

## FSJNA GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 2017

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

I. The meeting was held at Cabrini/Bricolage.

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/Topics

Sexual Assaults in the Area – Rumors have circulated that there might be a serial rapist in the area. NOPD Commander Eckert said there is no evidence to support this. In 2017, there has been one reported rape by an assailant not familiar to the victim. This happened March 8 in the 1700 block of N. Dupre, and the victim was an elderly woman. There have been several other sexual assaults involving perpetrators known to their victims.

2017 Jazzfest – Speakers included Jerry Ursin (Jazzfest), Jimmy Fahrenholtz (FSJNA), and Commander Goodley (NOPD). This year, in addition to the usual NAT Line for reporting Jazzfest problems (504-942-7799), residents can email nat@nojazzfest.com. Representatives said they would do their best to address the usual concerns of residents regarding parking and illegal vending. NOPD will have bike patrols.

Fortier Park – Commander Ganthier discussed recent efforts to reduce problems caused by loiterers at Fortier Park. They are aware of this issue and have increased police presence in the park. They are limited in what they can do in that they can only enforce the existing laws, witnesses have to be willing to testify in court cases, and police may be called to more urgent matters. Examples of lawbreaking include public urination, threats to harm people, destruction of property, and disturbing the peace. The problem seems to have receded in recent weeks.

Shotgun Tour – Sarina Mohan discussed the upcoming Shotgun House Tour sponsored by the Preservation Resource Center in conjunction with FSJNA.

Book on FSJ – Author Cassie Pruyne's said her book on FSJ is expected to be published by the end of 2017.

Gary Granata – Advisory Board member Gary Granata is moving to Alabama. Jessica is taking over his duties at the FSJNA garden at St. Philip and Dupre.

Committee Reports – Brenda London said volunteers are needed for the FSJNA daiquiri booth at Bayou Boogaloo May 19-21. Linda Landesberg said the benches at Fortier Park will be removed and replaced with new ones.

Bike NOLA – Steve Kaplan, an FSJNA member who is on the bike committee, attended a meeting sponsored by the city, and he provided an update. Bike stations are planned to be 4-7 blocks apart, with several in our neighborhood. Possible sites include Dreyfus and Lalonde, Park Esplanade, Fortier Park, CC's (Desoto side), and Kitchen Witch. Existing bike racks can be used as sites without modification.

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

VII. Old Business – Erich Caulfield made a motion to approve the February 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 9 p.m.