

NFB General Meeting 3 Feb 2016

Sandra Stokes of the Louisiana Landmarks Society spoke about a lawsuit they are going to file against the city. They say that the Master Plan has the force of law but that the City Council continually ignores it, overriding provisions and allowing conditional uses. The test case is to be a hotel involving two giant towers proposed for the 100 block of Royal St. While the CPC said that it violated the Master Plan the council voted 5 yea and 2 nay. There will be a fund raiser to help cover legal costs the evening of 25 Feb at the Monteleone.

Amy Connolly and Susan Kourec talked about the "Gallier Street Gang's" efforts to make the condominium planned for the corner of Gallier and Chartres more "neighbor friendly." (Since the developer is working within the limits of the law, he does not need any special permission for his project; however, given a certain amount of pressure, he was willing to alter plans to address a number of the near neighbors' concerns.)

J Jones will attend meetings with Councilmember Stacy Head and staff from Nadine Ramsey's office on the short term rental issues. [In fact, she and Brian Lockett, along with Allen Johnson, VP of FMIA and Kelly, the secretary of VCPOA] attended the meeting with Head, and Brian attended the meeting with Ramsey's staffers with a representative from the South Seventh Ward.]

A report on the decisions made by the board regarding the poshtel was given. There was a discussion and general agreement that we were correct to oppose it. [Our opposition was based largely on the concerns voiced by members at the January meeting to Andrew Freeman's outline of the project.]

Anthony Eschmann,  
Secretary