

FSJNA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 14, 2014

- I. Call to Order by Greg Jeanfreau was at 7:10pm. A quorum was present,
- II. Roll Call was dispensed with in lieu of sign in sheets that are on file
- III. Greg Jeanfreau gave an explanation of Meeting Rules
 - The General Membership and the Executive and Advisory Board members shall behave in a courteous and respectful manner at all FSJNA meetings and other activities. The FSJNA may impose sanctions up to and including expulsion from the meeting or activity for violations of this section.
 - A participant wishing to participate in an FSJNA meeting shall raise their hand and respectfully address the presiding officer, who will recognize participants as time on the agenda allows. Participants should state their name, address, and whether they are a member of FSJNA.
 - Louisiana law (La. R.S. 42:23) allows this meeting to be recorded without consent of any participants. FSJNA will announce if a meeting is being recorded for FSJNA purposes
- IV. Guests
 - Sharon Robles of Public Works addressed the elaborate process pertaining to a proposed stop sign. Tommy Lewis, Keith Twitchell and Conrad Abadie, along with others urged the sign(s) to be installed. She then moved on to the problems and issue of the Residential Parking Permits. They are in the process of awarding a contract to a new vendor and there are also policy changes, including the contentious guest parking. There was continued frustration by many that currently there are no permits available. Jim Danner asked her to consider allowing for the Jazz Fest sticker to be valid for parking on the street. She agreed to look into this consideration. G. Jeanfreau stated that there would be no changes announced decided during this meeting and proceeded to the next issue.
 - Captain Scott then gave a detailed overview and the logistics of the Fairgrounds Patrol. He described the boundaries along with its comparison with MCSD. He distributed and described his "serious crime area map." He explained some of his tactics and responses to the most recent crimes in the area. He uses the most experienced officers and approximately half of them come from the SWAT team.
- V. A motion by McMahan, seconded by Danner for approval of March 2014 General and Executive Meeting Minutes passed by Unanimous Consent.
- VI. Committee Updates/Actions (if any)
 - Membership Outreach Committee – update. Linda Landesberg gave a briefing of the Bayou Boogaloo. Katie Gray mentioned she had a candidate for grant writing, and discussed some ideas pertaining to fundraising to the \$250K for Desmare Playground. Swing sets alone are \$60k.
 - Landscape Committee- no update
 - Mona McMahan gave a Treasurer's Report. The report is on file. An explanation of the budget by Michael Cohn was followed up by a motion to approve the budget, including funding the first \$3500 from Bayou Boogaloo to the crime camera program and any remaining funds to Desmare Park, was seconded by Jim Danner, which passed unanimously.
 - Re-Bridge - update
 - Public Safety – Jim Danner spoke of the crime cameras and that two have therefore been installed on Ursulines. He fielded a Q & A session with no outstanding issues.
 - Zoning Committee update by S. Mardon included the Fairzone I court case. The owners are intending to appeal the decision. Morgan Clevenger, president of FTNA also gave an overview of the Stallings Playground Booster Club. Steve Mardon also addressed the Coney Island liquor permit. The owner had been invited to our meetings though he has yet to respond. It is a "dine in" permit request.
- VII. Old Business
 - Bylaw Review
 - Project NOLA was covered earlier

VIII. New Business

- The “Stop Sign” proposal at GRSJ and N. White along with the residential Parking Permits was addressed by Sharon Robles of Public Works at the beginning of the meeting.
- Greener Bayou St. John. Keith Twitchell spoke about the concept and problems of a Master Plan. Currently FSJNA does not belong to the organization, and a debate ensued of the problems pertaining to the organizational efforts. A motion by Mike Cohn to, seconded by Jim Danner, to continue to have representatives continue to attend the Greener Bayou St. John Coalition meetings passed by unanimous consent.

IX. Adjournment was at 9:20pm.