

NFB Board Meeting 5/18/16 at Tyler's Studio, corner of Royal and Montegut Streets.

Present: Board members: Tyler Harwood, Mark Gonzales, Michael Owings, Julie Jones, John Andrews, Anthony Eschmann, Brian Luckett, Rhonda Findley, Nancy Thacker; non-board members, related to "Poshtel": Scott Galante, Esq., Carolyn Leftwich, Michael Bolan,

The main focus of this meeting was to discuss the recent developments with the 'poshtel.' Consensus was that there will be no deferral of the meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 11:00. Who would be designated to speak and on what particular issues was decided. Main points of concern were: the overpowering size (3.3 times allowed commercial use in that area), the multi-use aspect, the entertainment complex feel of three bars, a pool and a restaurant, along with cheap over-night accommodations, the limitations of professional sound abatement (i.e. it covers noise emanating from the complex, but not the related noise on the surrounding sidewalks and streets), the parking/traffic flow (no study has been made), the rapid influx of development with the inclusion of the Port development, Via Latrobe and other high-end apartments and condos, as well as the HANO development. This perfect storm of growth, without proper neighborhood input seems on a track to kill Bywater's sense of community. The lack of time to respond to the release of the sound plan (66 hours) and the lack of information around crowd capacity were also decried. We also discussed ways of getting clean information out about the general disagreement in the other neighborhood organization.

Ways in which to move forward in case of Council approval of the project involved further community outreach and organization. We also noted that provisos and appeals (must be within 30 days) should be considered.

Other developments noted were the red house on Press Street (RF), as well as a private renovation on Louisa Street - with a letter of concern and questions about notification of near neighbors (ARC) being agreed to on the Louisa project (JJ) since it is probably a green rated project.

It should also be recorded that on 5/11/16 the President of the Board - JJ - reached out to Board Members for a voice poll re: The lawyer's request for permission to set up a meeting with the Hostel Developers to discuss the project's impact on the neighborhood. Board approval was given in the same format.

The next Board Meeting will again be held at Tyler's studio, with cohost Nancy - on June 15th.

Anthony will provide food for the next general meeting, on June 1st. The Inspector's General is slated to make a presentation on that evening.
Respectfully submitted by Board Co-Secretary Nancy Thacker.