

CRNA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 PM
COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Present: David Alvarez, Bill Ives, Meagan Impastato, Julianna Padgett, Nathan Schwam, Min Yang

Residents: Natalie A. Ross, Corey Mall, Catherine Broussard, Nicole Bouie, Liz Reed

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 PM, without a quorum present, but such quorum was gained almost immediately after the meeting began, and prior to any voting.

Announcements:

- Juliana updated us on the roadworks projects...
- Nathan Schwam updated on the water hammer project
- David Alvarez announced Friends of Palmer Park are having their Clean-up day on May 20, 2017
- Julianna updated on the Stuart Hall adjacent property demo and the issues that the surrounding neighbors are having with the noise and the new playground. Stuart Hall agreed to put up a 1 foot higher fence around the demoed property that will be turned into a playground.
- Peter the Peacock - Bird Sanctuary was created to protect the peacock, and Susan Guidry has suggested that we start mediating around those issues including noise and scratching cars, and where he roosts.
- Andreas Hoffman has requested a leave of absence from the board to focus on his organization, Green Light New Orleans, and Juliana recommended that we try to find new Board Members before November.
- Nathan announced that Audubon Park is going to be doing a master plan. Julianna noted that the Audubon Commission is trying to create more neighborhood engagement due to the fall-out from the save the fly campaign. Bill noted that while the meetings are open to the public, attendance is low due to lack of outreach.

Natalie A. Ross, Rebuild New Orleans

Natalie, who is also a resident within CRNA's boundaries, gave the following information about Rebuild New Orleans:

This is a free home repair program for low income and elderly home owners. This is a free service that is city wide and completely free. Also, they still do the major October Build citywide. If we know someone to refer, send them to Natalie's email and she will send them the application which is only about 3 pages. Examples of repairs that they do: fix front and back porches, make sure grab bars and hand rails are secure, the windows are sealed, paint, rotted siding will be replaced with new wood, installing wheel chair ramps, gutter replacement (weatherization, safe at home repairs, and aging in place). They take applications all year round and this is completely dependent on funding, The GTD is entirely volunteer based. Average wait time is approximately 1 year. Additionally, there is a focus on vets.

Quality of Life Committee

Bill Ives, informed us that the committee will write a letter to Sheldon Hurst with Uptown Triangle on the issue of the railroad cars parking on the tracks on the river in our neighborhoods.

Bylaws Discussion and Voting on Amendments

1. Change the committee language from “shall” to “as needed” in Article 7 Section 3
 - a. Juliana Proposed and Bill seconded passed by unanimous vote of all present
2. Section 10 to be changed to track the required language for forming a federal non-profit; i.e. any assets will be donated to a like nonprofit.
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3. Article 4 (General Membership) - Currently regular members were those that lived in the neighborhood and could vote, serve on the board, and could be officers of the board; by contrast associate members are those who do not reside in the neighborhood; associate members cannot serve as an Executive Committee Member.

The following changes were unanimously supported:

- a. Definition of Membership - anyone +18...interested in Carrollton-Riverbend
 - b. Rules of Membership for the Board – new change: to say at least 60% of the Executive Committee has to be residents, and the president must be a resident.
(NOTE: Executive Committee means 4 Officers of the Board and each Committee Chair. Non residents can serve as a committee chair as well as any office except President.
4. Dues – VOTE: 4 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstained, requirement of dues passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Meagan Impastato, Board Secretary