

NFB Board Meeting, 20 Jan 2016 at John and Bev Andrews' house

Present John Andrews, Beverly Andrews, Janine Hannel, Harold Gee, Rick Prince, Mark Gonzalez, Julie Jones. Anthony Eschmann, Rhonda Findley.

Due to the closure of Holy Angels we do not have a place reserved for our next meeting. We have contacted Stallings Playground but as they have just opened they have not replied yet. Rick Prince will check into the building at Blessed Francis Seelos.

There will be a meeting 26 January for input into the short term rentals issue. The CPC will hold it in the city council chambers. The deadline for written comments has passed, but there will be opportunities for public input at other points, since this is a complicated issue and also involves various levels of taxation (state and city).

The cruise ship terminal was discussed at some length. 12-14 trucks per ship will be routed down Dauphine to Poland, as will passenger cars. The entrance will be on Chartres at Mazant/Bartholomew. Our population is 3,500. Ships will carry 3-4,000 passengers. At the end of a tour, each ship will discharge one week's worth of sewerage into the city system. At the beginning, it will take on one week's worth of water, again from the city system. Boats will arrive/depart on Saturdays and Sundays, primarily, but are not ruling out some weekdays. The port does not need zoning changes or conditional uses from the city.

Brian has emailed various people regarding traffic reports and infrastructure reports. Don Allée at the port has said they are looking for something of that sort and will send it [this has not happened yet]. It was suggested that we contact Cedric Richmond, David Vitter, Bill Cassidy, but should first get in touch with the BNA and FMIA and also remind the people Brian has already contacted. [We have since contacted the BNA, but not gotten a real response; FMIA is interested in working with us.]

Again there was a discussion about the hostel/hotel. Some felt that since they are not proposing anything as big as they could we might not want to oppose it. Others felt it was our duty to support the near neighbors and Bywater in general. At the last general meeting those present seemed to be opposed much more than in favor. A vote was taken on this issue, with 8 of the 9 members present voting to oppose. (The one person who did not vote to oppose later changed his mind after hearing more on the issue.)

Rick Prince offered to provide food for the next general meeting.

Anthony Eschmann,  
Secretary

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