

FSJNA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 2016

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

I. The meeting was held at Bricolage Academy and called to order by President Steve Mardon at 7:06 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

NOPD Update – Cmdr. Ganthier: Commander Ganthier reported that JazzFest went well. Four crimes were reported: three thefts and one auto burglary.

Zulu on the Bayou Event – Naaman Stewart (Zulu President): Mr. Stewart announced that Zulu is hosting the 1st annual “Zulu on the Bayou Festival” on May 8, 2016, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Zulu Mother’s Day music and cultural festival, in conjunction with WWL-TV’s “Taking a Stand” campaign, will address violence in the community and especially mothers who have lost children to violence. The festival will be on the “American Can” side of the bayou with one stage, 15 food vendors, 10 artist booths, a security detail, and ~ 2000 participants. At the end of the festival, there will be a 2nd line from the bayou back to the Zulu club. Zulu will return the bayou to its original condition and no parking will be allowed on the banks. Barricades will be set-up on Friday, May 6, and on Saturday, May 7, at 10:00 am there will be a sound check; the stages and tents will be disassembled immediately after the event. Mr. Stewart distributed a handout with details of the festival. The handout is on file with the minutes. Councilmember Guidry spoke on Zulu’s behalf stating that Zulu was working well with the administration. She reported that one lane of Orleans Avenue and one lane of Moss Street will be closed.

New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) Update – Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux: Inspector Quatrevaux presented a slide show on the background of the OIG, OIG Reports and Investigations. He discussed the Construction Fraud Division at the airport; NOPD staffing and deployment; Sewerage and Water Board fee collection; and 311 efficiency.

Fairgrounds Patrol Update – Commander Scott: Commander Scott was not present. Jim Danner reported that Scott has been promoted from Captain to Commander.

V. **Treasurer’s Report** – no report

VI. Committee Reports/Updates

Membership Committee – no update.

Events Committee – Brenda London announced the 5th Annual FSJNA Porch Crawl on June 4, 2016, from 4:00pm-7:00pm. The FSJNA Daiquiri tent at Bayou Boogaloo will need volunteers May 20-22.

Landscape Committee- Steve Mardon reported that the planting/maintenance day on April 9, 2016, at Esplanade and Crete was a success. Robert Thompson will give an update at the June meeting.

Public Safety – Jim Danner reported that we are still experiencing car thefts in the neighborhood.

Zoning Committee – no update.

VII. **Old Business** – Brenda London made a motion to approve the minutes from the April Executive Board Meeting. Gloria Martin made the second and the motion passed.

VIII. **New Business** – Richard Cahn asked about the number of events on the bayou. It appears there are no ordinances or regulations on the number of events on the bayou, but there is a cost now. Steve Mardon agreed to give the neighbors notice beforehand, via the yahoo group, of any event that will take place on the bayou .

IX. **Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn was made by Gloria Martin. Brenda London made the second and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.