

CRNA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Feb 13, 6:30-8PM
8540 SPRUCE ST. CORNER LEONIDAS ST., 70118

Present: Nathan Schwam, Meagan Impastato, Bill Ives, Elaine Leyda, Bernard Guste & Nicole Bouie
Residents: McDaniel Wyatte, Lauren LaPorte Richmond, W.C. Johnson, Liz Reed and Jordan Kadosh
Others: Joe Giarrusso, Amanda Rizzo (chief of staff to Joe Giarrusso), Stephen Mosgrove with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement, Greg Manion and Keith Hardie

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM, without a quorum present.

New Business:

- NOTE THESE DATES:
 - o Tuesday, February 18, 8:30 – 10AM
 - o Saturday, March 14, 9-10:30AM Glass Recycling
 - o Thursday March 5, Combined CRNA Carrollton United Meeting, 6:30-8PM
 - o Next Glass Recycling is February 15, 2020 9:30 – 10:30.
 - o Meet your new State Representatives meeting on February 17, 2020.

- **Financial Report** given by our treasurer Nathan Schwam: We have \$3055.00 in the account. Reminder to board members to please pay dues, 6 board members have already done so.

- **Joe Giarrusso Updates regarding:**
 - o Fair Share Issues:
 - Tourism revenue controlled by the state creates an issue with too much of that money leaving the city to pay for projects around the state;
 - A lot of tax revenue goes to sports & entertainment. We do not keep a significant enough portion of our sales taxes collected. One-time payments from tourism/hospitality industry of 40-50 million and additional yearly payments have been negotiated;
 - Non-profits do not pay property taxes but do pay fees .This means that they do pay fees for water & trash services by paying their bills, but they do not pay anything for drainage and public safety because we pay for those in property taxes. This means that while non-profits obviously use drainage & public services, they aren't contributing at all. The reality is that S&WB only collects about half the revenue for drainage that it gets for sewerage & water. Estimates indicate over 40% of the properties in Orleans Parish are not on the tax rolls, because they are controlled by non-profits.
 - This will be a fight in Baton Rouge, but our New Orleans delegation of legislators are ready for the fight.
 - o Canseco's should be up & running very soon! The mayor just signed a conditional use on Monday.
 - o Crime & Safety:
 - Car break ins have increased by more than 50% in Dist. A (our council district), nearly 70% in Dist. D (Lakefront, Gentilly) and over 95% in Dist. E (NO East).
 - Juvenile court judges have moved to streamline the adjudication process, hoping to keep kids in front of the same judge instead of a different judge each time they are brought in.

- There's a bill in the state legislature to allow other non-police officers to do motor vehicle accident reports in New Orleans as this takes NOPD 16,000 hours per year, so this would free up officer's time for more community policing.
- **Comments from Stephen Mosgrove, Neighborhood Engagement Office**
 - March 28, 2020 Neighborhood Round Table Summit
 - Police Community Advisory Boards –
 - There are spots available on the 2nd district board after some recent resignations.
 - This is an opportunity for citizens to connect with the police district, advise the board on how they should police and make policy recommendations.
 - The police department does have to consider and respond to these recommendations and explain why they can or can't enact them under the consent decree.
 - The only requirement is that you must attend meetings quarterly and agree to help lead meetings. The info on how to apply is on the city's office of neighborhood engagement website, or you can mail in the application. There is a minimum of 7 members on the board and The Office of Neighborhood Engagement decide who gets picked along with input from the police.
- **Discussion of our 2020 Communication Strategy – Elaine Leyda**
 - Elaine has graciously accepted the role as our new Communications Director to lead our board in our primary goals this year, which are: better communication with our neighborhood, increased visibility and more participation.
 - Websites & Weblogs: We have a free wordpress web blog, but we don't know who owns it & how to use it. David & Nathan were able to get the list of members and the access passwords.
 - Social Medias: We have been using individual board members profiles on Nextdoor App, it was suggested that we should have our own board profile. McDaniel suggested it would be helpful to figure out who the social media influencers are in our neighborhood (businesses etc.) and follow them on Instagram etc and he very graciously volunteered to help with the social media aspect of getting the word out.
 - Nicole reminded us all that we do need a low-tech way to make announcements and inform residents of meeting dates. Maybe a permanent poster or metal sign at Horrell or elsewhere in the neighborhood.
 - Bill suggested putting notices on bulletin boards at businesses on Oak St. & maybe churches.
 - There were discussions regarding asking the mayor's office of neighborhood engagement to create a set of guidelines for communication strategies for neighborhood associations, so that everyone doesn't have to keep reinventing the wheel when it comes to sharing information, meeting dates and other important information.
 - We would like to do yard signs, and we would like to do a contest for the logo creation.
- **Carrollton Courthouse Update - Keith Hardie VP of Carrollton Area Residents (other side of Carrollton)**
 - Purchased by a Texas company who got approval from the HDLC to develop the property into an expensive senior care (Approximately \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00 per month for each unit).
 - Their neighborhood association has filed suit regarding the following issues:
 - that the additions are not secondary to the original historic building;

- that the massive scale of the buildings is not in line with the surrounding neighborhood;
- that the regulations require a scale/mass model, which must be accurate however their models weren't created until after the HDLC approval;
- at the HDLC meeting, the project's architects were complaining that any changes would have negative economic impacts on the project and the HDLC president went on to question them regarding the economic impacts and the neighborhood association thinks it was improper for the HDLC to consider the bottom line of the development project.
- The developer in this incident has not moved to intervene in the lawsuit, but has called the president of their assoc. & asked them to dismiss the suit.
- They would like to hear from CRNA what changes we would like to see. Examples:
 - To decrease the height of the buildings from 3 stories to 2
 - To broaden the set back because as it is now, the buildings will only be 5 feet from the property line on Hampson & Male Streets and intends to take up the almost the entire property
- They would ask us: to write a letter as CRNA & as individuals, to join as litigants in the lawsuit. Keith will send us a list of the things they object to and what other steps they would like for us to take.

Respectfully submitted,
Meagan Impastato, Board Secretary