

FSJNA July 7, 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by FSJNA President Steve Mardon.

IV. Guests/Topics

Officer Lavigne – Quality of Life Officer

- Officer Lavigne followed up on previously addressed Magnolia Bridge disturbances. The area is continuing to be monitored.
- 2864 Ponce de Leon has been cited by Code Enforcement since it is not zoned to be a vacation rental.
- 2731 Ursuline – Vehicle
- An armed robbery at 2700 Ursulines is being investigated.
- Questions by audience – Robert Thompson said that a Consolidated garbage truck is leaving behind liquid debris and asked what can be done. Officer Lavigne will investigate.

Captain Scott – Fairground Patrol Report

- Gave information on Officer Daryle Holloway's funeral service, which included a 21-gun salute. The procession went down Moss Street with several neighbors lining the route.
- Mosquito Control ticketed 8 canoes. Once ticketed the owner has 48 hours to retrieve their boat or it is brought to property and evidence. Mosquito Control periodically checks for abandoned boats, which are breeding grounds for mosquitos.
- There were 622 offenses in New Orleans from June 4 – July 4, 2015.
 - 6 residence burglaries within the area, but none within FSJ.
 - 1 car jacking was reported within Fairgrounds Patrol area.
 - 4 auto theft reports within the area, but none within FSJ.
- A number of vehicles are rummaged through, but not reported by owners.
- Be sure not to leave auto titles in your vehicle.
- The Fairgrounds has ordered two new Ford Explorers for the Fairground Patrol which should be patrolling within 60 days.

Cynthia Scott – Regarding 4th of July

- Several people contacted her about debris left from July 4th. There was no firework enforcement. Jim Danner said that fireworks continued until 12:30 am. Concern was voiced because the event continues to get larger each year. Because of Essence Fest and other events going on in the city the police presence was stretched. The Krewe of Kolossos doesn't think a permit is needed because nothing is sold. It was agreed to research the exact laws that are being broken by number (public urination, illegal vending, amplified music without a permit, etc.) and to have the board of Parkview and FSJ write an official letter requesting that the city enforce the pertinent laws already on the books regarding unpermitted events on the bayou.

Linda Green, 3046 Dumaine Street

- Ms. Green, who lives at 3046 Dumaine has requested a conditional use permit to begin a B&B with a capacity of up to 4 guests. Addressing noise concerns from a neighbor she agreed to put up a 8' privacy fence (7' is currently allowed). 1 neighbor stated that she has not received any of the mandatory notices sent to neighbors. Another neighbor did receive Ms Green's mailer and stated that he was very happy with the work that she has done on the property. The City Planning Commission will hear the request on July 28th.

Alex Landau, Quick Solar

- Alerted the group that solar tax credits will change and encouraged all to have an analysis done to see if solar would be beneficial.
 - The State of Louisiana has announced there will be a three year cap of \$25,000,000 – year 1 and 2 \$10,000,000 each and year 3 \$5,000,000.
 - Federal tax credit of 30% is expected to continue through 2016.

Alan Johnson and Ray Kern – Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association (FMIA)

- FMIA has started a legal fund and has placed a law suit against the City of New Orleans for the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) which will allow building to be up to 80' tall. More information can be found at www.faubourgmarigny.org. Legal costs include a \$6,000 retainer, \$35,000 if the suit goes further. Judge Kern Rees will hear the case. Mr. Johnson asked that we please contact council people.

V. Committee Reports/Updates/Actions

- Landscape Committee – Discussion on Plans for Fortier, Capdeville, etc.
 - David Armond and Bobby Wozniak want to plan a work day at Fortier Park, possibly July 18th, which will be announced once firmed up. Electrical work needs to be performed. A truck in the park caused damage to the subsurface. -Robert Thompson would like additional work done at Cap d'Ville Park. A budget will be approved and volunteers are available. A future workday will be arranged.
- Membership Committee –
- Events Committee – Voodoo on the Bayou event is still uncertain. Bounty on the Bayou will take place and will need extra volunteers. The date for Porch Crawl is being determined.
- Rebridge – Steve Mardon received a letter from Mary-jo Webster that we need to determine a single base color for the bridge and that we can supply supplemental colors at a later date. Rocky Seydel made a motion that Louis Auberg be consulted and that Cynthia Scott, Steve Mardon and Kerry Tully be authorized to decide the final color for the bridge. Gloria Martin seconded the motion, which was then voted on and passed.
- Treasurer's Report –
- Public Safety – Jim Danner thanked those who lined Moss Street for Officer Holoway's funeral.
- Zoning Committee – Thea Morgan thanked those who attended the meeting for Gentilly Food Mart.

VI. Old Business -- Approval of minutes from June board meeting

A motion was made to accept the June meeting minutes by R. Erich Caulfield and seconded by Jim Danner. The motion passed.

VIII. New Business --Approve/sign NORDC CEA

Rocky Seydel made a motion regarding the Cooperative endeavor agreement for Desmare Playground to authorize and empower Steve Mardon (President of FSJNA) or James Danner (Vice-President of FSJNA) to act upon and or execute contracts and agreements under terms that they deem to be prudent and appropriate on behalf of Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association. The motion passed.

IX. Adjournment