



CRNA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 8, 6:30-8:00PM
VIA ZOOM

Attendees:

Board: Tammy Butler, Bill Ives, Elaine Leyda, Julianna Padgett, Nathan Schwam, Gwen Smith

City: Joe Giarusso, Claire Byun, Stephen Mosgrove

Carrollton United: Betty Dimarco

Residents: Megan Douglas, Keith Hardie, Susan Johnson, Paulette Perrien, Dave Thomas, John-Michael J., Steve ?

6:30-6:45: Welcome and Announcements

- Elaine announced that we have three new members, including Megan Douglas who was on the call and introduced herself.
- Bill Ives encouraged everyone to join the BLM kneeling 9 minutes everyday at 6pm at Oak and Carrollton. This effort was started by Joyce Thomas.
- Finance Report: \$3,900.62 Several board members have made their annual contribution.

6:45-7:00: Updates

- HANO-Iris (Betty), No new information. The state historic preservation office (SHPO) has been in communication with the architect for Plum Street, but has not heard from
- Parks for Pigeontown. Bill Ives contacted Jeff Thomas and Liza Sherman who know Ghassan Korban, Dir of S&WB. He is interested in helping. Claire Byun updated. Yolanda from S&WB has a CEA drafted, but would like to know concrete plans. Very large water main underneath the lots, so can't grow large trees. No buildings or structures can be built. Passive recreation is OK.
- S&WB industrial noise: S&WB responded to our questions, sent permits. Melissa and Andreas had meeting with Ghassan where he expressed concern. He has reached out to the sound contractor mentioned in the report and has met with budget people to see if there is mitigation money. A letter was sent to Department of Health that requested the Health Dept to either fine the SWB Board or work with them for a plan to monitor and mitigate the sound. Turbine 4 and 5 should mitigate the noise – should go online by the end of June. Betty suggests that we need to create a strategy if the noise doesn't stop by the end of June.
- 914 Dante. Letter has been drafted to the BZA in protest of the potential variance/subdivision. We will wait to send it until BZA puts the issue on the agenda.

- Members are encouraged to attend two Together Louisiana efforts
 - Accountability Assembly on April 9, 5:45PM: runoff candidates from Congressional District 2 Register at www.togetherla.org/April9
 - People’s Assembly on April 12, 6PM preview of 2021 state legislative session. To register: <http://www.togetherla.org/april12>
- Monroe St vacant lots, 1719-1723. Sent a letter and email to Trinity Community Center asking them to clean up the lots. No response.
- D2D legislation. CAN leaders meeting on April 20th with CM Giarusso.
- Picnic at the end of May in Palmer Park.

7:00–745: Councilmember Joe Giarusso

1. D2D
 - Safety and Permits. S&P: definition of bedrooms – receptive; better front end inspection. Agreed to be more proactive.
 - CPC – everything is being viewed through lens of density. Giarusso argues that density is not the panacea. Uptown is already a dense area and people want to live here.
 - Suggestion that Tulane use NORA property or fallow housing for student housing. But should pay taxes on any rental property. Will ask Tulane: 1) what is your plan for Junior dorms? 2) Will Tulane publicly oppose D2Ds.?
 - Changing the demolition definition to include raising a house
 - HDLC partial control with a bit more depth
 - Amicus is tired of being “hammered” by neighbors and being the “poster child” because they are from out of town. Claim they have not purchased a new property since 2019. Will only do future building in mixed use and commercial-zoned areas.
2. NPP (Neighborhood Participation Program) – the legislation was passed to ensure neighborhood engagement meetings, not merely to just send a letter out.
3. Monroe Lots ,1719-1723– Meeting with Code Enforcement with list of properties with continued status updates. Title search process takes far too long. Need to use the fine process to enforce the rules.
4. Formosa Resolution passed by the City Council. Noodles spilled and no agency would take responsibility. Part of effort to create a greener environment. Considering Entergy’s Renewal Portfolio also.

7:30-7:45: Updates from Stephen Mosgrove, District A Liaison

- Vaccinations are available. Lower rates in Hollygrove-Dixon, Gert Town and Tulane-Gravier. Want to get residents in these neighborhoods to canvass their neighbors.
- COVID-777 text messages available for vaccination locations.
- Together Louisiana is hiring canvasses for Vaccine Equity.
- Some progress on roadwork.
- Had met with S&WB with Melissa and Andreas. Ghassan indicated that he is investigating costs and contractors report.

Action:

Bill moved that we reimburse Andreas Hoffman approximately \$100 for the decibel meter. Gwen seconded. Unanimously supported.

7:50 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Julianna D. Padgett, Secretary