

BNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – JULY 5, 2017

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

DB called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

No minutes were read

JF explained the Financial report. The charges under Events reflect the purchase of T shirts for sale and items for the Summer Social. This should be our last bill from Entergy for Markey Park. MM noted a correction for total funds on hand.

ZONING

The City Planning Commission updated their report with more information and addressed the public hearing comments. The staff thinks that 75' will block the riverfront and that shorter heights will do as well. They agreed to consider Marigny and Bywater separately. They pointed out that residential units built under the Overlay will be capable of being Short Term Rentals for market rate units but it up to the owner to decide that.

MAH pointed out at the hearing not to allow STR's in the Overlay. Recommended that amendments made to eliminate STR's. It was suggested that we follow up with Nadine Ramsey to ask the CPC to take STR's out of the Overlay. The CPC voted unanimously to send the report to the City Council and there is no time limit for the City Council to make its decision. Councilman Williams agrees with BNA in that he wants residents and not STR's on the riverfront.

Our second letter didn't get in with the other comments but it was sent via email.

The question was raised – can the portion of the Overlay concerning the Bywater be sent through sooner since the Marigny may get bogged down with most of plan amendments. It is supposed to be voted on by the Council on Tuesday, July 11 and MAH thinks it will pass without opposition.

COMMUNICATIONS

JG reported that we are trying to get the website loaded with merchandise for sale.

CRUISE TERMINAL

JL reported on the conference all with the Corps of Engineers on June 19, 2017. The call discussed routine public works projects: bank stabilization, dredging, etc. The Corps wants to have a process that areas that don't fall under historic (106 review) category can get the work done without the review. There was discussion on how to get this done and the question was raised as to what if the public works related to segmentation were specified, such as bank stabilization.

Discussion about having all the neighborhood organization included in this process and asked for responses from anyone on the call by today, July 5, 2017.

BNA wanted to focus on segmentation and the letter that was sent focused on two steps:

1. Applicant would have to certify that the segment was not related to a larger project and that it wouldn't have a negative impact on the historic district.
2. Corps would inform all groups in the affected area that this project was happening.

This would give the associations a legal basis for challenging a project. It assures that the neighborhood organizations are informed.

There will be another conference call to further discuss this system but the state Historic Preservation Office is concerned about this process and is open to ways to protect the 408 permit system that allows projects stability.

EVENTS

JG asked for volunteers for Saturday's Bar Stroll. \$20 tickets will be sold that allows one drink and a t shirt. The sponsors are Sazerac and Royal Brewery. The four bars are The Country Club, Markey's Bar, Bud Rip's and Café Henri.

Nothing to add about the Mirliton Festival.

PARK

Nothing to report on Markey Park

TRANSPORTATION

DH reported that he had a meeting with Doug Campbell and there is a possibility that they might use Florida Avenue as their switching station, however, Norfolk Southern has to like the idea. Basically, there's a long road to that end as Norfolk Southern is the main entity involved. Hoping to get a representative from the Port and the Public Belt railroad at the General Membership meeting to answer questions and to open discussion. The question was raised if we need talking points.

STR

There was no news on STR's.

The question was raised about a date to meet with the candidates for mayor.

The question was raised about getting a chip for our credit card.

NH moved to adjourn; MH seconded; all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

