

Neighbors First Board Meeting – August 17th 2016

In attendance:

Tyler Harwood, Julie Jones, Mark Gonzalez, Rick Prince, Devin DeWulf, Nancy Thacker, Rhonda Findley, Brian Luckett, John Andrews, Anthony Eschmann

1. Affordable Housing assessment study – Julie will look into it.
- 2-a. Discussion of increasing attendance through private messages to new Nextdoor members – “welcome to the neighborhood – we are one of two neighborhood groups (insert mission statement). Our meetings are held.... Please come, we’d love to meet you. Stay informed about what is happening by joining our email list.” We could include our mission statement here.
- 2b. Also, important to find out and people’s major interests, by adding question to emails and by adding topics of interest to sign-in sheet. Then we could target micro-interests by helping form committees or groups (for example people who are interested in crime).
- 2c. Flyers before meetings - Mark will do flyers. Everyone on Board will put up & take down. We could also
3. Get a list of board members with contact info. Post on website.
4. Devin presented updates and details on the parade to raise awareness, complete with visuals. Consideration on making it a media event. Research showed that permits too complicated for a longer route, so basically the idea is to parade around the City Hall block and then have speakers in front of City Hall. Three permits for 3 separate days were obtained when City Hall understood the shifting dates of the CPC. City Hall letting the police know that it’s only one event – with an unknown date to actually parade.

Both Brian and Devin are focusing on most effective dates and times (10-11 in the morning looks best to actually have maximum effect?) Multi-disciplinary professionals may be involved both on a volunteer and minimally paid basis, which will insure consistency of message. We are very interested in getting other neighborhoods affected by the impact of AirBnb to join in with us.

Discussion included possibility of a second parade in Bywater itself. Motion: two parades – motion seconded. 7 yeas 0 nays.

Rhonda: Noted the importance of gaining input from hotels, as well as getting talented speakers.
- 4a: In-depth discussion on how funding could be arranged for the event, what the total would be, where that money would go and the time line for paying for permits and police. Importance of getting other neighborhood groups and MACNO involved, as well as importance of attending meeting like the Riverfront Alliance (Devin will attend next week’s R.A. meeting. R: motion that we allow treasurer to write checks for any expenses that might need emergency funding for up to 50% of funds in account for this endeavor. Seconded 6 yeas 0 nays, one absention (Devin). Steps identified as Devin reaching out first followed by letter/print contact.
5. JA informed us that HANO has decided on a developer for their sites throughout Bywater. John had a draft of a letter to send HANO to urge them to involve the community in their plans. Mark and Rhonda offered to work with him.

6. Next general meeting on September 7. Agenda: Jeff Goodman – STR activist & trained city planner who is opposed to whole-home rentals. Devin – presentation on STR parade. Barring another disaster, the new police commander for the 5th District will attend and update. Julie will provide pizza (or other food).