

- I. Call to order. A quorum was present, and Greg Jeanfreau opened his first Board Meeting at 7:07pm
- II. Roll Call. Sign in sheets were provided in lieu of a Roll Call and are on file.
- III. Explanation of Meeting Rules was provided by Greg Jeanfreau.
- IV. Guests –
Officer Kenny Gill spoke of the recent lights out on Ursuline and Esplanade and the trees covering the lights themselves. He can be reached at (504) 952-1870. His office number is (504) 658- 6371.

Jim Danner then turned to and introduced the several senior police officers present, including 1st District Commander Sandifer, along with Ronnie Stevens and Kevin Richardson and others. They announced that 8 arrests from the 17 area burglaries have been made. The 1st District is now down to 73 officers' vis-à-vis 125 of just a few years ago. The Deputy Commander, Lt. Ronnie Stevens has developed a plan they have implemented to address area crime concerns. In response to a question, 5 to 6 cars are patrolling on each and every shift in the 1st District, and are using a science driven from previous crimes to attempt to pin point future crimes.

Commander Sandifer encouraged all of those that have installed crime cameras to contact the police to let them know in the event there was an area crime. A discussion of crime cameras ensued revolving around technology and cost. An important note by Lt. Stevens is to have cameras set low enough to view a perpetrator under a hat.

Lt. Stevens said no leads have developed in some cases while at the same time, of our (2013) robberies in our area they have had 12 convictions. There also have been arrests for area car thefts and burglaries. Auto burglary has been our biggest increase in our area. We have a decrease in home and business burglaries. Auto burglaries and thefts are up. A problem remains leaving visible items in a vehicle. And, do not leave keys in glove compartments. There were arrests made for stealing four tires at a time but they are out of jail now. Lighted areas usually have fewer incidents.

In response to a question, the area perpetrators are both from and outside of this immediate area. This is why traffic stops are important as criminals move from one area to another.

Captain Scott then spoke of the recent armed robberies. The October 15th armed robber of Consecos has been arrested. He also gave an overview of the responsibilities of the Fair Grounds Patrol. Complaints pertaining to them not answering should be made as soon as possible. Captain Scott quarterly provides reports of the patrol's activities. Captain Scott also mentioned the attributes of crime cameras. Captain Scott's email is JFScott@nola.com The Fairgrounds Patrol number is 251-0276 and 251-0111.

Councilwoman Susan Guidry joined us and told us about the early voting being made available this Saturday. There was a discussion about the residency requirements for police and firefighters. She also emphasized the difficulty of retaining and finding police as fast as possible. She asked for our support in the next election.

Ernest "Freddie" Charbonnet is a candidate for Council at Large, and spoke of his qualification. He has a plan he suggested all should go to his website to review.

Drew Ward is running for Council and explained his plan to eliminate all exemptions for property tax.

Jason Coleman is a candidate and spoke next and elaborated on his plans.

David Capasso is also is a candidate for District A and explained the reasons why that is the case.

The Southern United Neighborhoods representative spoke next promoting the Affordable Healthcare Act. They have opened an office on Saint Claude Ave.

Eden Davis of the Mississippi River Delta Restoration Campaign was our next guest. She spoke of our state that is losing a football field of wetlands every hour. She elaborated about the state master plan. The problem is the plan will cost \$50 billion dollars.

- V. A motion by Mike Cohn and seconded by Mona McMahon to approve the minutes passed by unanimous consent.
- VI. Bobby Wozniak spoke of the Landscape Committee. He has attained the approval from Parkview Neighborhood while at the same time approval is still needed from agencies such as the Corp and Wildlife & Fisheries. The time line could be in the next several months. Fortier Park landscape lights will be increased and bike racks will be installed.

Steve Mardon spoke of the zoning issues. 800 N. Broad has a proposed daiquiri shop. A survey two blocks from this proposal has been distributed. Responses should be received in the next few days. Steve Mardon added that Zulu is opposed to the shop.

Jim Danner and Dean Burridge will research and report next meeting on crime cameras.

- VII. New Business. The president of the Greener Bayou St. John Organization spoke about their meetings and get together with other area organizations. Sherri Watters of Desaix received a grant for camera purposes.
- VIII. A motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 9:43pm.