

FAUBOURG ST. JOHN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
4th Quarter 2019 Board and General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2019

- Board Members Present:

Beaux Jones	Linda Landesberg	Brenda London
George Bartlett	Jim Danner	Jeanie Donovan
Greg Jeanfreau	Charles London	Steve Mardon
Gloria Martin	Pushpa Ramaiah	Andrew Ryan
Rocky Seydel	Nancy Shepard	

- Excused Board Members: Joan Ellen Young
- Absent Board Members: Bruce Hamilton Aimee Kramer, MD

OPENING REMARKS

- Call to order by Linda Landesberg, President, at 7:08 pm.
- Meeting Rules of courtesy read.
- Linda Landesberg introduced Board Members.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Voting was announced by Linda Landesberg:
 - o Ballots for the 2020 Executive and Advisory Boards were given to members.
 - o Nominations from the floor were accepted; Brad Wellons nominated himself for the Board.
 - o Pushpa and Brenda selected to handle the vote count.

GUESTS & CURRENT TOPICS

- **District A Councilman Joseph Giarrusso**
Mr. Giarrusso reported that millages will not be rolled forward by the Council. He thanked Linda Landesberg for her service. He was asked to provide an update on street modifications on Marconi Drive. George asked if FSJNA could be granted the

authority to regulate alcohol use in Fortier Park. Councilman Giarruso will discuss the issue with his assistant Amanda and the Mayor's staff. A question about the recent "Alligators in Area" signs along the bayou started a discussion about who erected the signs and why. The Levee District placed the signs on the bayou and a decision was made to continue the discussion until the next meeting.

- **NOPD 1st District and Fairgrounds Patrol**

Captain Roberts thanked Linda Landesberg and the FSJNA for their support of the 1st District. He reported that homicides, armed robberies and shootings were down in the 1st District; but personal property crime (including auto burglaries) has increased significantly and crime will pick up near the end of year. Captain Roberts also asked for support of the 1st District Bike Giveaway. Checks should be made out to the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation. He was asked for an update on the recent spate of smashing car windows. More than 50 windows have been smashed throughout the city. Video has been obtained.

Commander Scott, Fairgrounds Patrol, reported that in the last 30 days there has been one simple robbery, two stolen cars, 13 cars broken into, and no burglaries. He warned residents that crime will increase in December and to be vigilant. The Commander was asked about recent concerns that Fairgrounds officers are not responding to phone calls. Beaux Jones will talk to Virgil Duplessis and the Commander about the complaints. Neighbors were reminded to also call 911. Commander Scott said the police have added Fortier Park to their "park, walk and talk" program.

- **Fairgrounds – Mark Connor**

Mr. Connor gave an update on activities at the Fairgrounds. In the month of December they will have Starlight Racing and Family Day.

- **House District 97 – Matthew Willard**

Mr. Willard thanked members for their support and votes. Mr. Willard takes office in January and the Louisiana State Legislature session begins in March. He looks forward to working with neighbors.

- **Look Before you Open – Deborah Oppenheim**

Look Before you Open is a non-profit, grass roots campaign to bring awareness to looking before opening your car door to avoid accidents and injuries to bicyclists. The group is trying to encourage drivers to use the "opposite hand reach" to avoid accidents. Their goal is to raise money to advertise the campaign on public transportation. Beaux Jones announced to the members that he is looking at ways to make our neighborhood a model for transportation safety.

OTHER UPDATES/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP

- **Joe Cocchiara – Leda/Verna Update:** Mr. Cocchiara stated that neighbors have received great response from the Mayor’s office, Department of Public Works, and Councilman Giarrusso, and improvements have been made. The area still needs replacement of the drainage lines, sewerage lines and replacing the two roads.

- **Announcements**
 - o Beaux Jones thanked Brenda London for her service as Treasurer.

 - o Upcoming events in the neighborhood include Vino on the Bayou at Pitot House on December 5; Ribbon cutting at Desmare Playground on December 7; Christmas on the Bayou at Cabrini on December 7. Deutches Haus Christmas Party on December 8.

- **Questions**
 - o Beaux was asked if FSJNA could look into improving the communication when there is an upcoming road race. There was a brief discussion concerning the streets in our neighborhood and the Fire Department’s ability to reach a home in case of emergency.

BALLOT COUNT

- **Officers and Executive Board Election** – The roster of nominees on the ballot were accepted by the eligible voting members present at the meeting. Linda Landesberg proposed adding Brad Wellons to the Advisory Board. The Executive Board accepted the proposal by a show of hands.

- **2020 Officers and Executive Board**

Beaux Jones-President	Andy Ryan – Vice-President	Antoine Pedeaux-Treasurer
George Bartlett	Jenny Carey	James Danner
Jeanie Donovan	Bruce Hamilton	Greg Jeanfreau
Aime Kramer	Linda Landesberg	Brenda London
Sally Main	Rodney Seydel	Nancy Shepard
Clark Thompson	Joan Ellen Young	

NEXT MEETING: Membership and Board meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 pm at Deutches Haus.

MOTION To ADJOURN: George Bartlett made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Gloria Martin. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm

