

## FSJNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - September

### AGENDA

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

I. The meeting was held in the Black Gold Room at the Fairgrounds and was called to order by President Greg Jeanfreau at 6:31 pm.

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

III. President Jeanfreau noted the meeting rules.

IV. Guests

**Odyssey House – Edward Carlson:** The Odyssey House located at 1138 N. Dupre is partnering with the New Orleans Society for Infectious Disease Awareness (NOSIDA) to provide space for NOSIDA's low-watt radio station, "Radio NOLA HIV: Programming Dedicated to Human Rights and Social Justice" (WHIV). The office space is pre-existing at the site and will be enlarged slightly to accommodate WHIV. A small broadcasting transmitter will be installed on the roof of the building; the large tower antennae will be located downtown. The commercial space at 1138 N. Dupre is zoned RD-2 and the office space is grandfathered in. They expect to be up and running by December 2014 with one or two volunteers. Since a lot of the programming will be remotely operated they do not anticipate a major impact to traffic. The lease with WHIV will be renewed yearly and can be cancelled. Mr. Carlson was asked if the radio station would be willing to promote the neighborhood through PSAs. He said he could add that to the lease. He was asked if they would be recording live music, and he said not on-site, but there could be on-site interviews. He was asked about future plans for the Odyssey House at N. Dupre. Mr. Carlson said their goal is to be good neighbors, keeping quiet and low-key. He knows of no issues since cameras were installed and staff moved in. The only thing that will change in the future is the type of tenants they are allowed to take in.

**City Councilmember – Susan Guidry:** (1) Deutches Haus design was approved by the City Council. (2) Legislation was passed to remove boats on the bayou. Waiting on the sign shop to make signs with the ordinance number, then the signs will be posted along the bayou with the "No Parking" signs. (3) Her office informed the kayak tours that they can no longer have Bloody Mary Kayak tours without a special permit. (4) Half Shell received FSJNA support for alcohol license. A public meeting before ABO on September 23, 2014, and then before the City Council on October 16, 2014 (at the earliest). It is a State law that if you have an alcohol permit you can have 3 video poker licenses. FSJNA will provide the Good Neighbor Agreement signed by the owner. (5) She voted against Uber car service because she considered the proposal "piecemeal" and thought all regulations should be in place first. She is concerned about insurance policies for drivers of UberX cars.

She was asked about the growth of the Bayou Boogaloo festival since booths and a stage have spread to Dumaine Street, and was asked to consider not allowing the festival past Orleans Avenue. She said Parkview Neighborhood Association had just completed a survey on the effects of Bayou Boogaloo. She

was asked about the former Soprano's mistakenly acquiring a full liquor license. She said they will have a hearing in October but can still serve alcohol until then. Apparently the error was due to a software/programming error.

**Fairgrounds Patrol - Captain Scott:** Captain Scott went over crime statistics for the area patrolled by the Fairgrounds Patrol and distributed a 11-page handout showing crime statistics from 8/1/2014 to 9/6/2014 and comparing our numbers to the city as a whole.

**NOPD Quality of Life Office – Sergeant Alexis Hawkins:** Sergeant Hawkins distributed “Enforcement for Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety: Are you Prepared?”, “2013 New Orleans Bike Map and Guide to Safe Cycling”, “How to be a Good Neighbor Program”, and “NOLA Lock it or Lose it!”. She said one of the biggest problems recently is car burglaries, and reminded neighbors to lock car doors and not to leave valuables visible in the car.

**Joeph Bouie:** Not present at the meeting.

#### V. Committee Reports/Updates/Actions (if any)

**Membership Outreach Committee** – Brenda London said the committee is working on the children's Bounty on the Bayou. On October 31<sup>st</sup> Grand Rte St John Street will be closed from Esplanade to Moss and she is looking for volunteers to help with the event. President Jeanfreau said the 2014 Voodoo on the Bayou will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Fairgrounds is sponsoring the Walter Wolfman Washington band. The committee is looking for volunteers and items for the silent auction. All proceeds from the event will go to Desmare Playground. He also said the PRC Great Neighborhoods Event is September 13 and FSJNA will have a booth.

**Landscape Committee**- no report

**Treasurer's Report** – Michael Cohn is acting as Treasurer, and his report is on file.

**Re-Bridge** – no report

**Public Safety** – Jim Danner said he could be contacted at jdanner@cox.net if a neighbor has a public safety issue or quality of life issue. He reported that there is still money for crime cameras, but the interest has slowed down because of the ProjectNOLA charge of \$9.95/month. He was asked about the dog attack on N. White, and he said that he is monitoring it, and the dog is still in custody.

**Zoning Committee** – President Jeanfreau made a motion to add Sarah Stogner to the Advisory Board. Charlie London seconded and the motion carried.

S. Mardon reported on the zoning issues. The first is the continuing issue at the S' Express (former Soprano's) at 2703 Ursulines selling hard liquor. After giving the background of the error in granting the store a liquor license, he encouraged everyone to attend the revocation hearing with the ABO on October 21, 2014. The second is the ongoing negotiations with the Half Shell at 3101 Esplanade Avenue. There is a hearing before the CPC on September 23, 2014. The owner signed the Good Neighbor

Agreement (GNA), and the GNA and provisos will be part of the record. The third is the request from Motown Coney Island on Broad Street for a full liquor license. There is no date for a hearing. The Zoning Committee distributed a survey within two blocks of the store and there was a very small response. The Zoning Committee is going to recommend to the Executive Board to not take a position on the restaurant's request.

VI. Old Business – President Jeanfreau said that 2015 Board nominations are coming up, the Nominating Committee is taking nominations, and you can email him at [president@fsjna.org](mailto:president@fsjna.org) with nominations.

VII. New Business - none

VIII. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Cohn. Gloria Martin made the second and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.