

CRNA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2019, 6:30 –8:00 PM
8540 SPRUCE ST. CORNER LEONIDAS ST., 70118

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Present: Julianna Padgett, Nathan Schwam, Meagan Impastato, Elaine Leyda, Tammy Butler, Alex Wagner-Romero, JC Wagner-Romero,

Residents: Lynn Frank, Sabine Winter, Andrea Hall, Marion Freistadt, Richard Jeansonne

Others: Nicole Bouie, Timothy Ray, Joe Giarrusso

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM, with a quorum present.

New Business:

- **Updates from Joe Giarrusso, New Orleans City Council, Dist. A:**
 - o HANO (Housing Authority of New Orleans) Properties in our area – Updates on affordable housing recommendations report prepared by Curtis he thinks it balances both sides (income of developers vs. need for housing, and not for them to get sweetheart tax breaks, etc.); Julianna questioned whether we could potentially use the S&WB property along the levee between willow & birch. Curtis is to meet with us multiple times.
 - o FANO (Financial Authority of New Orleans) conversations - Re: soft second lending, green mortgages etc., in the Hollygrove & Dixon neighborhoods, which are being quickly gentrified, about working with homeowners to make their houses more resilient (i.e. more water absorption).
 - o STR Legislation:
 - What passed this time: Homestead Exemption requirement, limited # of units in block faces, Large Complexes restricted to 4 units, 12 people limit total, & they have to have enough parking for every 2 bedrooms.
 - To be heard in July: Enforcement side, raising the fees, more platform accountability.
 - o We thanked Joe for voting against the recent abortion legislation.
- **Financial Report:** given by Nathan Schwam, Treasurer of the Board, there is \$2765.82 in the account + the \$1,000.00 that came from the Tricentennial Grant

Announcements:

- **Upcoming Evacueer Training** –Mon. June 17, 2019 6-7:30 at First Baptist Church on Canal Blvd. near the railroad tracks. This org. was founded to help each other evacuate. Those big steel evac signs are the meeting place. You can be trained to help people evacuate the only requirement is that you stay a little longer and help people get out.
- **District A meeting** Tues, June 25, near Tulane Stadium on Ben Weiner Dr.
- **Glance Recycling** - Alex & JC Wagner-Romero provided updates regarding glass recycling – volunteers collect glass at Cohn & Monroe Streets and bring the glass to the city drop off site on Elysian Fields, Second Saturday of every month from 9-11 AM. This is important because there is no city curbside pick-up.
- **Greening Carrollton Interest Groups** - Discussions were had regarding greening Carrollton including: Levee Access Issues between Carrollton & Oak (i.e. making a path for walkers and cyclists to easily walk up the levee and cross over the ditch to access the top of and other side of the levee) & a cross walk to “survive” crossing Leake Ave.; The Front Yard Project & the need for finding funding to help more people participate; Bike Lanes & Safety—Joe discussed his hopes

that Esplanade Ave. will be the testing ground for safety best practices (i.e. parallel parking lane between auto and bike travel lanes), others discussed potentially utilizing the neutral grounds as bike/pedestrian paths & hopes that Carrollton's neutral ground for streetcars could be better utilized for other kinds of traffic; Tree Planting Projects are important, among many other benefits they provide shade for pedestrians and bikers and impact the temperature from block to block drastically—challenges include upkeep of the tree (i.e. constant watering early on) & power lines; we will consider going around asking businesses on Carrollton & Oak St. what they can do to, “green up;” Rain Catching Containers, do they really work—Yes!

- **Updates on Chevron Gas Station redevelopment** - developers plan to pave over green spaces (including trees) for blue bikes and/or parking spots. Our neighborhood will request that they maintain green space.
- **Tammy Butler's Sermon** – many present attended Tammy's last sermon and all agreed it was wonderful, she is truly not to be missed. Catch her this Sunday, June 16, 2019 at Faith & Prayer, 8722 Green St., NOLA 70118, starting at 10:30 AM. Can't make it this Sunday? No Problem! Catch her sermon every 3rd Sunday of the month, same place & time.
- **July's Meeting is cancelled for Summer Break**
- **Next meeting will be August 8, 2019** – Nathan Schwam to lead.

Respectfully submitted,
Meagan Impastato, Board Secretary