

MINUTES OF THE BYWATER NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETING
February 2, 2021

Attendees: John Guarnieri, Mary Ann Hammett, Shirley Young, Arlene Hines, Amy Noll, Carolyn Craft

Absent: Jason Richards, Michael Wawrzycki (Proxy given to Mary Ann Hammett for the meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Board Resignation

John G. discussed past meeting and the importance of getting the minutes current and posted to the website., which are currently several months behind. John G. nominated Carolyn C. to fill the secretary vacancy created by the resignation of Gabrielle Gaspard due to her relocation out of Bywater. A motion was made by Mary Ann H. and was seconded by Arlene H. to appoint Carolyn C. as board secretary. The motion was approved unanimously.

Finance

Arlene H. presented to Treasurer's Report, which indicated a net income for the month of January of \$209.25.

Markey Park

Mary Ann H. reported that she and Michael Wawrzycki were working to secure a meeting with the lawyer for the city to discuss the indemnity clause on the current draft of BNA's Markey Park agreement with the city. She also reported that a park clean up as recently completed. She indicated that the bamboo removal will be completed once the agreement with the city is finalized.

Home Tour

John G. reported that video shoots for all five houses were completed. Editing is in process. A local musician has also been filmed to be included at the end of the video. He indicated that the cost to view the virtual home tour would be \$15.00 for non-members and \$10.00 for members. John G. stated that the hope is to market the video both locally and beyond as there is much local history included in the video narrative. The tour is tentatively scheduled to be available at the end of February or early March. He also noted that additional homes and sponsors have been secured for an additional virtual tour in the future.

Coupons

John G. indicated that additional discount coupons for members had been secured for Galaxy, Suis Generis, Bywater Brew Pub, and Alma.

General Membership Meeting

The Board discussed ideas for the upcoming membership meeting including a possible person from Kristen Palmer's office to provide an update on the naval base. Amy N. suggested an updated on Crescent Park and a Fifth District updated to address the current state of crime. She also suggested a legislative update from the state representative and to remind members of the upcoming special election primary and general election for Congressman Richmond's replacement.

Adjudication Zoom

John G. and Shirley Y. presented a summary of the hearing they participated in regarding a short-term rental on Poland. They reported that there have been multiple violations and past police involvement but there has been no enforcement of the violations. The house will be inspected. The current homeowner has a homestead exemption but does not reside at the property. John G. will follow up and report back. Shirley Y. suggested joining forces with the Fauborg/Marigny association since they are facing similar situations in their neighborhood.

Zoning

Mary Ann H. reported that a zoning committee meeting would be scheduled in the coming week to address an application for a conditional use permit at 1032 Montegut to construct a four-flex. The hearing is scheduled for February 23rd and comments are due February 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Minutes prepared by,

Carolyn Craft