

## FSJNA GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 2017

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

I. The meeting was held at Bricolage Academy and called to order by President Sarah Stogner at 7:05 pm.

II. The attendees are noted on the sign-in sheets. A quorum was present.

III. The Meeting Rules included in the Agenda were noted.

### IV. Guests

Wil Crary – Wil Crary from the Crescent City Farmer’s market reviewed the sites and foods available through his organization. More info is available at: [www.crescentcityfarmersmarket.org/](http://www.crescentcityfarmersmarket.org/)

Vivek Shah – Vivek Shah from the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority discussed the Strategic Mobility Plan, which is RTA’s plan for improving public transportation in the region over the next 20 years. More info is available at [www.norta.com/strategicplan](http://www.norta.com/strategicplan)

Brenda London – Board member Brenda London encouraged attendees to participate in the annual “Feed the First” volunteer effort on Mardi Gras day.

Loitering in Fortier Park/various speakers – Board members and attendees discussed the ongoing problem of loitering in Fortier Park. Complaints include drinking, noise, drug use, and litter. Speakers discussed the pros and cons of various potential solutions.

Keith Twitchell – Keith Twitchell, president of the Committee for a Better New Orleans, spoke in support of the proposed program to register and inspect rental units in the city, which he said will help reduce substandard properties. Board and advisory members and attendees commented in favor and in opposition to the program, with several speakers saying the program unnecessarily puts a burden on people with higher end properties. The City Council has postponed several votes on the measure.

Note: The meeting was somewhat abbreviated because law enforcement and legislative representatives did not attend, due to the tornado that hit New Orleans East the previous day.

**V. Treasurer’s Report:** Matt Amoss was unable to attend.

### **VI. Committee Reports/Updates/Actions:**

**Membership Committees** – Nothing new.

**VII. Old Business** – Erich Caulfield made a motion to approve the January minutes. Brenda London made the second and it passed by unanimous consent.

**VIII. New Business** -- None

**IX. Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn was made by Kerry Tully. Rocky Seydel made the second and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

