

Parkview Neighborhood Association Fall Board Meeting

September 10 , 2013 7 p.m.

828 Olga Street

Present:

Jean Lichtfuss, Barbara Ferguson, Andy Duffy, Becky Thomson

Absent:

Deena Bedigian, Cici Andre, Angela Breckenridge

Guests:

Veda Manuel; Musa Eubanks; Ed Latour; Pamela Jenkins

Meeting convened at 7:24 p.m.

- Jean Lichtfuss delivered the treasurer's report for Deena Bedigian, who was out of town:
  - o Beginning quarterly balance: \$ 3,421.62
  - o New memberships/ donations/ tshirts: \$ 314.00
  - o Summer meeting/ crawfish boil : (\$ 480.18)
  - o Closing balance: \$ 3,255.44
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- Veda and Musa presented their research on the ownership of the banks of the bayou and referenced 2 exhibits an 1898 insurance map and a current map from the assessor's office. Their conclusion was that the State of Louisiana owns and controls the banks.
- There was a roundtable discussion about the expanding use of the bayou for festivals (e.g. Bayou Boogaloo, Praise Fest); parades (Kolossos and Super Sunday)and organized recreational activity (MCVG, Kayakitiyat).
- Andy moved to invite Jared Zeller (Bayou Boogaloo organizer) and Susan Guidry to a PNA general meeting so members could vote their concerns. The motion was deferred until there was some consensus on what we actually want from them.
- There was a roundtable discussion on what we would like to have happen re: use of the banks of the Bayou. Some suggestions were: curtail Bayou Boogaloo to its original boundaries (Orleans to Bienville); request organizers to engage law enforcement to enforce existing quality of life laws before, during and especially after the festivals close; engage safety and law enforcement to be visible and actively patrolling during these festivals; and reduce the volume of the stages.
- Barbara Ferguson had to leave the meeting, leaving the board without a quorum.
- Jean expressed an interest in determining whether or not the use of the bayou was limited to active recreation or passive recreation. Andy volunteered to determine what the definitions of each were and whether there was an obvious answer as to which applied to the banks of the bayou.
- Lacking a quorum, no other business was held, except: 1) general acknowledgement that Night Out Against Crime was quickly approaching and its organization needed to be addressed; and 2) general acknowledgement that we do not have a venue for the general membership meeting scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>. Andy volunteered to approach the owners of Pearl Wine Co. and