

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING TYPE:	Board Meeting	PNA ADDRESS:	P.O. Box 791577 NOLA 70119
LOCATION:	1467 Moss Street	DATE:	05.05.14
ATTENDEES:	Barbara Ferguson, Ed LaTour, Deena Bedigian, Jessica Carroll, Jillian Shingledecker		7:00 pm

NOTES GENERAL:

1. Jessica and Jillian updated the Board on the progress of PNA's communications platforms: PNA Website/Blog; Yahoo Groups Page; Facebook Page, and the DropBox file-sharing program. The blog and Yahoo Page are up to date. Jessica is still trying to get the Facebook page information from Michael Dejardins. The Board will receive invitations to join the DropBox program after Jillian and Jessica finish organizing it.
2. Deena obtained a form from the Post Office for Jessica to fill out in order to get a second key for PNA's post office box.
3. Deena mentioned that in addition to passing out flyers, the Block Captain responsibilities included checking the street drains and streetlights and keeping abreast of area crimes.
4. Deena said that we had received 3 new membership applications and 2 renewals. PNA's current bank balance is \$4,014.31. PNA currently has 104 members.
5. Jillian stated that the next time flyers are passed out with General Meeting information and Membership Applications that she would deliver some to the surrounding businesses, whom the PNA hopes to take on as Associate Members for a fee of \$25/year. Jessica stated that perhaps these members should receive a decal for their windows showing that their business is a PNA member. Everyone agreed this is a good idea.
6. Jillian and Jessica asked if Ed could look into organizing the next General Membership Meeting. He agreed to call the Mid City Public Library, The Mid City Theater, The Esplanade Apartments, and Cabrini School to check into venues. PNA would like at least 60 chairs available at the venue.

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7. Barbara asked about the sign located at Moss and Carrollton. It needs to be relocated so that the street names face the corresponding streets. There is also a bulletin board sign there. Jessica will contact Bob Becker of City Park to see about getting keys to the bulletin board sign so that PNA can post notices.
 8. Jessica said that Deena would be receiving a receipt from John Bankston for flowers he planted around the PNA sign at the Firehouse.
 9. Jillian mentioned that the Pearl Wine Co. is holding crawfish boils outside of the store on Saturday evenings. She said so far, the groups have been small and noise is not a problem.
 10. Jessica said that she and Jillian would be meeting with Susan Guidry tomorrow. The Board primarily wants to discuss the renting of the Bayou banks and the Bayou Boogaloo. PNA would like to be notified in advance of any applications for permit to use/rent the banks of the Bayou. PNA would also like to know the criteria for the use/lease of the Bayou.
 11. There was a lengthy discussion by the Board about whether the Bayou Boogaloo was outgrowing the Bayou banks and whether it should move to The City Park Festival Grounds. The Board agreed that it seemed to be getting too large for its current location. There is concern about the spreading of the festival up the Bayou past Dumaine St. and toward Carrollton Ave. Jessica and Jillian will discuss this with Councilperson Guidry.
 12. Jessica informed that Board that Cleveland Spears, an event planner, has already been granted a permit to lease the Bayou banks between Orleans and Lafitte for a dinner event (en Blanc). The event will have 900 guests bused into the area and will be catered with rented tables and chairs. There will be 50 volunteers servicing the guests. They will have a small stage with Robin Barnes as the singing entertainment. They have security, an EMS, port-a-lets and a cleaning crew. The date has not been released but the time period for the event will be 8-11 pm. Mr. Spears said that he would split 20% of the proceeds for the event with MCNO and PNA. Barbara voiced strong objections to the fact that this event was permitted without advance notice to and approval by PNA. Mr. Spears invited the PNA Board to the event. Jessica stated that this "en Blanc Party" happens all over the world and is documented by Top Chef and magazines such as Travel and Leisure. Jillian stated that it was at least good news that they seem so organized and have taken security, clean-up, parking, etc. into consideration.
 13. The date and time for the next Board meeting have not been established yet.

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14. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. None

End of Minutes

These notes were prepared by Jillian Shingledecker. Meeting Attendees should alert Jillian if they note any errors or discrepancies.