



**Thursday, May 13, 6:30-8:30PM
VIA ZOOM**

Present:

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

City: Joe Giarusso, Claire Byun, Stephen Mosgrove

Residents Carrie Smith, Joyce Thomas, Geraldine Brezca, John-Michael

6:30-6:45: Welcome and Announcements

- S&WB twitter re: low pressure may be due to repairs to the plant, as well as loss of Entergy power
- Finance Report: \$3,900.62

6:45-7:00: Giarusso

- Got an email from Dept of Public Works saying they didn't appreciate his language that our neighborhood has "some of the "worst" projects." [But several attendees said it's true.]
- Boiled advisory – special meeting with Entergy (ENO) and S&WB. Confluence of water tower not filled to capacity, tornado caused Entergy to lose power and repairs are issue, repair 48" main for most of uptown. S&WB failed to tell Entergy that they were working on the main and when they did start losing power, they didn't ask Entergy for extra help. Turbine 6 was not running, so no redundancy. The general superintendent, Ron Spooner, is most probably in charge. Need a clear budget plan for how to infrastructure funds to fix infrastructure.
- ENO elevated their CEO to be the customer service of all of Entergy. Deanna Rodrigues is new CEO of ENO. Restoring credibility and transparency is critical.
- Load shedding: During the freeze in February, ENO was directed by MISO to shed a small amount of energy (26 megawatts). ENO made a mistake and shed 126 megawatts. S&WB was in a perilous state as a result and power was cut to several neighbors for a short time on a freezing night in February.
- Election news : Joe Giarusso is seeking re-election.
- City Planning Commission is asking for a delay in the renaming process because of shortage of staff. The Renaming Commission did inconsistent work : volunteers and no constituency. Those names are a starting point, not an end point.

S&WB Noise Issue – Melissa

There is still a lot of noise coming from the plant. Melissa expressed shock and sadness by the situation. When is it enough? How can we remake the structure? No one seems to be in charge of the S&WB and there is little oversight. It's a mess. Real significant change is needed.

Joe: Repairs need to continue Will continue to work on fee structure. Note: State legislature controls the S&WB structure 2. Revisions needed of all civil service policies within S&WB. 3. Possibly can explore a Public/private partnership.

Melissa indicated that she is considering a lawsuit. Would like CRNA to contribute \$600-700 to file the suit. A lengthy discussion followed:

Elaine thinks a door to door petition to the mayor would be an important step before a lawsuit. Petition on Facebook.

Nicole suggested that we need to make a whole plan that includes mental health of the neighborhood and getting social workers into the community?

Suggested to contact Amy Freeman, Stephanie Hilfrity, Walter Leger, other state and local legislators. Kristen Palmer. J. P. Morell.

Board members agreed to create a survey and a petition and walk the neighborhood this weekend.

8:15 pm Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Julianna D. Padgett, Secretary