

## FSJNA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – January 2015

### AGENDA

Monday, January 12, 2015

I. The meeting was held at the Holy Rosary Cafeteria and was called to order by President Steve Mardon at 7:10 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. Guests

**NOPD Quality of Life Officers Update – Officer Lavigne and Sgt. Hawkins:** The officers addressed neighbors' concerns about ongoing quality of life issues in the neighborhood.

**Fairgrounds Patrol - Captain Scott:** Captain Scott went over crime statistics for the area patrolled by the Fairgrounds Patrol and distributed an 8-page handout showing crime statistics for the period covering 12/9/2014 through 1/10/2015, and compared our numbers to the city as a whole. Four shifts were missed and with Mardi Gras approaching more shifts may be missed. Missed shifts are caused by the unavailability of police officers to work a detail.

**Pierre Walker – Update on McDonough 31:** Mr. Walker is renovating the McDonough 31 building at 800 N. Rendon and he also serves as the District Liaison for the FSJ Cultural District. Mr. Walker will hold a meeting soon to discuss renovation tax credits for businesses and residences in a Cultural District. The McDonough 31 building has been stabilized, secured, and has a temporary pole for security and smoke detectors. He is currently in negotiations with the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to ensure the historical renovation meets all their criteria. The building will be turned into up-scale apartments which could eventually become condominiums. The 4 lots behind the building will be used to build single family homes, and the 1930's cafeteria will be rotated and used as part of the development. He was asked about parking and said there will be adequate off-street parking. He also said there will be a pool and health facility. He was asked about commercial use and he said there will be no commercial use. More information about can be found at [www.ccnoddev.com](http://www.ccnoddev.com)

**Andrew Yaspan – New Orleans Health Department:** Mr. Yaspan, a New Orleans Health Department representative, presented an update on the Affordable Care Act and provided handouts for the attendees. He said open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act ends on February 15, 2015, and numerous events are being held throughout the City to assist people. More information can be found at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) and [www.nola.gov/marketplace](http://www.nola.gov/marketplace).

V. Committee Reports/Updates/Actions

**Membership Outreach Committee** – Brenda London and Linda Landesberg gave a brief overview of upcoming events. On January 31, 2015, there will be a Coffee Social in Fortier Park. Coffee and King

Cake will be served, and neighbors will be able to meet their neighbors and renew their FSJNA memberships. She said that yearly dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. The next event is "Feed the First", on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday during Mardi Gras, at the First District Police Station. Neighbors were encouraged to volunteer to prepare and serve breakfast for the 1<sup>st</sup> District or donate cash for the costs of the event.

On April 18, 2015, Terranova's will be celebrating 90 years in business. Linda Landesberg proposed the event be placed under the umbrella of FSJNA events. She said that FSJNA would incur no liability because ticket sales from food and beverages would cover all costs.

**Motion: Linda Landesberg made a motion that the Terranova's 90 years in business event be put under the umbrella of FSJNA events. Gloria Martin made the second. The motion was discussed and passed by unanimous consent.**

In May FSJNA will have a daiquiri tent at Bayou Boogaloo. Volunteers will be needed to help man the booth. Shortly after that FSJNA will hold the annual Porch Crawl.

Landscape Committee- none

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report is on file.

Public Safety – none

Re-Bridge – President Mardon and Greg Jeanfreau gave a brief update on Re-Bridge. Planning has to be completed by June or matching funds will be lost. The cooperative agreement was at a stall because FSJ wants to include both bridges in one agreement and the city wants two cooperative agreements – one for each bridge. The company that will be doing the work, Volkert, is facing the challenge of keeping the historical features to maintain the character of the bridge and meeting new laws and codes.

Zoning Committee – President Mardon and Greg Jeanfreau were asked about the request for an apartment in an outbuilding at Maurepas. They said it has been delayed by the city, and FSJNA was not taking a position.

VI. Old Business – none

VII. New Business - President Mardon discussed the lighting and benches at Kennedy Park. A discussion followed on how to secure the benches. The issue was not resolved.

VIII. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Landesberg. Charlie London made the second and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.