

Greg Jeanfreau opened the first General Membership Meeting of the year at 6:41pm. Skip Stander, the President of Algiers Point Association was our first speaker, and gave a history of their crime camera grant program, and responded to questions about their program. Their association is now giving \$200 grant and has received funds from businesses to help underwrite their program. He gave an overview of how they reached a total now of over 100 cameras. He complimented the quality and design of the Project NOLA program. Images are stored for just up to two weeks while your own computer system can be archived for much later periods of time. They have posted signs outlining their coverage all over their neighborhood. The last four major crimes in Algiers Point have been solved as a result of their crime program. The grants are available on a first come, first serve basis. He expressed appreciation for Project NOLA's diligence and perseverance. They do not advertise the location of the cameras for security and privacy purposes. They now have over 100 cameras.

Vince Booth, our liaison with the Jazz Fest was next, and he began by introducing his team for this event. The phone complaint line will be (504) 942-7799 and will go live with the beginning of the Fest from 8am to 5pm. The phone is called the "NAT Line (Neighborhood Action Telephone)." Bernadine Kelly, a retiree from the police department is now the liaison with the Jazz Fest. But, if you have an emergency, call 911. They asked for the assistance of everyone to report any street lights that are out. As in previous years, Grand Route St. John and all the other streets within the perimeter immediately adjacent to the Fair Grounds from Esplanade to Gentilly will be blocked and passes will be distributed.

Vince Booth asked everyone to report the illegal taxi stopping by reporting his number to the "NAT Line." Vince is also working to have abandoned cars and potholes addressed. There will now be a bicycle type cab "petty cab" in front of Terranovas and Stallings Playground.

Brenda London gave an overview of the restoration of Desmare Playground. Enlarged mockups of Desmare were provided. She reiterated that we need fundraising and would like to begin with much-needed swings. Swings cost 54k and the entire project design I \$200K.

Mona McMahon's treasurers report comes to just over \$89K.

Jim Danner gave a brief safety report. Neighborhood Watch signs are going up soon. In a response to a question a series of Fairgrounds Patrol related comments and question ensued – such as a detailed report of how they are performing was requested.

Greg gave a Rebridge – that we are working on a Cooperative Agreement and scope along with the cost of paint etc.

Steve Mardon updated us in the Daquiri Shop proposal on Broad that is not proceeding at this time. Coney Island Restaurant on Broad has also recently applied for a liquor permit. The FairZone I has a March 28 court hearing that Sarah has asked for us to attend.

In New Business, Cynthia Scott spoke about the fireworks and most recently they will be set off during a wedding in City Park.

A motion to adjourn the meeting passed by Unanimous Consent at 8:16pm.