

FSJNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA – September 6, 2016

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Steve Mardon at 6:40 pm.

II. Roll Call – sign in sheet is attached

III. Explanation of Meeting Rules

IV. Guests/Current Topics

- NOPD Update – Commander Ganthier
Reported that crime is down 10% in our neighborhood
The 1st District is focusing on armed robberies, which are down 26 from the same time last year. Our biggest problem is from car burglary/theft – he recommends that cars be locked and that valuables are removed.
- Fairgrounds Report – Bruce Hamilton
Reported that there was an accident involving a bicycle and auto. When neighbors called the fairground patrol there was no response. Bruce suggested that monthly reports be provided. Discussed dispatcher checking in 2-3 times per shift to make sure that calls are answered. Dispatcher number is 948-1127. Fairground Patrol numbers are 251-0276 & 251-0111. If your call is not answered please call the dispatcher.
- Sustaining Our Urban Landscape (Soul NOLA)-- Susannah Burley, Project Director
stated that New Orleans was the most deeply forested city in the country in 1900 and that 200,000 trees were lost in Katrina. She wishes to do a pilot with the Faubourg St. John neighborhood to replenish trees and feels that we could easily add 10,000-20,000 trees in our area to be located in between sidewalks and streets and on neutral grounds. The program would be 5-10 years and a committee would be formed to figure out a tree palette and what works in our neighborhood. A planting commitment of one year would require watering and caring for planted trees. Planting season is between November to March.
- 800 N. Rendon (McDonogh 31) – Update on development plans, Adam Vodanovich
PCA Development plans to break ground on the first house (3117 St. Ann) in 2 weeks. The overall plans have changed from 43 units to 34 units. The main building will include 2 bedroom, 1 bedroom and studio apartments ranging from 500 - 1,100 square feet, priced at approximately \$1.50 per s.f. The price point is estimated to start in the \$500,000 range for a 1,600 square foot house. They are trying to maximize parking by removing curb cuts to add street parking in addition to parking on site. A sound barrier is planned for the pool area. Work on the main building is estimated to begin April-May, 2017. They will be applying for tax credits.
- Front Yard Initiative -- Felice Lavergne, Urban Conservancy
There is a program to encourage removal of concrete/paving to decrease storm water. An incentive of \$2.50 per square foot-up to 500 s.f. with a \$1,250 max is being offered for removal. More information can be found at urbanconservancy.org/fyi , email info@urbanconservancy.org or by phone 504-617-6618.
- Leatrice Dupre represented District A Councilperson Susan Guidry and said that the city council has declared September 7th as Geaux Blue NOLA Day in support of police officers who serve and protect the community.
Small Business Success Fair was held in August with a 2nd event planned mid October. A vote on short term rentals has been deferred to October. There has been a CPC extensions of the master plan to September 9th NOLA.gov/cityplanning

I. Treasurer's Report - none

VI. Committee Reports

- Membership Committee – Brenda London
FSJNA had a booth at the Bastille Day Festival where several neighbors visited and new neighbors joined the association.
- Events Committee – Update
The Porch Crawl scheduled for October has been postponed.
- Landscape Committee – Update
Linda Landesberg gave an update on Desmare Playground regarding a meeting with Capital projects and NORDC and discovered the source of the delays surrounding the issue of lead soil at Desmare.
- Summary: In 2012 there was only “spot” testing done on the bare soil areas. The bare soil areas that were found to have high measurements were “Mitigated”, that is a netting was applied and 6-8 inches of top soil was added. This means any excavation that takes place for the New swings and Rain Garden/Bio-Swale for our Phase One plan will disturb lead filled soil AND the entire area will have to be tested, soil “remediated” (taken away and disposed of at a special facility) and the air constantly monitored. The total cost of this was \$48,000. which the city was not willing to undertake.
- Vic Richard, CEO of NORDC is a big fan of the project and plan (and has stepped up and already gave us 35K). He is willing to see if he can fit the remediation in his budget based on.....Mr. Richard said that if the cost is severely reduced he may be able to put this cost into his 4th quarter budget. Capital projects is getting a new quote for our reduced scope and Vic said that if the cost is reduced to \$10-15K he will be able to put this cost into his 4th quarter budget and we can move forward. The reduced scope basically includes only the swings, handicap entry and tree Bosque. The Rain Garden/Bio-Swale will have to wait and they have to let us know if trees can be planted. Linda is working with our landscape architect DBA to realign the scope and will have a revised budget to present next board meeting. It will probably fit into what we have raised and give us some \$\$ for Phase 2.
- Zoning – The owners of 1364 Moss Street have applied for a bed and breakfast license.

VIII. Old Business

- From Floor

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Gloria Martin and seconded by Linda Landesberg. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

BOARD MEETING

The board meeting following the general meeting was called to order at 7:55 pm.

Committee Reports were given during the General Meeting.

Old Business

- \$8,739 was received from the Mothership Foundation for 2016 Bayou Boogaloo Daiquiri Booth sales. A motion was made by Linda Landesberg as follows: Bayou Boogaloo Funds will be split with \$5,000 going to the general fund, \$200 for Officer Hunt's Memorial, \$3,000 towards Desmare Playground Fund and \$539 for 1st District Police District Coffee Fund. The motion was seconded by Gloria Martin. The motion passed unanimously.
- Gloria Martin asked for funds for Cap d'Ville Park. After discussion it was suggested that a proposal be made.

Gloria Martin made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Charlie London, and the meeting adjourned at 8:02.