

NFB General Meeting 2 March 2016

Shaya Conrad and Steve Stepup presented a proposal to open a small bakery and coffee shop at 3624 Dauphine Street. Their business will be primarily take-out, with very limited seating, and they have no plans for any alcohol at all. (They are doing this under the Residential District Overlay to bring buildings that were at one time in their histories in commerce back into commerce.) They brought samples of their wares, which were delicious and quickly consumed.

Officer Franklin spoke although we no longer have QOL officers.

The president presented a slate of nominees to the group and had the newly nominated stand and introduce themselves. There were no nominations from the floor, and the number of nominees was equal to the number of slots. Ballots were distributed (but not counted until later). The new board members are Nancy Thacker, Devin De Wulf, Michael Owings, and Tyler Harwood. Returning members are John Andrews, Julie Jones, Anthony Eschmann, Brian Lockett, Mark Gonzalez, and Harold Gee. Thanks were given to departing board members: Charlie Miller, Kim Bellinger, Bev Andrews and Janine Hannel. The board will elect officers at the next meeting.

Brian Lockett gave a report following the meeting with Stacy Head. The CPC staff has recommended the following proposals for short term rentals. These would involve 4 different types of licenses:

Accessory use: one part of a house, including one half of a double

Temporary use

Principal use: whole house, any time, no manager on site

Commercial use, no manager on site. This involves condominiums. Brian is arguing that this be kept down to 25% or at least less than half (if STR people have 51% or higher, they control the condo association).

Sherman Strategies has been chosen to take on the responsibility of restructuring the Naval Support Activity complex, although as of yet he has been given neither a contract nor a lease. There were two acres set aside for Unity for the Homeless on the site but they have pulled out. He expressed his willingness to meet with anyone to discuss issues. Joe Jaeger, whose group is also involved, also spoke.

An audience member suggested that the building was the last place in this country that many servicemen had seen before being sent to wars from which they did not return and that the proper respect should be kept in mind.

A few candidates for the Democratic Executive Committee addressed the meeting asking for our votes.

As a 501c3 organization we do not take a political stand or endorse candidates but allow any candidate who requests the opportunity to speak.

Anthony Eschmann,
Secretary
