ave.

8th District

4th Tuesdays – 6:00pm, 334 Royal St.

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

Editor@FaubourgMarigny.org.



Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

Quality of Life

It's a term that means a lot of things to a lot of people. But the most basic sense of the term is this: Can you sit in your house and feel like you're "at home" and not in a scene worthy of a tourism commercial, with bachelor and bachelorette parties drinking sugary drinks and loud music? From the lawlessness of Frenchmen St., to the overabundance of party busses and Whole House Short Term Rentals, the Marigny has seen our Quality of Life erode. With the growth of the city's tourism industry, as well as the STR moratorium in the Quarter and the previous Mayor's gutting of the Police Department, we (and the Tremé) are feeling a greater impact of tourism than ever before. Without the services we are due.

Hopefully, a new day is coming. The Cantrell Administration has announced a crackdown on party busses, in what we hope is the dawn of a new day. I hope that the City of New Orleans will continue down this road, but we can't leave it up to them. We have to make sure we are heard. I invite you to come to an FMIA Meeting, or email me at President@FaubourgMarigny.org, and tell us your concerns. We have to come together and work to have our needs met.

FMIA Website

The FMIA has undergone a transition when it comes to communication and social media. Elisa Cool, Corresponding Secretary, has

transitioned our website to a new platform. We hope that this will make it easier to operate and navigate. It has already made it easier to activate and renew memberships. Additionally, there will be special features available only to FMIA members. We can also send our e-blasts from that platform, assuring that the email list is complete and current. But what I think is most promising is the calendar. We hope to become the "go to" place for all events in the Marigny. We want people to go to our calendar to find out about all things important to the FMIA, as well as events in the neighborhood, whether they're festivals, concerts, or performances. Please forward any schedules to President@FaubourgMarigny.org for inclusion.

Washington Square Park

As you have probably noticed, the Park is out of commission for a few weeks. Most notably, a new playground is being constructed, but that is not all. A much-needed drainage improvement plan is being put in place, which hopefully will keep the leaves from clogging the drains and flooding the park and Royal St. There will also be new benches, a new drinking fountain, new light fixtures, and the painting of the fence, as well as the long-needed repair of the gate at Dauphine and Royal. The total length of this work should take until September. But hopefully, it will be worth it when it's complete.

HAPPY HOME TOUR!!

Name That Face Contest

By Donna Wakeman

This new column is designed to teach you some FMIA history, test your memory and encourage membership participation, all in one. Each edition, we will run one or more photos of an event from our past, and the first person who can name all the individuals in the photo(s) will win a yet-to-be-determined prize from our stash of FMIA mementos. The photos have been selected by our historian, Gretchen Bomboy, who is our navigator on this Way Back Machine.

The photos in this first column help explain why our sidewalks in the Marigny are in such poor condition. In our efforts to beautify the neighborhood, we planted trees throughout the neighborhood in 18" square holes cut into the sidewalk. We'd neglected to find out that the standard space for a healthy tree that won't tear up the sidewalk is 36" x 48". Oh well; our intentions were good.

If you recognize the people in these photos, send your best guess to Edi-tor@FaubourgMarigny.org. The first person to name them all correctly will receive a lovely memento and their name in the next newsletter.



RULES: Gretchen Bomboy and other founding members of the organization are prohibited from entering this contest.

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One Book Marigny Book Club

By Donna Wakeman

Those of us who made it to the April meeting of One Book Marigny, the FMIA sponsored book club, had a lovely time at **Second Vine Wine**. They made a comfortable spot for us to sip our drinks and discuss the month's book choice, James Lee Burke's *The Tin Roof Blowdown*. The focus of the mystery novel, crime in New Orleans in the aftermath of Katrina, led to some interesting explorations of similarities and differences in geographic experiences. We were unanimous in our admiration of Burke's prose style.

Next month we will discuss our non-fiction selection, *Degas in New Orleans: Encounters in the Creole World of Kate Chopin and George Washington Cable* by Christopher Benfey. The book centers on Edgar Degas' little known connection to the Crescent City and the impact the city, its cultural climate and his time here had on his art.

May's meeting will be on our regular second Tuesday of the month, May 14. It will be at 6:30pm, at Mimi's on the corner of Royal St. and Franklin Ave. All our meetings are free and open to the public. We welcome you to join us.



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Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

It's springtime! Are you looking for a new job, hoping for a new career, or re-entering the work force after a long absence? Do you need to dust off and polish up your resume and practice your interviewing skills? Do you find looking for a job in today's market confusing? Do you know how to use technology to bolster your chances of getting that dream job?

NOPL IS HOSTING FREE CAREER AND RESUME WORKSHOPS WITH JESSICA RARESHIDE, a national career coach and former corporate recruiter. These workshops will be held at **various NOPL locations throughout 2019.**

FRIDAY, May 3rd, 10:30am: RETURNING TO THE WORKFORCE

*You have been out of the workforce for several years and want to return. It can be a daunting task to know where to begin to find the right job for you. Learn to identify the skills you possess and how to create a resume that supports your unique skill set and former experience. Learn how to present yourself in the interview for a positive outcome. Build your confidence by taking the **Professionally You** survey online (12 minutes). Request the codes to access the survey by emailing jraeshide@mindspring.com and putting "Survey" in the Subject line.*

**Main Library
219 Loyola Ave.
504.596.2560**

THURSDAY, May 9th, 6:00pm: INTERVIEW WITH A PURPOSE

Did you know that most candidates do not know how to tell an employer why they are the perfect candidate for the job? The interview is your opportunity to tell the employer why you fit the job. Get your specific questions answered about interviewing. This workshop also covers salary negotiation and other aspects of the job offer.

**Rosa F. Keller Library & Community Center
4300 S. Broad Ave.
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THURSDAYS, May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th: WRITING WELL-CRAFTED FICTION

5:30pm-7:00pm
Students will learn fiction writing with award-winning author Stephen Rea, a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Writers of all levels are welcome. This event is supported in part by *Poets & Writers*, thanks to a grant from the Hearst Foundations. This class is for Adults ages 18 and up. Please call Alvar Library to register for the class. 504.596.2667..

PROGRAMS AT ALVAR:

A Reading in the Garden: This month we will have a Reading. Any of our participants from the 2018-2019 season can sign up to read for five minutes or less. The Reading will be Saturday, May 11th, from 2:00pm-3:45pm. *Light refreshments will be served.*

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:

Drag Queen Story Time:

SATURDAY, April 20th: 1:00-2:00pm

Come listen to the beautiful and talented Vanessa and Desiree read stories. Open to all families, caregivers, and children of all ages.

TUESDAYS, 11:00am

Toddler Story Time – Open to all families and caregivers with children age 5 and under.

THURSDAYS, 11:00am-1:00pm

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. You can ask for assistance using our desktop computers, or with your phone, laptop and other mobile devices.

THURSDAYS, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Community Composting with Compost NOW – Bring your frozen food scraps to our weekly food waste drop-off. For more information, visit www.NOLAlibrary.org. *There will be no compost drop-offs on days the library is closed.*

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Friday, May 10th for All Staff Day

Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day



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Marigny Green News

By Deborah Oppenheim

Tips for the season of festivals, music, food and laissez le bon temps rouler!

- Reusable bottle for water, tea and/or lemonade
- Sunscreen
- Your ticket, if applicable
- Rain gear, if needed
- **PARKING** is always a problem during festivals. Parking enforcement people are searching the area for illegal parked cars; it is important to know the laws.
 1. Two-way streets, park with the right wheels to the curb
 2. One-way streets, parking facing in the direction of travel
 3. Do not block a fire hydrant or a fire lane
 4. Do not park within 15 ft. of a fire hydrant
 5. Do not park within 20 ft. of crosswalks, intersections, stop signs, loading and service zones, bus and taxi zones
 6. Do not park within 3 ft. of a driveway
 7. No parking on neutral ground, freight or loading zones, handicapped zones without permit displayed
 8. Blocking the sidewalk is prohibited
 9. Check for residential parking permit areas



Be Green LEAVE NOTHING
BUT DANCE STEPS 



There are alternatives to the parking problem:

- Shuttles are sometimes available. Free parking for Jazz Festival is available at City Park only with round-trip shuttle tickets.
- Public transportation will provide additional service during Jazz Festival. They offer Jazzy Passes; one- to three-day passes. For details, visit www.norta.com.
- A great way to get to a festival is riding a bicycle. If you go to Jazz Fest, bike parking is available at the Gentilly Blvd. and Suavage Street pedestrian gates. Check to see if Bike Easy has their Bicycle Valet Service. It is a safe and easy way to secure one's bike.
- Pedicab is a fun way to get to a festival. There are many companies that offer this service.
- Taxi service, Uber and Lyft are available.
- Get a ride from a friend.
- Carpool with friends and paying to park is cheaper than a ticket or being towed.
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April Public Safety Report

...A Look Back

By Lisa Suarez

Recently, the non-profit activist organization "A Community Voice" held a press conference and protest to get City Officials to respond to concerns about unpaved streets, blighted buildings, overgrown lots, flooding, and drainage problems. This is not Marigny, but it's good to know that initiatives in the 5th District have addressed blighted buildings in particular, where hotbeds of drug and gun crime fester.

ACV Members in the Upper 9th Ward Take Action on Streets, Drainage, Flooding & Blight to Bioswales "ACV members in the Upper 9th Ward met with the Mayor's Office on the corner of Law & Piety streets to show them their struggles with blight and flooding due to torn up street and drainage systems."

<http://www.acommunityvoice.org/2019/04/17/acv-members-in-the-upper-9th-ward-take-action-on-streets-drainage-flooding-blight-to-bioswales/>

The 5th District has consistently applied crime deterrent initiatives. Here's a look back, demonstrating how citizen participation at the **New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC)** can make a difference.

April, 2017- Two members of the Hardin Playground Boosters, in the 7th Ward, came to complain about drug activity in the playground connected to the Brooks Corner Store. DEA has been observing the activity for some time.

June 2017- Lack of Summer camps to keep kids busy: Hardin Park, has been shut down, with kids being sent to St. Roch. The Hardin Boosters say a grocery near Allen and N. Dorgenois is at the center of the drug traffic, and



Blight in the 5th District



folks don't want their kids outside on any block bordering the Playground because of gun fire.

July 2017- Platoon Officers of 1st and 2nd shifts have been targeting Hardin Park.

August 2017- Hardin Playground Boosters have noticed the increased police presence.

November 2017- Hardin Park Boosters always attend NONPACC, asking for help because the neighborhood children cannot play outside for fear of gun-fire. The large playground 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.

April 2018- There was a clean-up in St. Roch with a 5-piece band, and Mayor-Elect Cantrell made an appearance.

July 2018- The Mayor's office has begun an initiative; NOPD will cooperate with Code Enforcement and other City Services, partnering to address complaints in real time. 5th District's Community Liaison Officer, Larry Dace, had a meeting in the Lower 9th addressing grass cutting, blighted property, and tire dumping (coming from used tire shops), seen by the cameras on the St. Claude and Claiborne bridges.

September 2018- Commander Young and Lt. Roberts recently walked every block in the Hardin Park area, recording blighted buildings and all manner of Quality of Life issues (streetlights out, etc.), in preparation for the 5th District being used for a Pilot Program, in which all departments of the city will engage in a Public Safety Partnership (PSP), with Federal partners, to create "Safe Spaces for Kids to Play."

October 2018- The PSP Pilot Program between Code Enforcement and NOPD around Jordan Avenue and Desire had 7 blighted houses demolished, removed several abandoned cars, and many dumped tires.

November 2018- Biggest concern of the moment: 2 drug houses next to each other, where there were 2 overdose deaths recently, in the most violent part of the 7th Ward at France and Villere. Neighbors and District are begging to have them torn down.

February 2019- Community Liaison Officer Larry Dace continues to work with Code Enforcement.

Not long ago, garbage pick-up company trucks were seen dumping old tires in Bywater, by the Levee Wall and Clouet Street: *Garbage company trucks, with their logos on them!* More later.

If your Public Safety problems haven't been addressed with the 5th District (Marigny Rectangle), contact me at: suarezinmarigny@gmail.com.

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The FMIA's website has moved. Thanks to all the hard work of our Corresponding Secretary, Elisa Cool, we have a new address for our website. We can now be found at www.theFMIA.org, with new features like membership activation, renewal, and contact information updating capabilities available on the website.

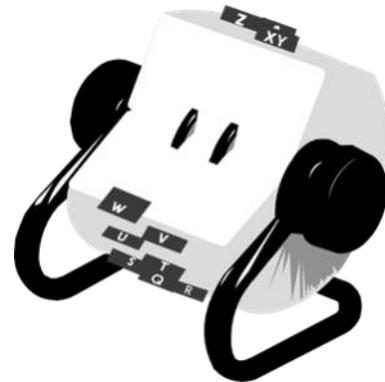
For now, our old website, www.FaubourgMarigny.org (see how much easier it is to type in our new address?) is still up. While there is a redirect notice posted, old information such as our newsletter archives is still available there. Eventually, all pertinent information will be migrated to the new website and the old one shut down.

We expect to add new features to the new website as time goes on. We are already working on a calendar of events in and of importance to the neighborhood. Check back with us often to see how we grow.

Address Corrections

By Elisa Cool

In order to ensure accuracy of the membership list and prompt delivery of the FMIA monthly newsletter, we ask that you review the mailing label on your copy. If the name(s) or address is incorrect, please log into the FMIA's transitional website <https://fmia11.wildapricot.org/> to make the necessary changes. If you have any problems in logging on, contact ECool@FaubourgMarigny.org.



An advertisement for the Crescent City Farmers Market. The background is a close-up of many tomatoes. On the left, there is a black rounded rectangle containing the market's logo: a stylized umbrella with the text 'CRESCENT CITY FARMERS MARKET at the RUSTY RAINBOW' below it. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'VISIT THE CRESCENT CITY FARMERS MARKET at our new location! Every Wednesday 3-7PM Rusty Rainbow at Crescent Park Featuring seasonal produce, local seafood, baked goods and more! More info at www.CrescentCityFarmersMarket.org'. At the bottom left, it says 'FRENCH MARKET. DISTRICT'. At the bottom center, it says 'LEARN MORE @ FRENCHMARKET.ORG'. At the bottom right, there are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the text 'French Market New Orleans' and 'FrenchMktNOLA' respectively.

Good neighbors get informed. Great neighbors get involved. Join us and get both with the FMIA!

A New Way of Being

The FMIA has implemented a streamlined way to become a member. Now, joining or renewing is made even easier at our new website: www.theFMIA.org. If anyone should have difficulty joining or renewing this way online, they should contact Elisa Cool at ECool@FaubourgMarigny.org.

Benefits of Membership

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:

- member-only News & Information (coming soon!);
- a newsletter detailing new improvements and developments on issues affecting our neighborhood;
- a forum to ask questions and find helpful answers;
- invites to neighborhood events and volunteer opportunities; and
- voting rights for FMIA Board elections and other important organization decisions.

Interested in becoming a member?

Membership levels are as follows:



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FMIA General Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 18, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:15pm

SPECIAL GUEST(s):

Parks & Parkways Millage - Ann Macdonald, Dir. of Parks & Parkways

- Washington Square to gain playground equipment
- New Orleans park system is at significant risk of deterioration due to lack of sustainable funding
- A 20-year redistribution of the current millage for park maintenance is up for vote on May 4th (early voting April 20th). This is not a tax increase.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Allen Johnson

Short Term Rentals:

- Residential allowed, to include: partial unit (in home), small unit (4 units), large unit (9 units, limit one per block face)
- HMC1: no longer an available license, required to be used for traditional commercial use
- HMC2: (e.g. buildings on St. Claude) may have a license
- LNCU (legal non-conforming use) is up for discussion, this may involve grandfathering in those current license holders

St. Claude Zoning:

- Wrote letter to K. Palmer's office pushing for a prohibition of dining and entertainment in yards that abut residential properties
- Palmer's office has asked FMIA to engage other neighborhoods that share St. Claude for support

River Wall:

- Vote on metered parking along river wall, the membership voted no
- Sweeps pushing campers around but not away
- Suggestions: call DPW with license plates (\$500/day fines for extended parking), report criminal activity to police, take photographic support, use caution

Iggy's:

- Hearing with ABO in April
- Continue to report issues to police

Dauphine Property:

- Neighbors attended NPP and were skeptical of potential owners plans to build Bed and Breakfast



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Lisa Suarez

NONPAC Meeting Notes (5th District), March 13th

- Introduced to Chief Fergusson
- Water leaks fixed at the former Naval Support Base on Poland Ave.
- FMIA thanked for Mardi Gras 'Feed the Fifth'

HOME TOUR: Lisa Suarez

- Marigny Triangle homes this year
- 10 homes still needed!
- Please recommend and refer friends and neighbors in the triangle

FMIA BOOK CLUB: Donna Wakeman

- 1st meeting last week
- Meeting 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm, location moves
- Next meeting at Second Vine Wine, next book is *Tin Roof Blowdown* by James Lee Burke
- Books that feature New Orleans and/or Louisiana, alternating between fiction and non-fiction

MEETING ADJOURNED:

An advertisement for Wilson Bourg LUMBER and Building Supply, enclosed in a decorative wrought-iron frame. The text includes the company name, address (2737 North Peters Street at St. Ferdinand), phone numbers (947-6678 or 947-6679), and hours (Monday-Friday 7:30 - 4:00, Saturday 8:00 - 1:00). It also lists accepted payment methods (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover) and services (closest lumberyard to the French Quarter, best weatherboard prices, free delivery in the Bywater-Marigny area with a \$150 minimum order). At the bottom, there are three small icons: a truck, a sign that says 'FREE DELIVERY', and a person carrying a large sheet of lumber.

FMIA Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 4, 2019

LOCATION: 922 Touro St.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Pat, Donna

Guests: Pamela KB

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Allen Johnson

1. **New 8th District Commander** - Octavio Baldassaro from 1st (prior to that the 5th)
2. **Washington Square** - new playground being added, redoing roof on the shed, shoring up other items and areas in the park.
3. **1800 McShane Street** - won 5-3 preventing conditional use on the property.
4. **Riverfront Overlay** - vote 4/23, don't need to 'build up' to include affordable housing, can do so with existing height limitations (55').
5. **HMC2-1 Backyard Limitations** - Donna Wakeman, Darrel Durman, Allison Poort, Paul Cramer, & Stephen Krahl. Neighborhoods aligned to supporting Marigny in preventing commercial backyard use for dining and/or entertainment.
6. **Neighborhood Engagement Meeting** - Allen attended meeting presenting Fair Share plan by the mayor. Inviting to member meeting. New neighborhood representative, Sam Gorden.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Malouse

Big items include venue fee renewal, newsletter shipping.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Elisa Cool

Current neighbor sentiment survey being fielded via membership emails, NextDoor, and Facebook. Using data to improve meetings, communications, etc. as well as to inform membership drive. Building committee to welcome new members and keep existing members engaged. Credit card intake available on site. Working to make experience simpler by condensing necessary member fields.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Donna Wakeman

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **522 Franklin** - Jeff Treffinger presented new plans. Eliminated 2nd restaurant space in favor of specialty goods storefront. Loading and trash pickup issues have been addressed with immediate neighbors. Parking spaces increased to 17 spaces. Vote motioned by Lisa S. on the reduction of side yard to 5 feet passed. BZA meeting at 9:00am on Wednesday.
2. **Website** - Jeff B. moved to purchase www.theFMIA.org per Elisa C.'s recommendation. Motion passed. Calendar updates recognized as a need and volunteers have stepped up to help.
3. **Home Tour** - 8 buildings, need 2 additional buildings in Marigny Triangle.
4. **Frenchman Enforcement** - 4/16 Meeting with new Commander Baldassaro at 11:30am to discuss police coverage.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Business Membership** - Exploring values of membership with local businesses. Elisa C. to propose what this membership would entail (with input from businesses) at the next meeting.

2. **Branding** - Elisa C. to propose a branding plan prior to membership campaign.
3. **2400 Block of St. Claude** - Pamela KB (neighbor) present, Claudia Copeland (not present) sent letter detailing recent problems regarding parking caused by Morrow's customers and late night work on property roof. Pamela explained issues with blocked driveway, calling tow company, and employees blocking or preventing towing. Jeff B. to open dialogue with Morrow's ownership to explore solutions.
4. **501-507 Frenchmen** - Hailey Waldner (owner) with NOLA Frenchmen LLC. Plans to open a bar. Not looking to include live music, DJ's, open mic, no food, etc. Jukebox, standard, quality bar. Space is 1700 sq ft. Not planning to add onto the building (built in 1976, not historic). No parking required. Will have off-street storage for trash. Plans to rehab all brick facade in favor of stucco. Hurricane glass windows to be added. Rolling out NPP plan, deadline 5/20. May require a conditional use permit for adding an additional cocktail lounge to the block face.
5. **Musician Loading Zone Legislation** - Allen Johnson discussing loading zones on Frenchmen St. and finding the solution for businesses including Art Market.
6. **Frenchmen St. Promenade** - Push for a part-time, pedestrian-only district. Neighborhood included and staying involved.
7. **2200 Block of N. Rampart** - Issue raised by neighbor regarding parking. Has started a petition to make block commercial.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:55pm

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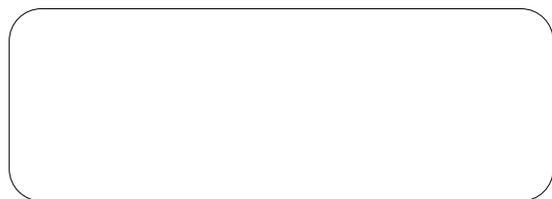
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