

Minutes for the board meeting on 16 June 2015

Present: Charlie Miller, Anthony Eschmann, Rick Prince, Julie Jones, Harold Gee, Kim Bellinger and Brian Lockett

The first topic of discussion was the possibility of joining FMIA (the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association) in a lawsuit challenging the legality of the recent Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Present from FMIA were Gretchen Bomboy, Alan Johnson, Gene Cizek and their attorney Andrew Jacoby.

Mr. Jacoby outlined the case which turns on both procedural issues and substantive issues. Procedurally there were some violations of the proper notice being given and time for public input; some amendments were added the day of the vote, others only shortly before. Substantive issues were basically that the projected increase in population and size are in direct conflict with the city charter to maintain the historic character of the city's oldest neighborhoods.

After much discussion as to the feasibility of NFB joining the suit, it was decided that while we support FMIA in this action we do not have the funds to contribute. If the suit goes to trial we will consider filing an amicus curie in support.

Mark Gonzalez reported that he had filed for 501(c)(3) status. [This has since been granted.]

There will be no general meeting in July.

Charlie Miller suggested that when we have visitors we invite them at 8 p m so regular business can be completed before they make their presentations.

Anthony J. Eschmann,

Secretary