

FSJNA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - October

Monday, October 13, 2014

I. The meeting was held in the cafeteria of Holy Rosary and was called to order by President Greg Jeanfreau at 7:05 pm.

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

III. President Jeanfreau noted the meeting rules are included on the agenda.

IV. Guests –

- A. **Brian Winger** representing Gentilly Food Mart located at 1629 Gentilly Blvd. Gentilly Food Mart would like to sell beer (6 pack and above) and is requesting FSJNA's input. Mr. Winger mentioned two options; the first would be to sell beer year round and the second would be to sell beer only during the racing season. A letter has been sent out to approximately 100 neighbors located within 300 feet of the property. The owner, **Mario Hijaz** was present and introduced himself. **Brian Kelley**, who helps establish convenience stores also spoke on Mr. Hijaz' behalf.
- The owner of 1635-37 Gentilly, Carol Riggio spoke in opposition.
  - Concern was expressed because of the proximity to Stallings Playground. Conrad Abadie pointed out that FSJNA did not support nearby Fairzone getting a liquor permit and that it would be contradictory to grant approval to sell liquor to another convenience store in such close proximity to Stallings.
  - The Zoning Committee will collect data and analyze Gentilly Food Mart's request and will present their findings to the FSJNA board.
  - Presentation and discussion lasted 14 minutes.
- B. **Janet Ahern**, candidate for Family Court Judge of Domestic Section 2 introduced herself to the association. Her website address: [www.JanetAhern.com](http://www.JanetAhern.com)
- C. **Quality of Life Officer Kenny Gill** – FSJ will have a new quality of life officer, Kristy Carr, who can be reached at 658-6371. Her email address is [KMCarr@nola.gov](mailto:KMCarr@nola.gov).
- **Conrad Abadie** asked about what could be done about a car that parks on the sidewalk at 3100 St. Ann. Officer Gill or Kristy Carr will check to see if the car is there Wednesday (October 15).
  - **Andrew Estep** pointed out that the streetlights were out during the power outage without any backup power.
  - **Jean Czernia** mentioned that people visiting CC's are parking on DeSoto too close to driveways and facing the wrong direction. Officer Gill recommended contacting The Department of Public Works, Parking Department to report these situations. Officer Gill said that eventually Q.O.L. officers will be able to issue parking tickets.
- D. **Captain Jimmy Scott** of the Fairgrounds Patrol distributed maps documenting crime and gave a report on the timeframe of September 7 – October 4 and stated that it was an exceptionally good month. There were, however, four cars stolen during that period with one recovered. Captain Scott reported a white male wearing glasses, sitting in a brown pickup truck outside Cabrini School watching the girls as they came out of school to walk to their cars. There has been surveillance to try to catch this person.

Captain Scott said that one of the neighbors alerted him to the situation and how important that communication is. Approximately 95% of the Fairground Patrol officers have continued the Fairground detail since the shift to the Office of Police Secondary Employment (OPSE).

- **Madeline Brown** mentioned the need to extend the boundaries of the Fairgrounds' Patrol.

**Captain Scott** said that the Fairgrounds Patrol boundaries were originally set so that two patrolling officers could efficiently monitor the defined area.

E. **Graham Bosworth**, candidate for Judge of Orleans Criminal District Court, Section D introduced himself to the association.

V. Approval of the August 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes was provided in a motion by Charlie London and seconded by Michael Cohn and passed by unanimous consent.

#### VI. Committee Updates/Actions

Membership Outreach Committee – **Rocky Seydel** gave an update on Voodoo on the Bayou, which will take place Saturday, October 25th. This year 20 restaurants will participate; there will be an open bar, music by Walter Wolfman Washington and Lips and The Trips. A silent auction will feature several wonderful items. Costume and festive attire. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. Net proceeds will go towards Desmare Playground.

**Brenda London** talked about Bounty on the Bayou, a trick-or-treat event on Halloween night. Grand Route St John will be closed between Esplanade and Moss and on Ponce de Leon from 5-7:30. This year a DJ will be playing kid rated Halloween music in Fortier Park. Officers will hand out glow necklaces and children can visit fire engine no. 35. Trick or treating will take place on bordering streets.

Landscape Committee - None

Treasurer's Report – **Michael Cohn's** report is on file.

Re-Bridge – None

Public Safety – **Jim Danner** reported the importance of vigilance. There have been reports of three young people walking in the DeSoto area acting suspiciously.

– The first district police department is down to 77 officers.

Zoning Committee – **Greg Jeanfreau gave the Zoning Committee Report. There are three open zoning items.**

- **Gentilly Food Mart**

- **The Half Shell** is going to the City Planning Commission meeting on October 14. City Planning recommended approval with two changes to the agreed provisos:

o Changed closing time from 11 pm to 12 pm Friday and Saturday.

- Did not approve requirement that the license is only connected to the Half Shell and cannot be passed on should the business be sold. The City Council would need to make this change since it's a land use issue.  
-FSJNA does have a good neighbor agreement signed by The Half Shell.
- **Soprano's** liquor license was issued in error. Soprano's will go before the ABO Board Tuesday, October 21.

VII. Old Business

- None

VIII. New Business

- President **Greg Jeanfreau** presented the nominating committee's recommendations for the 2015 Executive and Advisory Boards (attached). Email nominations may be sent to Greg.

IX. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Cohn. Charlie London made the second and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.