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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Board Meeting • August 15
7 PM • Location TBA on website

General Meeting • August 20
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER

Board Meeting • September 5
7 PM • Location TBA on website

General Meeting • September 17
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

OCTOBER

Board Meeting • August 1
7 PM • Location TBA on website

General Meeting • August 20
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Meet the Neighbors
2nd TUESDAY • 6:30 - 8:30 PM
3rd SATURDAY • 9 - 11 AM

NONPAC MEETINGS
5TH District
2nd Wednesday • 7 PM
3500 St. Claude Avenue

8TH District
2nd Thursday • 5:30 PM
Omni Royal Hotel

ST. CLAUDE URBAN MAIN STREET MEETINGS
Steering Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month
Promotions Committee, 3rd Wednesday of the month
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Green Project
Marais and Press Streets

EVERY SATURDAY
UPPER 9th WARD
GREEN MARKET
1 - 4 PM
Holy Angels Convent
3500 St. Claude

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Chris Costello

Although we had no meeting in July it has been a busy month for us.

In July we finished raising the money to repair the playground equipment in Washington Square Park. ***In all, more than \$12,000 was raised!*** Thank you to everyone who helped make this a reality, especially those who generously donated to the fund and to Parks & Parkways for their support. (see page 6)

Also in July, our Articles of Incorporation were revised once again for our application for a 501(c)3 status with the Federal Government. The additions are printed in this newsletter and are in bold. Please take a moment to look them over. We will discuss them at our 8/20 general meeting and then vote on them at our 9/17 meeting. (see page 8)

In other news, we have partnered with the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation and the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau to put on a music series in Washington Square Park called Saturdays in the park. The first event was last Saturday and was a great success despite the warm weather. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the event, please contact us if you're interested. (see page 6)

In regards to our monthly events — Meet the Neighbors is becoming a neighborhood tradition! It is a great way to get to know the people that make this neighborhood such a great place to live, work and play, and we invite you to attend. We will be hosting our first daytime Meet the Neighbors this Saturday, August 18, from 9 – 11 am at Marigny Perks, so if you're a morning person, stop by! (see page 2)

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If you would like to help rejuvenate the Marigny, take part in Fridays on the Roch! This is the first event hosted by the St. Claude Main Street program, which is charged with the task of revitalizing St. Claude Avenue. The event will take place on Friday, August 24 behind St. Roch Market from 5 – 9 pm. There will be music, food, Arts & Crafts, a children's play area and a raffle. Stop by, listen to great music, have some great food and visit the booths of our talented artists while supporting a new St. Claude Avenue. (see page 3)

Our Blight Buster Howard has been canvassing the neighborhood identifying properties that fit the City's definition of blight. With camera in hand he is documenting the issues with these properties and we are compiling a database. Thank you Howard for your dedication to this project! If you know of house that should be on this list please contact Howard. (see page 8)

We are a city with fewer people to help with this task so we need **everyone** to pitch in. We can no longer solely rely on the active few to make our City whole again. With this "new year" upon us let us all make a resolution to get involved. We can rebuild our City to be better and stronger than before if we ALL pitch in and work together.



MEET THE NEIGHBORS UPDATE



— Stephanie Pedro

This month will mark the **9th Meet the Neighbor's Night** since its inception in January! We've had a steady influx of new people, as well as old coming to our event to learn more about what's going on in the Marigny. Last month d.b.a. hosted the event with a turnout of 21 people! Kerri Ramsdell, our Crime Prevention Chair, also joined us in providing information and discussion about crime prevention — *thanks Kerri!* Cutter's hosted the social on Tuesday, August 7th (which was National Night Out Against Crime). It was such a great time that they hosted an impromptu Meet the Neighbors Night on August 14! **Schiros** will host on **September 11th**, and **Monahan's 13** on Frenchmen will host on **October 9th**. Both are from **6:30-8:30 PM**.

If you are more of a *morning meet-and-greeter* then come out to *Meet the Neighbor's at Marigny Perks* on **Saturday, August 18th** from **9-11 AM**. If this event is successful, we will begin to have more coffee shops participating on Saturday mornings. Come out and join us if you haven't already!

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE THE VENDORS OF THE UPPER NINTH WARD MARKET -



by Margery Petuis, Manager

Chef Chris DeBarr has agreed to cook for us the first Saturday of each month. He is the chef at The Delachaise on St. Charles who was "discovered" by the foodie public after Katrina. His debut at the Farmers Market was in August and we have big plans for the kitchen throughout the fall.

Some Farmer's Market Vendors

- Angela Wilson of Voo-Dough Bakery: A professional pastry chef for 15 years, Angela now brings her specialty yeast breads - Italian focaccia and ciabatta - directly to the public.
- Kathia Duran of Dona Blanca Dairy: Try her hand-crafted cheeses and butters..
- Kay Brandhurst of the White Boot Brigade: Shrimp!
- Miss Jean, "The Sno- Ball Queen,": She is back in the ninth ward where she belongs and she is at our market every Saturday of the Season.
- Heather Champagne of Champagne Dreams: Heather prepares wonderful sauces, salad dressings, and pesto. Ask her about Catering and Gift Baskets, too.
- The Farmers of Indian Springs Farmers Association: Seasonal vegetables, the last batch of watermelons and Fresh shelled field peas, purple hulled peas, black eye peas. They are so good when they are so fresh.
- Wayne Brown's Crescent Creams Pralines: He is joining our Market family with his silky version of a traditional treat.

We also collect newspapers for recycling every Saturday.

The Upper 9th Ward Farmer's Market
1 – 4pm on Saturdays
3500 St. Claude Avenue

*Come & enjoy
 fresh Louisiana food!*



St. Claude Ave. Main Street

These are exciting times for us! St. Claude Avenue Main Street is gearing up for some events in the community. We relish the opportunity to bring residents, business owners and people from all parts of the city to our community. The events and their descriptions are listed below.

Friday, August 24 *Fridays on the Roch*

Fridays on the Roch is a community celebration of the St. Claude Avenue neighborhoods hosted by St. Claude Avenue Main Street. This celebration will occur every first Friday starting August 24, 2007. Because of the cultural and historical significance it provides for the community, the St. Roch Market area was chosen as the location. This city owned structure was once a public market space where residents and people from various neighborhoods would gather to purchase fresh fish, gumbo, share recipes and news about the neighborhood.

Fridays on the Roch, a reoccurring first Friday celebration will be held on Friday, August 24, starting at 5pm and finishing at 9pm. The celebration will presume on the downtown side of St. Roch Street with live music, cultural performances, food, beverages, crafts and fun for all ages and ethnic groups. We will also have information booths where organizations working in the area can display their work.

In celebration of all cultural heritages, we intend for Fridays on the Roch to attract at least 1,000 people from the surrounding neighborhoods. This celebration will be the first of several events hosted by St. Claude Avenue Main Street accentuating our unique and diverse culture.

Saturday, November 10 **CHALK IT UP TO ST. CLAUDE**

During the month of November, all 24 Main Streets in the state of Louisiana will have a MAIN to MAIN: A Cultural Road Show event. St. Claude Avenue Main Street is hosting Chalk It Up to St. Claude. The sidewalk in front of Colton Junior High School will be the target area for the sidewalk art contest. With no fees to artists, the area will be assigned to participants to design their masterpieces between the hours of 9am and 12pm. From 12pm to 4pm, the art will be judged and winners announced with prizes. We will have entertainment, food, beverages and vendors. Between the hours of 4pm to 9pm, Farrington Smith Gallery and Barrister's Gallery will be open to the public. During the course of the day, St. Claude Avenue Main Street will be collecting stories from the community on their memories and experiences of St. Roch Market.

St. Claude Avenue Main Street is seeking volunteers, food vendors and arts & craft vendors for the Fridays on the Roch and Chalk It Up to St. Claude events. In order to ensure the success, it is vital that we have individuals assisting in planning and implementation of these events. We need the expertise and energy of our community.

If you are interested, please contact Kina B. Joshua via email at kina.joshua@stclaud.org or 504.920.9873.



Please note cell phone numbers of Lt. Ed Selby, 234-8072 to call about crime and Quality of Life Officer, Roger Jones, 201-1520, for urgent complaints about noise.

Everyone knows that non-violent crime should be reported to 821-2222 and emergencies to 911.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIE ...at St. Paul !

“Singalong” Wizard of Oz FREE

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites the community to attend “Saturday Night at The Movies” on...

Saturday, September 8, 2007

Admission is free, but attendees are asked to bring a canned good for the Food Bank. It will be a night to meet your neighbors and have some fun.

Doors open at 7:00 PM
and the movie starts at 7:30 PM
All ages are welcome!

And the movie will be...

“The Wizard of Oz”

...and with sing-along sheets! Experience the Yellow Brick as never before! Come in costume as your favorite character from the movie and you may win the costume contest ! Door prizes will also be awarded! Popcorn and other refreshments will be available for donations. Any monies raised will go to the New Orleans Food Bank. The event is sponsored by the St. Paul Men's Club.

It will be night of fellowship and film! Don't miss it! See you at the movies!!!

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 2624 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, LA 70117. Call the church office for more information at (504) 945-3741.

“Yours Truly in a Swamp”
by Leonard Earl Johnson



RHINO

Right Here In New Orleans

Sorry we missed you if you were not at the RHINO party in New Orleans.

You missed a great party. It was elegant, grand and packed. Hope your absence means you were well, busy and prosperous.

RHINO is the oldest living artist cooperative in Louisiana. I was asked to M. C. their anniversary party, on the third floor of Canal Place.

We took Greyhound down to New Orleans, crushing along Interstate-10, the World's fastest moving parking lot. One stop in Baton Rouge. Normal traffic. Normal Swamp. It all looked like the hurricanes of '05 never happened. Until a reddish black man with two gold earrings asked if I had worked at Charity Hospital before The Storm.

No, I told him, but I had been the concierge at the nearby New Orleans Centre, next to the Super Dome. I was the guy in the marble booth talking restaurants to tourists and telling folks about Macy's and where the bathrooms were.

"That's it!" he said. He smiled, showing matching gold teeth. Dropped the smile and said, "They never reopened that Macy's. Never did."

His home had been in New Orleans East, and he had been back, but not in six months. "It is hopeless," he said.

Now he lives in Ville Platte. He said the Smoked Meat Festival was everything we had heard. He smiled, rubbed his middle and headed out the door for one of life's greatest Popeye's, on a corner one block from the bus station. We had a thirty-minute layover in Baton Rouge.

Cajun art and antique trader, Wade Lege', and I drank our way back across the Atchafalía Basin, along the new, less-traveled bottom road from the struggling City FEMA Forgot to burgeoning Lafayette, undulating on its bubble of oil and sugar cane. We stopped and dined on BBQ Shrimp, at Clementine's, in New Iberia, where Monsieur Lege's brother, Erin Lege', is Chef. Magnifique!

Earlier we toured the new room at the Williams Research Center, in New Orleans, and took a nod from the receptionist for an article on its non-connection (maybe) to the House of the Rising Sun, You Must Remember This

Vitrice McMurry, a talented RHINO jeweler, and her husband, master guitarist John Rankin, put us up out on sunny Bayou Saint John. Next day we stopped at the Pitot House, the first American mayor's house (circa post Louisiana Purchase) and spoke with Mercedes, who is the volunteer gardener you might see saving the mansion's "natural garden." She lives on rue Royal and was a major RHINO patron, in the days before everything changed. Living across the street from RHINO's old Royal Street shop, she even answered police calls to its false burglar alarms.

"If Washington won't help," Mercedes said, pointing to a flower that looked like a mix between a white Swamp Iris and Saint Anne's Lace, "we must rebuild the best New Orleans we can.

A fine weekend for all but those unable to climb aboard any road home. The French Quarter, and such high grounds, looked ever so like yesteryear, sans segregation's distant day. The Essence Music Festival had the streets blocked and musicians signing outside bars near the Louisiana Supreme Court's new/old building. The rest of Town looked like a body amputated of most of its extremities.

America's C. E. O., Goofus W. Bush, can not save a city, win a war or run the trains on time. But have you heard he bought 98,000 acres in Paraguay? In the charitable way he helped flee our country the family of the man he said did September Eleventh, he and Halliburton now prepare to flee. Why stay for the finger pointing?

Hope you are happy and fat as a guiltless Republican, LEJ

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Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



To Howard Allen for being our Blight Buster.



To all those who donated to the Playground Equipment Fund.



To Marshall Greis and Leigh & Jim Crawford for cleaning up after our first *Saturdays in the Park*.



To Robert Rachal for helping us with The Articles of Incorporation and our 501(c)3 application.

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Thank You!

To Jenny Takakura and Sam Spencer for donating two Kwik Kan devices (they make a trash bag stand up like a garbage can!) to aid in our cleanup efforts around our neighborhood and in our park.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and your commitment to helping us make the Marigny a great place to live, work and play.

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WE DID IT! NEWLY RENOVATED PLAYGROUND AROUND CORNER

Yes, we did it! We raised OVER \$12,000 to renovate the playground equipment in Washington Square Park.

Thank you to all those involved in helping organize the renovation especially Calvin Rice, Robert Reddington, Scott Agies and to Joan Guccione and Reg Medellin for distributing our donation letters to businesses. Without your time, effort and enthusiasm this project would not have moved forward.

We would also like to thank all the individuals and businesses who made this a reality by donating to the Washington Square Park Playground Equipment Fund. Your commitment to our city and our neighborhood through your generous contributions is what makes New Orleans such a great place to live. We would also like to thank Parks and Parkways for their support of this project.

The new parts have been ordered and we anticipate that the renovation will be complete by the end of September, right in time for the cool Fall weather.

Be on the lookout for our progress. If you have not sent your check in it is not too late. We will be maintaining the fund to provide future repairs for the equipment. Donations should be made out to FMIA with Playground in the memo field and send to — FMIA, PO Box 770080, New Orleans LA 70177.

Donors to the Washington Square Park Playground Equipment Fund

Malcolm Willison
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Deveney Communication
Scott Agies
Hooka Café



SCHEDULE

Aug. 18

Susan Cowsill

Aug. 25

Gal Holiday & the Honky Tonk Revue

Sept. 1

Linnzi Zaorski & Delta Royale

Sept. 8

The Pfister Sisters

We are proud to announce a music series called Saturdays in the Park which started last Saturday, August 11th and will go through September 8th. The event is from 4 – 6 pm and is being produced in conjunction with the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation and the NOMCVB.

We are inviting our fellow citizens as well as visitors to our city to come to our neighborhood to see why it is such a great place to live, work and play and to support our local businesses.

This is also a great opportunity for residents to get out and enjoy our beautiful park, support local musicians and build our sense of community. Come enjoy a lazy day in the park. Have a special Malibu drink to cool off. Dance your worries away. A portion of the proceeds from the drink sales are going to the Friends of Washington Square Park Fund to continue the repairs need in the park.

WE NEED HELP IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EVENT to pick up any stray trash that did not make it into one of the trash receptacles. If you can help out, just show up at 6pm or if you already there just start picking up trash and put it where it belongs.

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NO MORE BLIGHT

As we struggle to rebuild we realize that there are many properties in our neighborhood and our City that need to be renovated. Many of these properties are vacant and the owners have not made any attempts to repair the damage. This causes a serious safety issue for us as vagrants will break into these properties and live in them. We are taking steps to identify and document these types of properties. If you know of a property that has visible damage and/or is vacant, please let us know. You can e-mail us at blight@faubourgmarigny.org with the address of the property, or call us at 800.321.0812 with the same information.

501(c)3: Here We Come

As part of our efforts to strengthen our organization we made changes to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws in 2006. We are again at a point where we must make more changes. These changes will allow us to pursue non-profit status with the Federal Government. This is an important step in our evolution as an organization as we will be better able to carry out our mission statement by allowing us to receive grants.

Specifically, our Articles of Incorporation need to be amended to include language that spells out our nonprofit nature to satisfy the requirements for nonprofit status. There are five additions.

1. A declaration that we are organized for 501(c)3 charitable purposes. (ARTICLE III, A)
2. A declaration that we as members will not financially benefit from our nonprofit status. (ARTICLE IV, B)
3. A declaration that we will not use our organization for political purposes. . (ARTICLE IV, C)
4. A declaration that we will not carry out any activities that are not permitted by our nonprofit status. . (ARTICLE IV, D)
5. A declaration that upon our dissolution that our assets will be distributed for exempt purposes only. (ARTICLE XIV, B)

There is one last addition that is not related to the 501(c)3 but the Board felt necessary so that the individual Board members could serve and make decisions without the fear of being sued. This article indemnifies the Board members from decisions the Board makes on issues. (ARTICLE XII)

In addition to the above changes, the Articles will be RESTATED to provide one complete document that combines all the changes over the last 35 years. We will review the additions at our August meeting and vote on them at our September meeting.

We would like to thank Robert Rachal and his firm, Proskauer Rose LLP, for helping us with this project.

*Proposed Restated Articles of Incorporation of FMIA. Additions are in **bold type**.*

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

*
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BE IT KNOWN that on this ___ day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven (2007), before me, ROBERT RACHAL, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, therein residing and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses;
PERSONALLY CAME AND APPEARED: CHRIS COSTELLO, President, and LEIGH CRAWFORD Secretary, of the FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., a non-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana, who did declare that:



WHEREAS, the FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., was incorporated on August 30, 1972, and the original articles of incorporation have been duly amended from time to time in conformity with law; and

WHEREAS the membership and the Board of Directors desire to restate the Articles of Incorporation of the FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., to reflect all amendments, including the amendments incorporated in Articles III, IV, XIV, and new Article XII of these Restated Articles of Incorporation; and

WHEREAS notice was duly given to the membership and a meeting was held by the membership and by the Board of Directors to vote on a resolution to adopt these Restated Articles of Incorporation, including the amendments incorporated in Articles III, IV, XIV, and new Article XII of these Restated Articles of Incorporation; and

WHEREAS pursuant to resolution of two-thirds of the membership and of the Board of Directors, the President and the Secretary of the FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., are duly authorized to effectuate these Restated Articles of Incorporation by adopting same; and

WHEREAS, these Restated Articles of Incorporation accurately reflect, as of and effective August _____, the articles of incorporation, and all amendments thereto, including the amendments made in conformity with law and incorporated in Articles III, IV, XIV, and new Article XII in these Restated Articles of Incorporation;

ITS IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, effective August ____, 2007, the Articles of Incorporation of the FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name and title of this Corporation shall be the FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., and by that name and title it shall and enjoy succession as long as is permitted by law, or unless sooner dissolved in accordance with provisions for dissolution hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE II

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana and all citations or other legal process shall be served on the President and in his absence on the Vice President or Secretary or Treasurer. The address of the registered office of this corporation shall be P.O. Box 770080, New Orleans, Louisiana 70177

The names and address of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, the registered agents of this corporation, are:

President:	Chris Costello
Vice President:	Reg Medellin
Secretary:	Leigh Crawford
Treasurer:	Robert Reddington

ARTICLE III

A. The FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

B. Subject to Article III, Part A, the objects and purposes of this organization are declared to be as follows: To protect, maintain, and support the FAUBOURG MARIGNY in the City of New Orleans, and particularly that portion of it lying between the Mississippi River and N. Rampart/McShane Pl./St. Claude Avenue and between Esplanade and Press Street, including all buildings, improvements and properties adjoining said avenues and situated in the areas immediately adjacent to same; to promote the physical, cultural, architectural and historical values of said section, and to secure adequate enforcement of all laws of the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana affecting or pertaining to it.

C. Subject to Article III, Part A, this corporation shall have the power to receive, manage disburse any and all funds acquired by donation, or otherwise for the aforesaid purpose and generally to sponsor, manage and direct worthy programs and projects designed, directly or indirectly, to benefit the FAUBOURG MARIGNY section.

ARTICLE IV

A. Subject to Article III, Part A, this corporation shall have the power to own and manage property, to contract, sue or be sued; to use a corporate seal; and in general it shall exercise and enjoy all powers incident to a corporation



consistent with the objects expressed herein and needful and proper for its government and support.

B. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, Part A hereof. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall keep in place a Conflict of Interest Policy to assist in effectuating these goals.

C. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V

A. This corporation shall be organized upon a non-stock basis, and participated therein shall be based, in lieu of shares of stock, upon a system of membership which may be evidenced by certificates of membership, which shall not be transferable.

B. Voting in the corporation shall be open to persons, firms, and corporations that own property or a business or reside within the boundaries who are members of the corporation; each to have one vote at meetings of the general membership.

C. Membership in this corporation shall be limited to individuals 18 years of age and older, and firms and corporations owning property, residing or doing business or having a general interest in the area bounded by N. Rampart/McShane Pl./St. Claude Avenue, Esplanade Avenue, the Mississippi River and Press Street.

D. Subject to the voting restrictions of Article V, Part B, there shall be only one class of members. However, at any meeting of the general membership, one or more classes of members may be created with such various types of powers and voting rights as may be desired.

ARTICLE VI

No dues may be assessed except by affirmative vote of the general membership at a general or special meeting.

ARTICLE VII

A. No member shall ever be held liable for the debts of this corporation.

B. Voting of the members of this organization shall be in person or by written proxy.

ARTICLE VIII

All corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of at least seven (7) directors to be elected by the membership. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a period of two (2) years from the date of any meeting at which they are elected. They shall, however, continue in office until election and qualification of their successors. Directors may be re-elected without limitation.

ARTICLE IX

A. The Board of Directors shall have full power to direct, manage and conduct this corporation's affairs.

B. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year; and special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, Board of Directors, or the Officers upon written notice to all members of the Board. Any Board member may require the holding of a meeting on written petition signed by one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board. Voting may be by written proxy to any other director.

C. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority thereof shall constitute a quorum.

D. The Board of Directors may hold an Executive Session upon affirmative vote by the majority of Board members present. The purpose for the Executive Session shall be stated prior to the vote. Only members of the Board shall be present at an Executive Session. No votes shall be taken in Executive Session.

ARTICLE X

The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer selected from among the members of the Board of Directors.



ARTICLE XI

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to enact by-laws, rules and regulations for the conduct of all of its business, not inconsistent with these Articles.

ARTICLE XII

A. The corporation will indemnify any director or officer made a party, or threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than one by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his or her capacity as Director or officer of the corporation, or as Director, officer, employee or agent of any other entity which he or she served at the request of the corporation) against judgments, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, (but not for taxes, penalties or fines), if such person is either successful in his or her defense or if the proceeding is terminated by settlement, and if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful.

B. The Board of Directors shall have the sole discretion to determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seeks indemnification were incurred properly and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he or she had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceedings. The corporation may pay or reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by a director or officer in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding after the corporation receives a written affirmation by the director or officer of that person's good faith belief that the director or officer has met the stand of conduct necessary for indemnification and a written agreement to repay the amount paid or reimbursed if the final determination is that the person did not meet that standard.

ARTICLE XIII

This charter may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the corporation present at any annual meeting or at any special meeting of said members called for that purpose after seven (7) days due notice in writing setting forth the time, place and purpose of said meeting.

ARTICLE XIV

A. This corporation may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the corporation present at any annual meeting or at a special meeting held for that purpose after seven (7) days written notice shall have been mailed to each member setting forth the time, place and purpose of said special meeting.

B. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the parish in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

THUS DONE AND PASSED at my office in the City of New Orleans on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses who have signed with appearers and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

Chris Costello
President Faubourg Marigny
Improvement Association

Leigh Crawford
Secretary Faubourg Marigny
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Old Business (Active)

Approval of minutes from 5/2 Board Meeting and 5/21 General Meeting

PROJECTS

1. 800 Mandeville S & M Condos- ZONING DOCKET ZD053-07 6/12: Request by CAPT. CHARLES HAZOURI and DR. LISA HAWK for a Conditional Use to permit a four-family dwelling in an HMR-3 Historic Marigny/Treme Residential District in existing structures, on Square 259, Lot 180-A, in the Third Municipal District, bounded by Marigny, Mandeville, Burgundy and Dauphine Streets. The municipal addresses are 2337-39 DAUPHINE STREET and 800 MANDEVILLE STREET. (ZBM D-13) . The footprint will not change and has to go through city planning.
2. 2105 Dectaur – 1920 warehouse - want to tear it down and do it the way it was
3. 801 Frenchmen St. - The vent is in the wrong place and has to be moved. We are sending a letter to City Council supporting HDLC decision.
4. 2601 Chartres - neon light portico on the front of the building. The building is too important to mess up the building. Consideration for other businesses and residents altering the streetscape. Supported the HDLC decision.
5. 2128 St. Claude Ave. - – recommended by approval by HDLC - Same volume as before – simple design
6. Releaf Marigny – 15 tree permits have been issued and waiting approval from Parks and Parkway. There were 4 classes taught at a seminar. Hubig's is interested in the project. Suggestions included: 1) Replant NO speak at a FMIA Meeting 2) Replant NO would like to host Earth Day in April. A grow out station at tree mulcher for composting OPTIONS rent one, hiring an expert for one major project, and Jeff will take notes and learn from the expert.
7. Neighbors 4 Neighbors – Next one. 6/12 Mimi's What is banner status?

ISSUES

- About Time Lounge – no longer an issue with the residents and guests sleeping because it is quieter. As of this date, ABO has not responded to any of their letters. Sign on the door, in Doerr's parking lot partying such as line dancing. FMIA has heard that Big Daddy is selling the property that he owns. We are checking the status with Nolan Lambert.
- 2100 Burgundy (Fred Morgan) Brian found electrical chord syringe and leather jacket. Officer Jones was notified and others said that there are problems. Other drug activities still exist. We have a representative attending 8th District NON-PAC and he will bring it up.
- Playground Equipment. Status? Can we purchase the parts? At this point we have collected \$2590. Chris will go to the businesses and will drop up the letters. Marshall talked to another contractor and he is a hefty price. He will get a bid from him and if he is insured maybe another bid. Parts are not changing. Chris wants a motion to purchase at the price and the company can hold it. Some of the money can come from Home Tour. Bob wants insurance before we purchase the equipment. The price will escalate from the original quote of 3044.00. Maybe Parks and Parkways could take the responsibility. Suggested that a letter from the City that if FMIA

MEETINGS

FMIA General and Board Meetings are open to the public. Committees and committee meetings are also open to anyone who is interested or would like to help.

BOARD MEETINGS are the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Location TBA (see www.faubourgmarigny.org)

GENERAL MEETINGS are the 3rd Monday of each month and begin with a potluck at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street. The meeting starts at 7:15 PM. (There are NO general meetings in July and December.)

ADS AND ARTICLES

Ads and articles for the monthly newsletters are due by the Friday following the Board Meeting.

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raises the money they would assume the liability. We are contacting Parks and Parkway with this proposal.

- 501(c) 3 Status. – Met with Robert Rachal. His firm is helping us pro-bono with the application. It will take 4 – 6 months. We will need to change Articles of Incorporation again. Approved
- Change Bank Accounts to Whitney. Done.
- Historic Districts Management Authority – Revising Bill. Only includes “entertainment” part of triangle We don’t want to separate the Marigny. CAN’T BREAK THE MARIGNY GOT an agreement with them and would expand it out. Trying to get it through by State Legislation and it is 7yrs sunset provision and has to be renewed. Ask Murrary if something is on paper. Motion: to support SB 300 and that they will include the Marigny by 2010. Second Leigh VOTE: passes 4 no 2 1 ABSTAIN
- Home Tour – Great Success
- Riverfront Development Committee – Report on meeting at Holy Angels. Gene and Gretchen let them know what is going on.
- FMIA’s 35th Birthday – Party on 8/20? Two markers could be installed at the Firehouse and Franklin Ave. We discussed some type of functions. It will be a PR event, article in TP and PRC .
- New T-shirt Design / Mug Design – Used houses design circa 1980. Shirts and Mugs produced. GREAT response.
- Joint Reception for New 8th Captain w/ NOHC – No Status
- District 7 CDC Gene and Chris met with Barry Marks - Above the neighborhood level and representation from the neighbors 501c 3 – grant money and neighborhoods can submit projects.
- Riverfront Meeting Riverfront Alliance is going to make comments on the plan - www.newRiverfront.com Intersection at Elysian Fields at the river - cut out portion of the wharf to view working wharves. River side of Mandeville installs an operational glass wall to view working wharves, museum and market . They would install a new gate. The up and over is not a bad solution. Press St. a big tongue box building along side Rice Mill warehouse and left out Standard Coffee Building . Piety St. another opening or up and over - well thought out Crew Ship Terminals and ways to get there. They are proposing a new neighborhood around Poland St. 6 square towers and birms with parking under there. Back off of Chartres and Poland. St. Holy Cross development and street cars on St. Claude. The Towers and the new neighborhood and gated community. High end property! Gene said things can change from one meeting to the next.
- Roberts Fresh Market – Petition Robert’s was a supporter of the Home Tour and would like to reopen the Market.
- Visibility of Marigny : Banners – Marshall - alternatives for banners – triangles has advantages and disadvantages. Ordered a double bars– take it down to Lowe’s for other options. Banners – how to be made – shape decides –weather - silk screen, sewed ,both sided printed etc. 65 poles on St. Claude Press to Esplanade - Keep options open. Marshall could investigate banner markers.
- Blighted/Vacant Property – Howard has completed the survey. Has letter to review to the Board. Howard is working on the triangle to get the completed list. Need to review Howard’s list. If anyone has a property - tell Howard. NOTE to Howard - Demolition by neglect is being enforced? City is not functioning.
- Pet Fair at Baptist Friendship House on Saturday, June 2 – See email. It will be postponed until August.

Old Business (In-active)

- Bellsouth and the Digital Loop Carriers, 2601 Burgundy – Status
- Q & A with Guardian Angels – No news to date The Guardian Angels has an office on N. Rampart.
- Survey of District 7 via Tulane School of Medicine - No Progress
- Jazz Series in Park – Deb O – no Status.
- Projects:
 - 839 Elysian Fields No Status
 - 1017 Touro (Friendly Touch Bar) No Status
 - 801 Frenchmen No Status

NEW BUSINESS

- A.Next Board Meeting? Where? July 11 Reg
- B Newsletter - Reg will help Robyn because Chris will be out of town
- C. Trade Mark of Name Charles E. Adams trademarked Faubourg Marigny 1978 1027 Touro St. Approved
- D. **Walking Tour Date** - Reg Deborah and Chris will pick the date - check to see what is happening
- E. Bands Playing on Frenchmen Suggestions - Approach city authority first and send letter to the appropriate person.
- F. B-Que Pits / Open Flame Fire hazards, Catering company that has showed up on Frenchmen, Illegal, No Health and Safety Permits , and Sanitation
- G. Schiro’s,Marigny Perks, Flora’s and many other businesses have tables and chairs blocking the sidewalk. Issue: Are they leasing the sidewalk for their tables and chairs? Leigh will write a letter. Contact person to call is Mendosa.
- H. Recognition Program – Door Hanger deferred
- I. Trash Cans – Brian
- J. Committee Approval
 - Nomination – Gary DeLeaumont Approved
 - Budget/Audit – Ron Petty approved

Submitted by Deborah Oppenheim

FMIA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA – June 20, 2007

Chris opened @ 7/11 Bob and Gene are absent
New Business

A. Frenchman Street Issue

- 1) Cruising
- 2) Noise from open doors and windows, speakers, horns
- 3) Loitering
- 4) Trash – throw trash on street
- 5) Congestion
- 6) Sidewalk – tables and chairs blocking
- 7) B-Que Pits
- 8) Food Trucks
- 9) Loading zones
- 10) Passenger zones –Ray’s Boom-Boom and Hookah

Frenchmen Overlay allows businesses to do lots more than other neighbors. The residents worked with CPC and businesses to create the Frenchmen Street Overlay. As Chris said, “The neighborhood does not want Bourbonization.” FMIA is happy to work with the businesses to have the proper licenses and enforcement. For the businesses, they should be happy that they are allowed to have the Overlay. FMIA supports the Frenchmen Street Overlay and the appropriate permits for



each establishment. Reg's idea is to give a copy of the Overlay to every business. Another suggestion is to go to Safety and permits to find out the permits of each of the businesses. Deborah has the list from the Ordinance and Leigh will verify this list. It was also stated that it is the businesses civic duty to obey the zoning. Discussion: nice police 1) defer to the City 2) Letter to the businesses with the Overlay 3) Visit each business 4) Meeting with Carter, Board and Lawyer 5) Documentation and pictures 6) Call Officer Jones

B. Hooka Café has applied for conditional use to become a Cocktail Lounge. PAC has deferred their application till July 26. Marshall mentioned that they are a restaurant and no smoking is permitted on the premises. Chris wanted to know, "What do they want?" Chris mentioned the idea of provisos and to get the owner to sign a Community Benefit Agreement. FMIA needs to get legislation to change the zoning to reflect what is actually happening. This is in reference to a cocktail license that won't go with the building but only with the owner of the business. Marshal stated that we can sponsor legislation but until now we should support the Frenchmen Overlay. The Board approved his recommendation. Marshal is going to work on a draft.

C. Mandeville Street Fire Station -The Company that wants to rent this Fire Station wants FMIA to write a letter supporting them. NORA said that the company will renovate and they will not charge rent.

- 1) FMIA needs to see an agreement
- 2) Lease from NORA - has to be a stop date – It is designated as a Community Center
- 3) Appropriate length lease 15 years and negotiate after that – not a perpetual lease
- 4) Control of the neighborhood
- 5) Parking
- 6) Hours
- 7) Should revert back to the building's original use
- 8) Good Neighbors
- 9) Historic District

D. Welcome Packet for Residents and Neighbors (Reg) magnet with important numbers

- 1) Review old Welcome Packets
- 2) Diane – working on booklet – sell advertising
- 3) Addresses - list of every property in the neighbor and send it to every house – need Owner's name
- 4) Sign for meetings

E. Marigny Image –The Media is now comparing us with Central City

- 1) Write a letter – to Architectural Record to correct the mistake about St. Roch Market's location.
- 2) Local news – Chris face camera
- 3) CC to Carter

F. Crime - at FMIA General Meeting we will sell Whistles and photo sensors

- 1) August 7th Night Out Against Crime-
- 2) Video surveillance –
- 3) Light-Up the Marigny
- 4) Whistles
- 5) NONPAC: Meetings should be in newsletter

G. Blight - Howard Allen has been doing a wonderful job; a list is being compiled of all the blighted properties. Maybe a web page can be created with these properties and add when needed. Suggestion was given to at the burned out wharf and Robert's.

H. Playground — \$2000 given by Arnie Fielkow - who is liable - insurance? If we buy the parts – what is our liability - donated to Parks and Parkway - we can be sued for anything. Realistically, - pass to the installer –(own insurance) – City's responsibility BOARD –Have the licensed and contractor can buy the parts. Then the installer said he will charge 25% - \$3000 grand for the pts - Marshall will get back in a week as he looks for someone who is licensed and insured.

I. Membership: Russell Deroche - people will apply on line - Problem who have not paid in 2 months When do we take them off? - Reminder should be after two months taken off with letter, Board Approved.

J. WaSP (Washington Square Park) - Lots of trash. It was mentioned that signage is needed. Chris spoke to Ann McDonald. This is not a dog park. We can get a planning grant up to \$250,000. We need someone to write the grant and Marshall will look at the grant application. A suggestion was made to talk to Bill Hyland and Lloyd Sensat because of their knowledge of the area.

K. Levees: (Dave Seymour) On the lower Ninth Ward is it 15ft high and on our side 12ft, but not secured on the 12ft side. It was suggested that we call the Action Reporter.

L. Frenchmen Bill 326 - The Bill is lacking luster and at this time FMIA has not signed.

M. Banners for St. Claude and Elysian Fields for more visibility and works well with the Marigny's 35th Birthday Day.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING JUNE 29, 2007

Frenchmen Street Issues: Leigh went to Ed Horan to check out the licenses. He said he needed the addresses. She has not heard from him. Call Officer Jones regarding Quality of Life issues. Leigh has gone to Ray's Boom-Boom early and it appeared subdued. Much of the issues are on the weekend. Work within the ordinance and want all the businesses to work within the law. Frenchmen St. is not controlled. Bourbon is shut down with heavily policed. Frenchmen St. is out of control. Place next to Café Brazil is planning to open as a bar. Behind closed doors (the old Judy's Closet) has been working to have a bar, stage, grill and pizza. Illegal vendors are selling on the sidewalk. Café Negril is also operating as a bar with music. ACTION: 1) Bar Crawl 2) Documentation -pictures to Officer Jones and invite him to our Board Meeting July 11th.

TWO ISSUES:

Quality of Life Issues and Permitting Issues:

- 1) Chris will send a letter to Officer Jones – **Quality of Life Issues** CC Carter e-mail to Carter asking for him a meeting about Frenchmen St. Carter needs to be invited to the same Meeting. E-mail to Carter that a meeting was scheduled with various heads of departments to discuss how to implement the Overlay. S& P Zoning ABO Health and Sanitation Finance Police and we would like to have this meeting. Juan La Fonta – We are contacting with a letter - Marshall
- 2) **Hookah** - Marshall, Deborah and Chris to set up meeting with CPC- Chris will reach out to the owners of Hookah.

— GENERAL MEETING JUNE 18, 2007 —

Announcements:

- 1) **T-Shirts** - Recycled 1986 design for the 35th anniversary



year. Shirts \$10 and the mugs are \$5, which can be used for Gumbo, soup, and to soak your fingers too.

2) **Meet the Neighbors at MiMi** - announcements did not go out; however, about 10 people went and had a great time. Next one is at DBA July 10 6:30 – 8:30 please come and bring a neighbor. There will be a Crime Prevention meeting at 6:00pm before the Meet and Greet.

3) **ReLeaf Marigny** - Jeff Johnson - Trees in the Marigny. Currently, there are 15 applications to Parks and Parkway. Please let Jeff know if you are interested in planting trees and/or helping. The Committee will work on one block at a time.

4) **Main St** - Main Street has had to create the organization from the ground up. First yr. has been tough and needed to get all the necessary paperwork. Since the growing pains, it is now time to come up with innovated ways to bring back St. Claude.

5) **NO GENERAL MEETING and NEWSLETTER IN JULY.** The August meeting is when FMIA nominates people for the Board. Four people are needed for the Board.

6) **FMIA's E-mail list** - the sole purpose is to get information about the Marigny but now FMIA will also have a email list to let people/businesses in the neighborhood make announcements. "mailto:bulletin@faubourgmarigny.org" will be the address. More to come

7) **Pride Fest** has moved to Washington Square Park **June 24** noon - 5 and everyone is invited.

8) **WELCOME** Ed Klepinger a past Board Member is visiting. FMIA welcomes Jane, Simone and Max to our General Meeting.

9) **801 Frenchmen** is opening on June 20th -

10) **5th District** - FEMA has condemned the 5th District Station. They are looking for a location for 3 trailers for the next couple of years till they build a new station.

11) **Dave Seymour** said that the *lower nine levees has been built 15 ft and our side is only 12ft and has not been strengthened.*

12) It was mentioned the derailment of the train near NOCA.

COMMITTEES—

1) **Blight** Chairperson - Howard Allen – (710-0519) is documenting all blight, burned out, by neglect properties. There are a lot of documented properties. Howard is also doing research on squatters living in these blighted buildings. FMIA will send a letter to the owner as well as the City with the definition of blight and resources to help them fix their property. Goal is to help the people fix their properties.

2) **Crime Prevention** – Kerrie Ramsel – The next Crime Prevention meeting will tag with Meet the Neighbors on July 10th at 6:00pm at DBA. Kerrie is researching surveillance cameras - Lead Base Cameras The Holy Cross group is interesting in adding surveillance cameras. There is a meeting on Friday June 24, CC's on Esplanade at 9:00 meeting with Dectective Carambat and his cell no. 400 – 5214. ALL ARE INVITED.

3) **Advertising** Our new Chairperson, Angela Carll, has volunteered to take this important position and we thank you. She will be working with Ron, FMIA's newsletter editor and the newsletter is looking great.

4) **Pot Holes** - Carter sent with a request for Pot Holes. Squeaky wheel gets the oil - REPORT IT! tmsmith@cityofno.com Get the street address and give a brief description.

5) **Home Tour** - *Congrats to Reg and Deborah for a fabulous Home Tour.*

6) **FMIA 35th Anniversary August 30, 2007** (time and location TBA) It is the day the Articles of Corporation were signed. Senator Arthur Morrell gave two Historical Markers which will be placed on Franklin Avenue and near the Fire Station on Esplanade. The markers will be installed. If you interested in helping with this event, please call Chris Costello, our current President.

7) **October Second Annual Walking Tour** - Bill, Gretchen, Lloyd, Rick, Bobby, Karl, were Tour Guides last year. There is so much wonderful history to learn and share. If you are Interested in helping with this event , we would like to start early then waiting the month before. Please call Chris Costello

8) **Human Relations for the City** – How are various groups discriminated? The Human Relations headed by Larry Bagneris has a public meeting every last Tuesday of the Month. The group will meet at the Basin Street Station on St. Louis and Basin St. 6 – 8 pm and is a public meeting. This month the Gay Lesbians and Transsexuals discussion to have a better understanding of various groups, how they contribute to the City, and how they are discriminated - 6:00 – 8:00 Public Meeting June 26 .

9) **August 7th Night against Crime** - call 8th District and the 5th District - Register the event with the police and they will come by.

10) **NONPAC** - 5th District – need people 3500 St. Claude @ Holy Angels 7:00 Second Wed of every month Need details when you call - 821 – 2222 non emergency telephone number. Thanks John and Kerrie.

11) **Playground Equipment** - We have \$5300 towards fixing the playground equipment. Councilmen Arnie Fielkow personally donated \$2000. Joan Guccione passed out letters to businesses asking for their support. Thanks to these businesses for their making contributions to date: Mona's, American Aquatic Gardens, and Lady Tattoo.

12) **Frenchmen Street** have had a lot of problems with quality of life issues – traffic, noise, gutter -punks, non licensed vendors and illegal bars. FMIA, businesses and residents worked very hard with CPC to create the Frenchmen St. Overlay so restaurants can have non amplified music and bars can have music. The Overlay stresses the use of day and night businesses. We are good neighbors and expect the same from the businesses on Frenchmen St. FMIA is for smart development and businesses. The Frenchmen St. Overlay only works when everyone obeys the rules. It is clear that this neighborhood does not want it to be another Bourbon St. Hookah Restaurant has applied for conditional use to become cocktail lounge. Their application to Planning Advisory Committee has been postponed till July 24th. Other issues include: non licensed businesses having music, various B-Que pits on the street blocking traffic, sidewalk tables and chairs (there is a legal way to lease the space from the City).



General Meeting, Monday, 8/20

Next General Meeting, Monday, 9/17

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