

Minutes 16 September 2014

Present: John Andrews, Beverly Andrews, Rhonda Fleming, Rick Prince, Anthony Eschmann, Kim Bollinger, Mark Gonzalez, Brian Lockett

Rick Prince brought up the Fringe Festival and suggested that we invite Kristin Evans to speak at our October meeting. It was agreed that this would be done.

John Andrews mentioned that we do not know what is happening with the plans for the port/cruise ship terminal and the old Port of Embarkation. It was noted that we had written to Mr. Robert Jumonville earlier but his response was non-committal.

The issue of the Country Club was discussed. Anthony said that the meeting with the Alcohol Beverage Outlet had been postponed as the Country Club had retained another lawyer. Rick Prince said that they would like to address our general meeting. It was agreed to invite them to the October meeting.

Rhonda Fleming mentioned that several groups are considering suing the City Planning Commission because they do not feel that the processes used for the CZO were legal.

Mark Gonzalez suggested that we form a coalition of associations along the riverfront, including Algiers, to fight the height limits and other problems of mutual concern. He will contact them and try to organize a meeting.

The agenda for the October Meeting will be:

Kristin Evans, Fringe Festival

Representatives from the Country Club

NOPD

Organization of a fund raising committee.

Anthony Eschmann,
Secretary.

Other discussions were:

The educational qualifications being lessened to get more officers as well as allowing potential officers to work and obtain the education required;

The need for bilingual officers and sensitivity to issues related to the deaf;

The force could use the time of teachers and social workers willing to volunteer.

Officer Bardy spoke briefly saying that one change that has alleviated some of the load is that simple possession of marijuana is now a municipal court issue. The police need only issue a summons to court, not arrest anyone.

Commander Goodly also spoke. In response to a question from the audience he said that sexual orientation is irrelevant in the police force.

October 14 is the Night Out Against Crime.

President Jones thanked the officers for their time; she then made two announcements. One was regarding the proposed restaurant on Dauphine and Independence requesting conditional use for Alcohol and the other a reminder about the CPC meetings regarding the CZO.

Anthony Eschmann
Secretary