

## Carrollton Riverbend Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting – via Zoom

Thursday, July 9, 2020, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Minutes

### Attendance:

BOARD: Nicole Bouie, Bernard Guste, Bill Ives, Elaine Leyda, Melissa Lilly, Julianna Padgett,  
Nathan Schwam

NEIGHBORS: Mike, MaryAnn Hood, James Raby, Jordan Kadosh

CITY: Joe Giarusso, Clare Byun, Stephen Mosgrove

HANO: Lesley Thomas, Emily May, Mario Washington

IRIS: Curtis Doucet, Wendy Hoffman,

The meeting was opened at 6:33 by Board member, Bernard Guste. He welcomed everyone and then called for a moment of silence.

Minutes/ Financial Report. A motion was made by Julianna Padgett and seconded by Bill Ives to accept the June minutes. The Financial Report indicated that we have \$3250 in our account. CleanUp Impact Grant checks have been mailed to Lycee and CCEC; Lycee's check has not been cashed. Unanimous acceptance of these two items.

CM Joe Giarusso. Mr. Giarusso covered four items: 1) City Budget is better than expected, but still concerning; 2) The City Planning Commission hearing on the parking study related to the "doubles to dorms" issue is being held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Written comments are due no later than July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 5pm; 3) CM Banks/Williams have entered a motion to allow by permit, expansion and re-use of houses that were formerly multifamily. Joe is asking that certain residential areas of District 1 not be included but allowed in certain commercial areas; 4) concerns about shootings. The City Attorney has put Don's Grocery on a watch list. Neighbors see Don's as an asset and would like to see talk begin with the building and store owners; 5) Harrah's grant deadline is over. Decisions will be made in August.

Stephen Mosgrove, NEO. Stephen cautioned about safe maskwearing/distancing, as COVID-19 continues. A new FEMA 30-day meal program has begun, especially for seniors, children under 19 and health compromised. To register, call 311

HANO-IRIS. Julianna covered a bit of the history about this development and the concerns that neighbors have had with lack of community engagement by HANO and the developer's proposed design, which does not fit into the neighborhood. Emily May indicated that HANO is meeting with current tenants and will present the design to them and then begin stakeholder meetings. Curtis Doucet of IRIS and HANO underlined that community engagement had begun in January. There was a request for a written outline of the process.

Doubles to Dorms. We are urging neighbors to write letters 1) by July 20 to the City Planning Commission and 2) to the City Council, esp. for their August meeting. For background information, see [carrolltonareanetwork.org](http://carrolltonareanetwork.org) or the FB page, "Stop Doubles to Dorms."

Lycee School. Many meals delivered in the neighborhood, noticeably smaller police presence, construction beginning at Priestly.

Concerns about Shootings. Nicole emphasized the hope that the neighborhood will talk with the store owner and the building owner.

#### Renaming Commission

Joe has appointed Paul Sterbcow, District A's representative to the Renaming Commission. The 9-member Commission will set standards for renaming of streets, parks, etc. and make recommendations for name changes. Their work/recommendations are to be complete by March 2021.

Joe's office (Holly) is doing extensive research on the history of the streets and parks to help guide those decisions: when the last name change happened, what the previous name was, etc.

In Carrollton, Palmer Park is probably our focus for renaming. It's also possible that Gen Ogden street may be considered. These efforts may be taken up by CAN (Carrollton Area Network). We must document our community engagement efforts. Questions and information should be addressed to both Paul and Joe. Joe has set up a new email for Paul: [paul.sterbcow@nola.gov](mailto:paul.sterbcow@nola.gov).

Liquor License Request for Carrollton Flower Mart location. Ms. Hood clarified that the Flower Mart would like a liquor license in order to put a bottle of wine into a gift bag. Clare B. and Stephen M. will investigate whether a license has been applied for and what the parameters of that license are.

Fair Wages for Sanitation Workers. Melissa Lily led a discussion on concerns about the sanitation workers. Many were concerned about the long-term contract with Richard's. Elaine requested a copy of the contract. The Board voted to write a letter to the Mayor, supporting four items in a recent petition. Bernard will write the letter and share it with the Board before sending it.

Refocus on Marketing and generating additional interest in our association. Elaine suggested that we might want to continue our Zoom meeting for its ease. She indicated a need for a new logo (maybe a content?), yard signs, updates of our website and better monitoring of our FB page. Bernard suggested that we start walking the neighborhood and deliver information about CRNA. It was also suggested that we hire a young person to upgrade our communications. Note: We should reconsider the marketing plan that Bill created last year.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by Julianna Padgett