

**CRNA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 6:30 –8:00 PM**  
**8600 OAK STREET**

Present: Julianna Padgett, Meagan Impastato, Bill Ives, David Alvarez and Tammy Butler, and the newly elected Elaine Leyda.

Residents: R.F. Veangave, Sam Gordon, Sandra Hill, Richard Hill. Justin Mullins, Hannah Quick

Others: Aimee Freeman, candidate for State Rep Dist. 98 for the October 2019 election for the seat that Neil Abramson will be term limited on. Hannah Quick, Okra Abbey representative and new director.

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM, without a quorum present, but such a quorum was gained soon after.

**Regular Business:** Approval of minutes from May meeting: A motion was made by Bill Ives and seconded by Tammy Butler, and voted in favor by all present.

**Guest Presentations & Announcements:**

**Representative of Office for Neighborhood Engagement** – Sam Gordon, has replaced Ross as our Neighborhood liaison He encouraged all to text City of Yes at 608-5441, and made the following announcements: October 13<sup>th</sup> will be the catch basin clean-up day for District A and it will likely be in Hollygrove, if you would like to participate you can visit:  
[nola.gov/neighborhood-engagement/programs/catch-basin-cleaning/](http://nola.gov/neighborhood-engagement/programs/catch-basin-cleaning/)

Announcements, Updates and Discussions were had on the following:

- Trench that appeared across the whole street on Oak Street, likely done by the new condos.
- 8400 block of Maple keeps flooding
- 8200 block of Maple has build up Asphalt mound in street.
- Blocks of Carrollton between Zimple & Freret constantly floods
- Nearly all the 1<sup>st</sup> block off each side of Carrollton floods
- Bubbling, flowing out of man hole cover.
- In front of Louisiana Pizza Kitchen always has water.
- Julianna discussed the possibility of CRNA getting a consultant to come in and Tyler Landropp with the office of resilience & sustainability and we can get in touch with him about green drainage. Neighborhood Engagement office has coffee meetings, last one was at Mid-City Library regarding storm water management.
- Tammy Butler & David Alvarez spoke about our neighborhood Night out Against Crime Party at Tammy Butler's house starting at 6:00 PM, 8720 Green Street, Tuesday, October 6, 2018. Potluck style. Please bring health supplies to benefit at risk neighborhood residents, such as condoms etc.
- Julianna Padgett provided updates on the progress of meetings with Lycee Francais parents and administrators, she and Betty DiMarco have met with the Lycee representatives 4 times and their discussions continue.
- Juliana is teaching a course on Community Organizing @ SUNO and will have her students volunteering in our neighborhood at approx. 11AM on September 26, 2018. The SUNO students will be canvassing the blocks around Lycee regarding what are residents thoughts generally, what they would like to see changed etc. Please join us and these students in their efforts. They will be attempting to develop a survey and will have clip boards. Studies show that a great way to

foster/develop neighborhood engagement is to do a clean up so we are tentatively planning for bringing in the Sanitation Department to come out and do a clean-up on December 8, 2018 for the holidays. Julianna requested that for their efforts the Board could provide \$200.00. A motion was made by Bill Ives and seconded by David Alvarez and approved unanimously by all board members present.

- Julianna Padgett provided updates on the HANO properties in our neighborhood, and Betty DiMarco's efforts to proactively engage with the HANO board to ensure that the board makes efforts to engage the residents of our neighborhood to get input on what our neighborhood needs. Housing NOLA is studying trends regarding affordable housing in our neighborhood to see how the HANO properties and the NORA properties in our neighborhood can work together, (noting that the CRNA is considered an "emerald"—gentrifying quickly). David Alvarez discussed talks with the land trust to try to ensure that affordable housing can be developed in our neighborhood as these spaces are supposed to be for the benefit of our neighborhood.
- Tammy Butler provided updates on Tommy Thompson, who was living on Green St. and now lives in the high rise on Simon Bolivar who has been developing houses with shared kitchen spaces to attempt to provide affordable housing for residents who are displaced by this affordable housing squeeze.
- The Entergy Smart Program & The HDLC have requested the opportunity to come talk to us, and we will try to accommodate same for our next meeting.
- Carrollton United has asked that we continue the tradition and have our annual joint meeting on November 8, 2018.
- Elaine Leyda suggested that we have a voter registration drive in our neighborhood at the CCC. Additionally, it is important to get people to make sure that they still are registered to vote as it seems that Louisiana may be engaging in striking citizens from the voting rolls (reportedly approx. 1,000.00 people date).
- Cindy & Bill Ives may possibly be doing a Butterfly Workshop at CRNA Night Out Party.
- Tammy Butler announced that the Tulane Bus will be going all the way to Ochsner main campus to help people that work there not have to wait at the transfer sites.
- New Board Members, we would like to expand our board: Elaine Leyda has volunteered to join our board. Elaine was born on Short & Leake Ave and grew up around the city, lived away for 20 years, came back January 2006. Elaine is a technical writer who works for the Federal Government. She works at home 4 days/week and you can find her in her backyard on most days. She misses the ability to do one's shopping on Oak Street (Family Dollar, Hardware Store—only Castellon's is left). She hopes that as a solution to gentrification she can facilitate newly gentrified neighbors meeting long time neighbors and helping people not be afraid of each other.
- Julianna Padgett asked that we vote to allow Elaine Leyda to join the board, and she was duly elected unanimously by all board members present.
- Meeting with the City Council about the City Budget: Joe Giarrusso has helped facilitate this meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 in the cafeteria at Dominican High School 6-8 PM.
- Discussions were had regarding having another board retreat (fingers crossed on Bill's porch), possibly in October/November when the weather is nicer.
- Discussions were had regarding whether we will continue to meet at this space that Min graciously offered.
- CCA will be having a family fun day this weekend.
- You can register on our website to get emails that we send out.
- Next meeting is here on October 11, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meagan Impastato, Board Secretary