

NFB Board Meeting Jan 18, 2017

In attendance:

Nancy – 504.982.1546

Julie – 944.5422

Mark -

Brian – 669.7044

Michael – 985.807.3580

Anthony – 453.4311

John – 504.813.6675

Devin – 504.520.9953

Stephen – 638.8370

7:10

Food for Feb. general meeting: Michael

Three speakers – recruited by Mark.

7:13 pm

March general meeting date: March 1st (day after Mardi Gras). Because of Ash Wednesday exhaustion, we decide to move the general meeting to March 15th. [In fact, because of the Stallings Center schedule, we are moving it to March 8th, still a Wednesday.]

7:21

Brian with a cruise ship update:

- Working with BNA board members regarding the cruise ship terminal on Poland
- Spoken to FMIA and Louisiana Landmarks Society
- Unified position is sought.
- A position from NFB would be nice to have

Anthony: not sure what conditions we should have, but we should have a good list for any objections.

Julie: Port of Call? Or not?

Brian: with two ships coming this week, we will monitor the impact on the neighborhood for these two ships. Sound from the deck, lights, traffic.

Mark: Home Port is more intensive and intrusive.

Brian: Port of Call is bad because they dump lots of people into the neighborhood, making the area more into a tourist zone.

John: I was working on a home on Chartres a few years ago when a ship came, and many were walking around the neighborhood – but they will probably go through Crescent Park.

Michael: they probably have activities planned for them....

Mark: I'd suggest we strongly say no to "home port" so we don't have people with baggage and cars left behind. "Port of Call" is intrusive, but not nearly as bad.

Stephen: Home Port is probably more economic development – we should learn more.

Brian: Charleston, SC had a lawsuit and pushed the cruise ship back and delayed it to make it financially difficult.

Devin: will research Charleston further.

Brian: segmentation is a process where they build without federal review. It is much easier to put off part of the overall project until the last minute – until the rest is created.

The FMIA was able to defeat the cold-storage. Cedric Richmond is probably the first person to talk to.

There is a potential resurrection of the St. Claude lock and bridge project. Our best bet would be to create an alliance with Holy Cross, St. Claude, Lower 9th Ward.

Brian: **motion** that we are not completely opposed, but concerned about pollution and infrastructure capacity regarding the cruise ship terminal.

Anthony: Second the motion.

Vote: Aye – 9 to 0

Brian: On Jan. 24th the BNA is holding a meeting specifically about the cruise ship terminal.

7:47

Julie: Should send an email out to our membership regarding the BNA meeting so they know. Board agrees.

Brian: And the FMIA has essentially won their lawsuit against the city regarding the Riverfront Overlay – so we get to fight the city once again on this. We will have to join with FMIA and ask for the same demands they have.

Julie: three of the lots are going to 50 or 55 feet right.

Brian: The size of those lots are not economically feasible for a taller than 75-foot building.

8:00

Brian: It's my belief that a port of call is the worst possible scenario.

Julie: anyone who wants to get the CPC info, just write to Paul Cramer – pcramernola.gov

And ask to be on his list. For the HDLC there is another woman to write to, but Julie will send it out.

Julie: Tyler's suggestions – possible protocol or mechanism for considering less major items coming before the City Planning or HDLC - - to be more efficient.

Like the development on Chartres and Gallier – we told the neighbors and they organized to get some changes.

Stephen: maybe we could set up a rotation for looking at the stuff.

John: I would like to speak with safety and permits and give them feedback regarding NPP and communication with notifications. Back in the 1980s the city sent out a certified letter to near-neighbors. – to try and get earlier notification.

Stephen: I'll talk to Bob Rivers.

Julie: I'll send out CPC and HDLC email lists.

8:17

Devin: the St. Claude Main street people would like to meet and greet. I'll invite her and one or two board members to our next board member.

Julie:

Next board meeting Wednesday march 8th [actually this turns out to be the rescheduled date of our next General Meeting].

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