

BNA BOARD MINUTES – MAY, 2017

Present: JF, DB, JC, DT, MH, RM, DH, JL, LL, NL

The meeting began at 7:08

There were no minutes read

JF explained the Treasurer's Report: The Home Tour brought in just about \$200 less than last year including membership renewals and Square transactions. Carolyn updated the membership list which was helpful.

COMMUNICATIONS

JG reported that Carolyn was still updating membership. There will be a committee meeting next week and they are working on getting ads on the website and E news. Schiros wants to advertise with us

CRUISE TERMINAL

JL reported that there is no significant news about the Cruise Terminal. There has been no formal response from the Port or Corps of Engineers about our letter.

ZONING

There was an update on the Riverfront Overlay at 5:30 this afternoon which was 87 pages long....this was an executive summary of their study: recommended to separate Bywater and Marigny; eliminate the bonus height. The study commission sends this to the Council and then the Council says to the Commission to make it a law. MAH thinks developers will keep existing permits; the study was from Poland to Elysian Fields. This goes to City Planning Commission next Tuesday and we're requesting a decision not be made then in order to allow comments and time for people to digest. The Council usually goes along with the recommendations of the City Planning Commission.

There was a letter from the Committee for Better New Orleans asking for BNA support of neighborhood participation in discussion of Master Plan. MAH explained the BNA history of our participation in the Master Plan. Two properties: HANO sight and Sweet Olive Properties – the Truck Farms had to change Master Plan to coincide with zoning. Louisiana Landmark Society commented on Master Plan. It was suggested to ask for specifics of future discussions (Sandra Stokes of LA Landmark Society had forwarded these comments to JL) It was decided to find out the complete letter and who is behind it and then discuss at the next board meeting.

EVENTS

Bar Stroll – still need liquor sponsor and it's looking like late May or early June. Committee still working on Mirliton Festival.

PARKS

LL explained that soil samples had been taken from the beds at Markey Park and we were waiting for results. Although sponsors for individual garden beds may still happen we need to find out first what we are dealing with; so test results first, then estimates on fixing the problems – plant material, soil, mulch, irrigation system, labor. After that has been determined then we need to go to Parks and Parkways and ask for their help. JG found out that Entergy gives grants to NORD for all parks so MAH will write a letter to Vic to see if we can get one for Markey.

TRANSPORTATION

424 signatures were gathered for establishing a Quiet Zone in our neighborhood. This was sent to Nadine Ramsey. The Committee is now looking for a letter from BNA to support the petition and they are getting the Facebook group to get a better understanding with the train people. It wants the letter sent to City Council and the Uptown Triangle Association Committee is supposed to be doing an investigation of the security risks of transportation, i.e., hazardous railroad materials.

The next committee meeting is on the 15th; if they can get a cover letter from the Board they will get a rough draft together. At present the committee is trying to recruit new members....businesses are being impacted. It was suggested to reach out to state representative.

STR

Information was circulated to report neighbors for illegal STRs.

The agenda for the General Membership Meeting is to announce the June Social. Michael Doye of Press Street Station is hosting the Summer Social. Bratz Y'all will host the Winter Social.

The Home Tour T Shirt will be \$13/shirt. Preppie Monkey is getting us an estimate .

JL motioned to adjourn; DT seconded; all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm