

CRNA – CU minutes March 5, 2020 (with some suggestions) by Bill Ives

CRNA Attendance: David, Nathan and Bill

Betty DiMarco led the meeting and David coordinated it with her.

Joe Giarusso discussed three issues. Some in the state legislature have proposed that S&WB change its method of reporting to City Council that would result in less transparency. Joe is opposed to this and I think the CRNA board should back him. It will first go to the senate and then, if passed, to the reps. I think we should speak with Freeman on this.

Two: There is discussion of Entergy's movement to green alternatives. There is a move to require that they only purchase electric vehicles going forward, as well as some other moves. It should become the most green energy utility in the Gulf South

Three: MARI is concerned about the increase in conversions of residential units into dormitory style rentals. To reduce this City Council is now requiring a parking space for every bedroom. This was a move Keith Hardie was requesting and it passed.

People from New Orleans and Company, a tourism organization, said they are offering job fairs to help people get jobs in the hospitality industry. They did one in January they held a fair at the ZULU Hall with 30 companies and 200 job seekers. In February they did one in New Orleans East. They would like to find a location in the Hollygrove Carrollton area.

There is a meeting on March 13 at the Maple Street Café at 6PM to discuss the major upgrades proposed to the Chervon station at Riverbend, I mentioned that the station has some of the highest prices in the city and does not really serve the neighborhood. They want to add a large minimarket to serve food.

Betty DiMarco provided a handout from Women of the Storm that shows how the tourism industry still gets more tax money than the city does for infrastructure.

The owner of a new brewery coming to Oak Street where Simone's was located spoke. He will have a kid and dog friendly place with a tasting room for both beer and soft drinks.