



CRNA Meeting Agenda

11 February 2021

6:30: Minutes

6:45: Councilmember Joe Giarusso

7:10: State District 98 Representative Aimee Freeman

7:30: Dept of Public Works Randi Jones

8:00: Wrap up and adjourn

CRNA Board attendees: Gwen, Nathan Schwamm, Elaine Leyda, Nicole Bouie, Bernard; Julianna
Residents: Joyce, Amelia Yates, Reda Scher, John Micks, Amanda Brown Fabin, Tricia Miller-King,
Debra Gunther, Taylor, Zach Porter, R Goines, Dave Thomas, Godfrey Perriott, Bill Schultz, Marlene
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Councilmember Joe Giarusso

1. Small cell towers, being installed for 4 & 5G: very little info on City's website, but a draft guidelines is there; outside the City Council's brief, but Joe wants a FAQ that answers questions
2. Re: crimes against students in Central Carrollton area: Has contacted Tulane
3. Claire will update us on D2D legislation; City staff being furloughed, so say they are short-handed; meeting with CPC (City Planning Commission) the week of Feb 22 and Quality of Life committee.
4. City Council will put the library mil back on the ballot.
Entergy bills: Tell Joe's office if your bill is going up a lot
5. \$ numbers for the end of 2020: 92% of usual collection; one-time flow from Four Seasons and Harrah's and Feds; City is over-reliant on sales tax
6. COVID-19: LaToya was vaccinated; the issue is vaccine supply, Feds will make 30% more available, so should be improving soon.
7. Property taxes: it's tough to go after nonprofits during this pandemic. There is a state constitution issue—how to define “nonprofit”. Prohibition on taxing “nonprofits” but there can be “fees” imposed. Should the be a general infrastructure fee?

Claire on D2D legislation topics:

1. Boundary: who is most affected
2. Parking: parking for each bedroom
3. Definitions needed to be clarified: “bedroom” and “demolition”

Rep Aimee Freeman

1. Encourages and invites all to her 25 Feb Town Hall via Zoom, just register first.
2. Is bringing five local bills
3. Working on D2D with Joe G and Nagendra of CAN (Carrollton Area Network); believes the fines and fees structure needs to be changed
4. Trying to get state tax exemption for women's products and diapers
5. Appropriations meets in mid-March

Randi Jones, DPW (Dept of Public Works) Capital Improvement

1. Federal funds for street repairs require conditions that must be met, such as environmental assessments, EPA, etc.
2. Lots of projects, "largest infrastructure project in NOLA since the New Deal."
3. "Very complicated", must coordinate with other agencies at various levels
4. Sometimes problems arise that call for other permits
5. SWB "consent decree requirements" that 25% be completed by 17 August. Hollygrove, Black Pearl, Leonidas, etc.
6. FEMA deadline for Carrollton Basin is 2023
7. DPW is "striving to do better"
8. We have failed infrastructure; it needs lots of work.
9. Water shut off? Residents should be given 24-hour notice.
10. Many kinds of materials being used across projects. Cannot say if "industrial sand" is being used unless she knows a specific address.
11. Cannot speak to specific projects in CRNA area, can give an overview of the whole only