

## **FSJNA GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 2017**

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

I. The meeting was held at Holy Rosary side building on Moss and called to order by VP Jim Danner at 7:05 p.m.

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/Topics**

NOPD – First District Commander Hans Ganthier reported several crimes in the past month in FSJ, including 2 armed robberies (one outside the Krishna house on Esplanade). Rocky Seydel asked about several incidents in recent months in which disoriented people attempted to enter other people's houses (including one at his house). Commander Ganthier said he was not aware of any connection between these incidents.

Susannah Burley -- Susannah Burley of Sustaining Our Urban Landscape (SOUL) gave an update on her group's efforts to plant more trees in New Orleans. SOUL planted 190 trees in the city in 2016, including 105 in Mid-City and 15 on Dumaine Street in FSJ. Her goal is 600 trees for 2017. She asked for block captains and volunteers to help in this effort.

Fairgrounds Hours Extension – Rocky Seydel provided an update on the Fairgrounds interest in extending the hours of slot machines. Currently, they close at midnight and would like to stay open until 3 a.m. FSJNA formed a subcommittee to meet with Fairgrounds representatives and plans to survey residents on nearby streets on whether they support or oppose the request. Mike, a resident who lives off Gentilly Blvd., said he is concerned about a potential increase in auto accidents by the entrance/exit on Gentilly, which he said is already a problem due to cars speeding on Gentilly and intoxicated patrons leaving the Fairgrounds. Attendees discussed the possibility of having a light at the entrance/exit.

District A Candidate – Joe Giarusso III, a neighborhood leader from Lakeview and a candidate for City Council, introduced himself.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Matt Amoss did not attend.

**VI. FSJNA Updates:** Membership chair Brenda London reported that 12 people signed up as new FSJNA members at the July Bastille Day event. In zoning, owners of the Krishna temple on Esplanade are seeking to put a canopy in their backyard.

**VII. Old Business** – R. Erich Caulfield made a motion to approve the June minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**VIII. New Business** – Linda Landesberg made a motion for FSJNA to donate \$500 to Holy Rosary, which allows FSJNA to meet on their property. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**IX. Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Seth Levine, which passed by unanimous consent.