

BNA Board of Directors Meeting - June 6, 2017

Present: MH, MM, JC, DT, B, LL, JF, RM. MH held proxies for NL and DH

DB called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

LL presented minutes from the March, April and May board meetings. A correction was made on the May minutes; MH motioned to accept the minutes with the correction; MM seconded; all approved .

JF presented the Treasurer's report for May.

ZONING

MAH explained that the City Planning Commission had extended its time to accept comments on the Riverfront Overlay Study until June 24. The staff has certain recommendations to present to the Commission and the Zoning Committee recommends the following to the Board:

Eliminate the "One Size Fits All" concept for the different neighborhoods. Zoning Committee agrees with the staff on this point. Marigny, Bywater and French Quarter should have separate considerations.

Designs – Eliminate the bonus provisions for the additional height. BNA agrees and suggests adding more detail to the ground floor base.

The staff also recommends a maximum height by right with 40' at the street and 6 stories (75') at the riverfront. Zoning disagrees and suggests instead of the 40' maximum at the street let design dictate the height not to exceed 55' to add more interest. BNA also suggests more detail on the setback.

The staff suggests that parapets and bulkheads should be contingent upon public access to the rooftop for riverfront views. The BNA suggests that the height requirements should not apply to parapets and should be dictated by design.

BNA recommends deleting lot area per unit entirely and access on ground level needs to be dealt with on a Federal level. BNA also recommends that conditional use process not be concerned with the height/density issue.

The Zoning Committee is seeking exceptional design for the riverfront in Bywater and wants its overlay to cover all buildings within its borders.

JL suggested that we don't want hotels along the river and they be forbidden; we are seeking high density in that area.

MM motioned to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendations subject to suggestions; JC seconded. All approved.

CRUISE TERMINAL

MM spoke to representative from the Corps of Engineers and requested information on the Port about the stabilization going on, decisions on the next step or approving work requests or any information about the stabilization. There is nothing yet to report.

COMMUNICATIONS

JG reported that the committee held a meeting this week. We are putting merchandise and membership sign up on our website. We have a different web provider and are creating a material list with a password so that we can have if someone is out of town. We have created a dedicated email for members and extended our online merchandise store: having photos of merchandise and modeled "Straight Outta Bywater" t shirts presented. We are formulating a payment structure for the website.

Also, a book on John Schwegmann is being put together and is hoping to be sold on our website.

EVENTS

Committee is sending eblast to invite the members to our Social. We are buying and serving Royal Brewery beer but the menu is provided by Press Street Station. Members are to bring desserts. There is a cash bar.

Bar Stroll: Sazerac is committed to provide the Vodka; Royal Brewery is providing the beer. It has been moved to the 24th and we are waiting to hear back from the bars: Suis Generis, the Country Club, Markey's Bar, Café Henri and Bud Rip's.

Looking to have the Mrliton Festival on private property.

PARKS

We have approached NORDC and asked that they help us out with the Entergy bill that we pay for lighting at Markey Park. MAH spoke with Vic Hughes and he said he would take care of it. This would eliminate a bill of over \$200 every month from our expenses.

LL spoke with Refuge Church and the volunteers will be coming in to do some weeding in the park and also clean up the street gutters and drains.

TRANSPORT

Committee wants to send the petition to Nadine Ramsey and wants a cover letter from the Board explaining our concerns and issues. The Public Belt representative said they are thinking about moving the switching station back to Florida Street. They want to add more containers and they can't make the turn at Press Street. There is a possibility that the control of the Public Belt might possibly be transferred to the Port of New Orleans. The cover letter will be sent via email and will edit and send to the Board for approval.

STR

There is no report on Short Term Rentals.

The next Board meeting falls on the 4th of July so we will move it to Wednesday, the 5th of July.

It was suggested that Latoya Cantrelle wanted the BNA and other neighborhood associations to meet with her and all the other candidates.

MH moved to adjourn the meeting; DT seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.