

FSJNA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, August 4, 2014

I. The meeting was held in the Black & Gold Room at the Fairgrounds and was called to order at 6:32pm.

II. The attendees are noted on the sign-in sheets.

III. President G. Jeanfreau noted the meeting rules.

IV. Zoning Chair S. Mardon presented background on Half Shell/3101 Esplanade Ave, including lessees and sub lessees, the Neighborhood Participation Process (NPP), the last general meeting, and the zoning matrix. The Zoning matrix is a list of issues to consider and how it will affect the neighborhood. There are 5 other businesses surrounding this property that serve alcohol (Santa Fe, Lola's, Nona Mia, Café Degas and Liuzza's by the Track). Parking is not an issue at this location. The property has been vacant since Katrina with the exception of Creole Cottage that was in business less than one year. They have applied for an alcohol license with on-premise consumption, not packaged liquor for off-site consumption. A survey was conducted within 2.5 blocks of the address. The zoning committee received 61 responses: 41 in support and 20 in opposition. The zoning committee met a few times during this process and their recommendation was to support with provisos.

President G. Jeanfreau spoke about the provisos. Handouts were provided. There are ones that that the city will include and there are ones that the zoning committee recommends. Jeanfreau had a meeting with Mr. Lawes (owner of Half Shell) and he agreed to the provisos with the exception of video poker. He's not sure if he can have video poker because his son and part-owner is a state trooper, but he wants to keep the option open. Mr. Lawes also agreed to sign a good neighbor agreement. GNAs can be enforced outside of city government.

The floor was opened for discussion and questions.

There was discussion on the following topics:

- video poker
- trash/oyster shell smell - it was suggested that this be included in the good neighbor agreement
- enforcement of good neighbor agreement
- how to change the vote from the last board meeting

Motion by C. London: To support the full alcohol license with provisos and good neighbor agreement as written, except removing video poker from the GNA and adding trash abatement/oyster shell smell to the GNA. The motion was seconded by J. Danner. The executive board voted: 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Motion by M. Cohn: To fund the filing of the good neighbor agreement with the CPC up to \$400. The motion was seconded by C. London. The executive board voted: 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Motion by J. Danner: To rescind the vote on this issue at the last board meeting. The executive board voted: 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Motion by M. Cohn: To adjourn the meeting. The executive board voted: 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.