

NFB Board Meeting Notes for 7/19/17

Present: Stephen Haedicke, Anthony Eschmann, Julie Jones, Steven Jacob, Brian Luckett, John Andrews, Michael Owings, Nancy Thacker, Mark Gonzales
Meeting was held at John & Beverly Andrews' house.

Called to order: 7:15

Master Plan

Discussion began with the un-asked for amendment to the Master Plan which CM Nadine Ramsey inserted. The term "culture serving businesses and facilities" in reference to business development is unclear and undefined. The vagueness of this amendment was opposed by NFB in January, as there was no definition of what a culture serving business is. The CPC just passing it on to the City Council.

An effort to co-host an informational meeting with Ramsey was approved, outreach to other neighborhood organizations confirmed our position - only to learn that Ramsey just had backed out of said meeting.

One question was specifically why Ms. Ramsey would want this vague, non - community serving amendment when the RDO (Residential Diversity Overlay) is already in place and serves to attract low impact businesses to the neighborhood.

Non-Conforming Artist Studio

The question of support for a non-conforming artist studio in the 900 block of Montegut Street was

Conditional use for a Multi-Family conversion in an HMR3 Historic Marigny, Tremé, Bywater residential district.

Jacob Martin, the owner of this building in the 900 block of Montegut wants to add an extra unit. All of the units are intended as artist studios. This extra unit would involve a conditional use. The proposal comes up before the CPC on August 22.

The vote was to adopt a 'no position' with two opposed. Reasoning was that the 4 plex in HR3 District issue was conforming to lot size, and was therefore already within the current guide lines. There is no zoning change, only one unit denser.

The July Jump was an overall success, in number of people who attended, joined, socialized & ate great food. Thanks to Bywater Bakery and their always great sweets and CJ's NOLA Caribbean Market for the delicious Curries and side. A Big Thanks to Parleaux Beer Lab for the great beer and space. Thanks to Tyler

for the flyers and Stephen H for the coordination. It was noted that the gathering was so successful that there was even a noise complaint! Sorry neighbors - wish you could have come on over - same to the Board members of the BNA, to whom a special invite was sent - but....we will keep trying to coordinate where coordination is indicated....

Next General Meeting: Out reach to Assessor's Office - How to dispute the overall increases that people are seeing. Also a question re: written notice when there is increase? Stephen H will follow up. We will also ask the assessor about the process of challenging an increase.

Norfolk Southern Train and the steady increase in traffic, wait times, drops and holds on cars, as well as the rules around horns in residential areas. Press Street in particular, although it was noted that the Poland area is seeing an uptick in train traffic as well - a different system though.

How to Challenge Assessment: was also discussed as presented by Board Members if that seems of interest.

Food for the next general meeting: Stephen H.

Next Board Meeting will again be at John's house.

Minutes

Final topic was in relation to the actual Minutes (Board & General). The requirement of grammatical perfection is heretofore abandoned, to great relief of the Dyslexic Co-Secretary, Nancy. Kind and generous appreciation for the Secretarial efforts of both Nancy and Tyler were given. Thank you.

Move to adjourn 8:19