

FAUBOURG ST. JOHN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2018

- Call to order by incoming President, Linda Landesberg
- Meeting Rules were read by incoming secretary, Joan Ellen Young
- Introduction of new officers:

President	Linda Landesberg
Vice President	Beaux Jones
Secretary	Joan Ellen Young
Treasurer	Brenda London
Sergeant-at-arms	Jim Danner
- Board Members present were asked to introduce themselves.

OPENING REMARKS

- A request was made for a Board Member to assist the secretary and treasurer to greet & register FSJNA members at each monthly meeting. Gloria Martin volunteered for this January meeting
- Linda spoke of three goals for 2018 – all about membership: 1. Grow the membership, 2. streamline communications, and 3. engage members to feel more inclusive, and to make more to happen.
- Beaux talked about the results of their informal survey of neighborhood concerns, i.e. crime, public safety, public nuisances, and zoning issues. He suggested being involved with each other in order to know what is happening on your block

BOARD BUSINESS

- A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Bruce Hamilton and seconded by Pushpa Ramaiah. The motion carried.
- Linda informed the entire Board of their obligation to sign the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics forms provided.
- The proposed Advisory Board list was read, and a motion to accept it was made by Gloria Martin and seconded by Beaux Jones. It passed by acclamation.
- Updated information from City of New Orleans re the collaborative effort Desmare park was presented by Linda.

CURRENT TOPICS

- Commander Scott reported that the armed robber working in the neighborhood has been identified and cautioned members to always be careful in the presence of a weapon. He stated that crime was low, only 2 stolen cars, no residential burglaries.
- Beaux spoke of the survey sent to the 320 active members and many others in the area. The results of the 93 responses showed areas of concern/interest in crime [63 of 90 responders' top choice] followed by zoning & Air BnB rentals, public nuisances & improving our public green spots. Most respondents want to be contacted by e-mail and want a 2-way flow of information. Block captains encouraged to step up to grow membership and help with flow of information. He will be working with member suggestions for future meetings.
- Councilman elect Joe Girausso spoke of his focus on current city issues: crime, Sewerage & Water Board, and Air BnBs, remarking he was surprised that draining issues, weren't a priority. He encouraged cleaning catch basins and answered questions about upgrades to city park, open ditches, pipes and other member concerns. He was requested to attend the March meeting.
- Fortier Park - Linda announced she was holding a focused meeting at her house on January 3 with make action plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- The by-laws say Board members must belong to at least one committee. Linda asked all to participate.
- Amazon smile has a FSJNA donation site
- Back burner project was announced to update the members via e-mail before the monthly meetings, instead of having committee reports at the meetings, i.e. Crime Camera Project, Feed the First, Bayou Boogaloo.
- No treasurers report this month.
- Going forward the e-mailed monthly agenda will have the treasurer's report, minutes of the last meeting, committee reports, and back burner issues attached.
- FSJNA did not get the micro-grant for crosswalk signs but we are still trying
- Exploring options to use the money in nutria eradication fund for other projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The secretary is trying to coordinate e-mails received from the City and various agencies to stop overload; Jim will continue to send crime notices.
- Bruce reported no movement on the Fair Ground's request for extra hours. His advisory committee will monitor and report.

- A question about current construction on Broad Street was answered [running new electric lines to the pump houses]

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association
01-02-2018 Treasurer Report

Breakdown of FSJNA's account: (Includes funds with FSJNA acting as caretaker)

FSJNA Re-Bridge (restricted) Account XXXXX3365	55,473.34
FSJNA CD funds - At Whitney Bank	11,393.77
FSJNA General funds Account XXXXX3445	33,220.77
Desmare Park funds (restricted)	34,583.85
Fortier Park funds (restricted)	9,671.00
Nutria Funds (restricted)	52,713.92
Crime Camera (restricted)	3,100.00

Account Total	Checking Account Statement 11-31-2017:	133,289.54
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Account Activity

Beginning Balance:	Checking account ending balance 12-31-2017	132,020.95
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Income:

15-Dec Deposit	Stripe Membership	95.28
15-Dec	Membership/donations	120.00
15-Dec	Membership/donations	140.00

<i>Total income:</i>	355.28
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Expense Summary:

Bounty on the Bayou	316.80
First District - Coffee Fund	245.99
Membership	0.00
Donations	170.00
Other expenses	891.08
Insurance	0.00
Legal / State & Fed Filings	0.00
Membership Reversal	0.00
Web Site Fees	0.00
Bank Fees	0.00

<i>Total expenses:</i>	1,623.87
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Ending Balance:	132,020.95
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EXPENSES


Checks Issued:

7-Nov 1795	Patricia Mott - 3230 Ponce	BOTB Candy reimburse	65.00
12-Nov 1804	Adonica Dawson - 3238 Ponce	BOTB Candy reimburse	65.00
12-Nov 1805	NOPJF - For Cash Bicycle donations received		50.00
12-Nov 1806	Debby Bagert - 3202 GRSJ	BOTB Candy reimburse	65.00
20-Nov 1809	Courtney Thees - 3226 GRSJ	BOTB Candy reimburse	61.80
22-Nov 1810	Pul Blatt Enterprises	Doggie Bags for dispensers	790.00
30-Nov 1812	Terranova's	December Meeting Eggnog	101.08
30-Nov 1813	SK Birney Blaum 3227 GRSJ	BOTB Candy reimburse	60.00
5-Dec 1814	Ronnie BrinK	1st District Coffee reimburse	245.99
6-Dec 1815	NOPJF - For Cash Bicycle donations received		120.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	1,623.87
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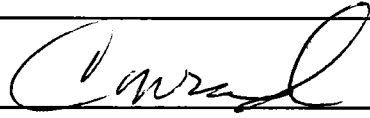
FSJNA Executive Board Meeting

January 2, 2018 - Board Member Sign-in Sheet

Linda Landesberg - President ✓	
Beaux Jones - Vice-President ✓	Beaux Jones
Joan Ellen Young - Secretary ✓	Joan Ellen Young
✓ Brenda London - Treasurer ✓	Brenda London
Bartlett, George	George Bartlett
Danner, Jim ✓	Jim Danner
Donovan, Jeanie ✓	Jeanie Donovan
Hamilton, Bruce ✓	Bruce Hamilton
Jeanfreau, Greg	Greg Jeanfreau
✓ Levine, Seth ✓	Seth Levine
London, Charles ✓	Charles London
Mardon, Steve ✓	Steve Mardon
Martin, Gloria ✓	Gloria Martin
Ramaiah, Pushpa ✓	Pushpa Ramaiah
Senior, Robert	
✓ Seydel, Rocky ✓	Rocky Seydel
Shepard, Nancy ✓	Nancy Shepard

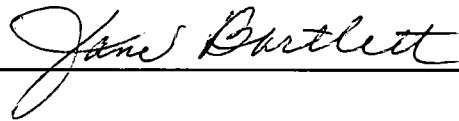
FSJNA Executive Board Meeting January 2, 2018 - Advisory Board Sign-In

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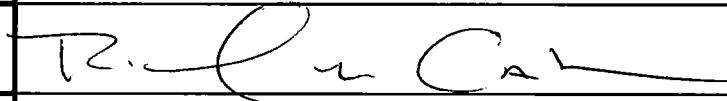
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Bartlett, Jane

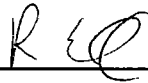


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Cahn, Richard

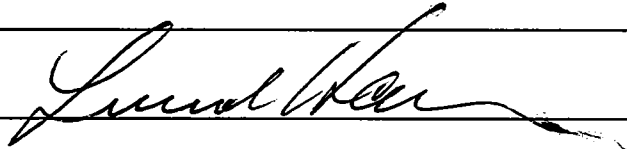


Caulfield, Erich



Favre, Anthony

Harman, Leonard



Jeanfreau, Winter

Lee, Bonnie

Morgan, Thea

Ryan, Andy



Scott, Cynthia

Stogner, Sarah

Tully, Kerry

Attachment F – Part V, Line 5a:

**Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association
Conflict of Interest Policy, adopted by resolution of the Board of
Directors, Monday, October 13, 2008**

Article I
Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association, a tax-exempt organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II
Definitions

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association or with any entity or individual with which the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III
Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV **Records of Proceedings**

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V **Compensation**

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI **Annual Statements**

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII
Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII
Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

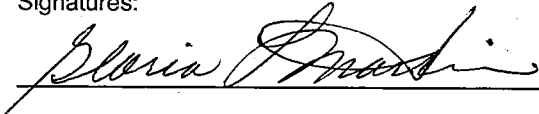
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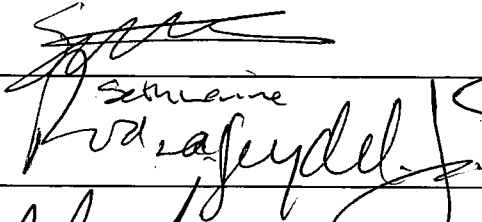
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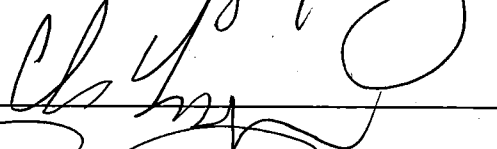
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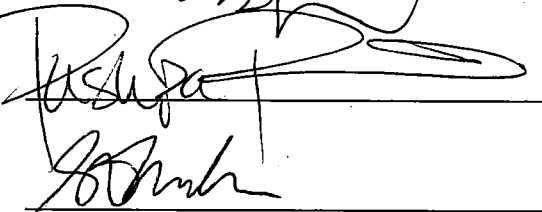
Signatures:



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