

NFB Board Meeting Oct 19 2016

In attendance:

Brian Lockett

Mark Gonzalez

Steven Haedicke

Nancy Thacker

Julie Jones

Devin De Wulf

Rhonda Findley

Anthony Eschmann

John Andrews

7:09

Julie asks everyone to review the last board meeting and general meeting minutes, which have been sent by email.

Clarification on a vote for supporting Nola neighborhoods at last board meeting.

7:18

Brian gives us an update on the Port of New Orleans – Committee creation – partnership with FMIA and BNA.

7:22

STR vote tomorrow at City Council

Nancy mentions the success of the NFB protest against whole-home or whole-unit short-term rentals, organized by board member Devin De Wulf, posters designed and produced by board member Tyler Harwood.

Rhonda makes a motion to recognize the success of the protest

Anthony seconds.

8 yeas. 1 abstention

7:30

Brian: **Treasury report**

After paying for the protest, we have 1,000.00.

We could use a little more.

There may be a possible fundraiser at Vaughn's. We will ask Tyler. Brian will email Tyler and Robin Halvorsen (who suggested the fundraiser).

Stateside Hostel legal issues: Oct 14th appeal. They met with the Judge, who will take up to 30 days to decide. Lane and other near neighbors will continue funding the case.

Brian believes Scott Galante (the lawyer) was very effective getting changes to the design of Stateside.

7:40

Brian -

Master Plan Amendments have been released, one thing that will impact Bywater is that HANO wants to change the designation for the lot at Royal and Mazant.

Currently ½ is zoned commercial (Chartres side) and the rest is zoned residential. There is an amendment (part of the Master Plan process) to make the entire block commercial. That would allow them to build more commercial spaces there. They apparently hope to use the commercial to help fund the affordable residential units.

It could become HC1 or HC2 (neighborhood commercial of varying intensities) or even HMMU – unlimited commercial.

HANO owns the lot. Previously the executive director wanted some commercial, some market-rate, and some subsidized.

Rhonda: let's invite Greg Fortner, director of HANO, to speak at a future meeting.

Steven: ITEX won the bid for that space. The designs are online.

Mark: Getting Fortner to a general meeting would be a good thing. The more we can get them to come to meetings and make a statement, the better.

Rhonda: a fundraiser for NFB – a soiree at Clouet Gardens (a small HANO property, currently leased to the neighbors as an outdoor, public space). . . people come and see the garden. Half of proceeds to Clouet Gardens, half to NFB. Then more people will experience Clouet Gardens.

Steven points out that Saturday, Nov. 12th, there will be a Clouet Gardens fundraiser party. The Tigermen Den on the corner will be open for the fundraiser.

7:53

Next general meeting:

Julie: Cedric Grant (Deputy Mayor) or a staffer will come to talk about the millage vote on the S&SB and about lead abatement in the water.

Howard Mielke (Tulane University) has done lots of studies – there is another professor at LSU Randi Kaufmann knows who could also speak.

Brian will work on lead people.

Steven will ask ITEX public relations people about coming to the December meeting.

Rhonda: Let's invite Clouet Gardens people to talk fundraiser. Invite Susan Korec to give an update on police-community relations.

End of meeting
8:09

Respectfully submitted,
Devin De Wulf, Co-Secretary