

minutes 6 May

The meeting was called to order. President Julie Jones urged everyone to convey their thoughts on the CZO to CM Ramsey.

She then introduced Officer Franklin from the 5th district who informed us that progress was being made as to solving some car thefts and street robberies in the neighborhood.

Marc Robert discussed the plans for the grocery store on the corner of Elysian Fields and St. Claude. He stated that the building was constructed in 1945 and in a historic district so the outside will largely remain the same. They are getting historic tax credits for the restoration, but this has slowed the whole process considerably.

They hope to have plans completed and begin the bidding process within 90 days. The store should be in operation in about 16 months, barring unforeseen obstacles. There will be a deli and a place to eat as well as a breezeway from the back to the front parking lots. He also plans to have an emergency generator so that the store can reopen asap after a hurricane or other tragic event.

We were also addressed by a representative of the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, but she spoke in such a low voice and so hurriedly--the mike didn't really help--that her presentation was almost entirely lost.

Anthony Eschmann,

Secretary