

FSJNA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 2016

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

- I. The meeting was held at Bricolage Academy and called to order by President Steve Mardon at 7:05 pm.
- II. The attendees are noted on the sign-in sheets. A quorum was present.
- III. The Meeting Rules included in the Agenda were noted.

IV. Current Topics/Speakers

Proposed Public Safety Millage Vote – Ryan Berni (City of New Orleans Deputy Mayor - External Affairs) and Chief McConnell (Chief – New Orleans Fire Department): Deputy Mayor Berni and Chief McConnell discussed the public safety millage election, for police and fire, on the April 9 ballot. Fact sheets were distributed and are filed with the minutes.

NOPD Update – Cmdr. Ganthier: Commander Ganthier thanked FSJNA for the “Feed the First” effort during Mardi Gras. He reported that as of today, crime is down 4% from last year. With extra officers on the street, response time is 7.6 minutes; his goal is under 7 minutes.

Fairgrounds Patrol Update – Captain Scott: Captain Scott distributed a 3-page handout showing crime statistics for a 4-week period covering 3/1/2016 - 3/31/2016. Two robbery offenses (1 simple, 1 armed), no burglaries, and 4 vehicle break-ins/thefts occurred in the patrolled area.

2016 JazzFest Update – Jimmy Farenholtz and Pam Butler: Each household will receive 2 passes to park in the restricted zone and if more are needed contact Jimmy Farenholtz. Pam Butler rode along all the streets in our neighborhood, logged the potholes, and submitted them. You can email jazzfest@fsjna.org to report abandoned cars, street light outage, potholes, etc. You can pay \$13.00/month to have the city install a streetlight outside your home. Jimmy Farenholtz introduced NOPD officers and JazzFest staff that will be working during the festival.

Text Amendment to CZO Update – Jenny Bagert: Jenny Bagert gave an update on the controversy surrounding the proposed density at the McDonogh 31 development and the neighbors attempt to modify the comprehensive zoning ordinance (CZO) to agree with the City’s Master Plan. They met with the City Planning Commission (CPC) last week and requested a text amendment to Article 11 and Appendix A of the CZO to create the HU-RML Low Density Multi-family residential district and to make it consistent with the city’s Master Plan. The request was approved and it goes to City Council next. If it passes, the developers of the property have to apply for and submit a planned development to the CPC; this would allow the neighbors to be more involved and engaged in the process.

New Orleans Police & Justice Foundation SafeCamNOLA – Nathaniel Weaver: SafeCam NOLA is the official security camera registration service for NOPD. New Orleans Police & Justice Foundation is a non-profit formed to support NOPD. Only 175 cameras in the 1st District are registered. If you already have a security camera and register it on www.SafeCamNOLA.com, that information goes to a central map at NOPD and NOPD knows who to contact. They want to work with FSJNA to canvas block by block and ask residents to register. Jim Danner

added that ProjectNola charges \$9.99/month and FSJNA gives a \$100 grant to homeowners to buy security cameras. Jim Danner, Rocky Seydel, Linda Landesberg and Captain Scott will organize the canvassing for our neighborhood. Captain Scott has been looking at gaps in coverage in FSJNA and thinks our neighborhood could have 500 cameras.

V. Treasurer's Report – Matt Amoss provided a Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2016, and a Profit and Loss Statement for March 2016. FSJNA received \$175 in dues and spent \$102 on a post office box. Robert Thompson put a group together that gave \$700.00 to the restricted DeSoto Fund and \$3600 has been allocated for park maintenance. Matt Amoss will make a motion at the meeting in May to distribute the park maintenance funds equitably and expenses will be approved by the President prior to spending. The Treasurer's statements are on file.

VI. Committee Reports/Updates

Membership Committee – no update.

Events Committee – Linda Landesberg reported that there will be a FSJNA Porch Crawl on June 4, 2016, from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at Terranova and Swirl. The FSJNA Daiquiri tent at Bayou Boogaloo will need volunteers May 20-22.

Landscape Committee– Robert Thompson announced a park planting/maintenance day on April 9, 2016. The cost for soil for the park will be about \$500.00. A discussion followed on the park(s) maintenance budget and how funds should be allocated and distributed for park maintenance. The by-laws were reviewed and there should be an Executive Board member on the Landscape Committee for fiduciary approval.

Linda Landesberg gave an update on Desmare Park. The plans were approved by NORDC. Parks and Parkway needs mow strips so they can cut grass. The pad for the swing set must have a 4" concrete box and 4" safety service, and this could put us below the level where lead was removed. They have also met with Cabrini to access the park for construction.

Public Safety – no update

Zoning Committee – no update.

VII. Old Business – Gloria Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the March General and Executive Board Meetings. Linda Landesberg made the second and the motion passed.

VIII. New Business – no new business

IX. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Landesberg. Nancy Shepard made the second and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.