



March 6, 2017 5:45-6pm Meet & Greet, 6-7pm Meeting Minutes- Ochsner Cafeteria

In attendance: Om Ingram, Brady Shannon, Kellie Grengs, Garrett Majoue, Gregory Manning, Patrick Kadow, Daniel Shanks, Antoinette Rich, Andy Brott, Erin Snow

Agenda:

I. Welcome

The mission is to improve the quality of life for residents & visitors to the Freret neighborhood.

Goals include enhanced security with video surveillance & IT technology, improved lighting and beautification.

Membership is open to all businesses and residents.

We are over 527 neighbors on Nextdoor – encourage all to join & send free postcards.

Welcome: New Board member, Gregory Manning

II. Guests

a. Jared Munster- Director Safety and Permits had to cancel due to a tornado recovery mtg
One Stop App & Notice Me Apps- great online tools to find info about properties
The Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) is the law that governs land use throughout the City of New Orleans. The CZO includes lists of permitted land uses for each of the City's zoning districts, in addition to height limits, setback requirements, urban design standards, operational rules, and other regulations.

b. Freret Festival 2017 – Sat., April 1- A full day of free local music, vendors, arts, crafts, food, refreshments, pet adoptions and more. Visit freretfestival.com for more info.

c. 2nd District NOPD Updates

Due to time conflicts no board members can attend. We will seek the weekly reports and share via NextDoor. The NOPD's Second District will hold its weekly MAX meeting on Tuesday, March 7, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Second District Station, located at 4317 Magazine Street. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

MAX meetings, led by the senior leadership in each NOPD district, provide a synopsis of police activity for the week, including trends in crime and crime reduction strategies that are being implemented. These meetings also include a discussion on all other topics for which that District has responsibility. The data supporting these MAX meetings is available online to improve transparency and accountability. MAX meetings are held once a week in each District and are open to the public.

Update on the stabbing on Clara. Suspect was captured, unfortunately the victim died.
Lots of bike thefts on the rise again. Register your bikes and invest in a heavy duty lock.

III. Neighborhood Updates –

- SELA- damage suits- The S&WB has stalled and is holding up repair work to any damaged property until the project is 100% complete in late 2017/2018.
- Newman demolition and new construction. We will request they register all their cameras with SafeCam.
- Tree Mulch Mats on Freret St. – the city states the warranty has expired and they are rapidly disintegrating. They were never a first choice for anyone on the corridor and we will reach out to the Dept. of Public Works to see what our options are for replacement or removal. They removed the nice metal tree protectors during the streetscape that actually functioned.

- Open questions about the impact of the March 1st, 17 Historic District Overlay on the Freret community. Many felt left out of the meetings and conversations. How will this overlay impact renovations? We will invite someone to come speak about this at an upcoming meeting.
- Traffic issues at Robert & Clara- numerous accidents and failure to stop. Request to City for a traffic study and suggest a four way stop at the intersection.
- Short Term Rental Update- There are now 3 types: 1. Accessory- owner occupied with homestead exemption. Annual fee and platform (Airbnb, vrbo) collects 14% taxes. No more than 30 days per year rented. 2. Temp- Non-owner occupied and 90 day maximum rental on unit. Commercial fees and %. 3. Commercial- traditional B&B types with fees. The enforcing mechanism in place is quite firm and should prove good compliance. Each unit is listed with a title ID and the rental platforms will share all data with the city. A website is forthcoming and the email address for any questions: str@nola.gov

IV. Meeting Adjourned 7pm

Next General Meetings: Monday, June 5th, Monday, August 7th Monday, November 6th