

## Neighbors First Board Meeting - September 21st 2016

In attendance:

Tyler Harwood, Mark Gonzalez, Rick Prince, Devin DeWulf, Nancy Thacker, Rhonda Findley, Brian Lockett, John Andrews, Michael Owings.

John Andrews acted to call meeting to order, as Vice President of the Board.

Guest Avery Cootes - Nola Neighborhoods

1. Discussion per the vacancy presented recently by Harold Gee's resignation. Stephen Haedicke, a long time active resident of Bywater was nominated, seconded and unanimously elected. A request for him to be added to all contact list is here in made. [stephen haedicke haedicke@gmail.com](mailto:stephen_haedicke@gmail.com)

Thanks to Harold for his service. Thanks and welcome to Stephen.

2. Guest Avery Cootes arrived & presented an in depth look at NOLA Neighbors'—a coalition of French Quarter and Garden District groups--position on STR's, along with a more complete understanding of the presentation concluded with a request for formal endorsement of this organizations position paper from the Board of Neighbors First.

2a. Discussion per above led to vote on 1: abstain, 1: accept the NOLA Neighbors' proposition and remainder to maintain our current position. The one main issue which is of paramount importance to the residents of Bywater is the need for protection with respect to commercial licenses. Brian agreed to follow up with Ms.Cootes to share this decision.

3. Devin gave update, handouts on protest: Gave rundown of where we are financially, where funding is coming from, with a main draw being the targeted on line Go Fund Me that he set up with the information gathered in the canvas of concerned neighbors on STR's. Press attendance and interest look very good at this point!!

Needs: 24 people for the full presentation.

Rehearsal: Sunday (25th) at 4PM - 2358 St. Claude

Day of: Gather in Front of City Hall on Tuesday (27th) 9:30, Starts at 10 - done by 11.

4. Devin continues with the discussion of phase two which is the Neighborhood march - with time line of Sunday October 2nd - gathering at Markey Park for a 1:00 Roll so that the Saints Game as 3:30 would not be a conflicting issue. Discussion on if this is a go, with agreement to 'semi' proceed in getting the permit but not hiring the band as of yet. Again, with focus on protest first.

5. Details for next meetings reviewed. October 5th, General Meeting agenda at this point is to again reach out to Commander Frank Young, get an update on

what's going on at the Port project, as well as an update on 614 Pauline (as John did send letter of conditional approval for the additional unit if NOT USED as and STR). John agreed to bring food for General and Rhonda volunteered to host next Board meeting - with quick agreement that MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 7PM.

6. At close of meeting there was some discussion around membership recruitment, dues and who would do what that was not finalized. To be revisited at next board meeting for clarity. Rhonda has ideas percolating for fund raising....stay tuned.