

Esplanade Ridge/Treme Civic Association Board Meeting

Minutes

August 5, 2009

ERTCA Board President Matt Norton called meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. at Bill Edwards's resident on Esplanade Avenue.

Board Members present included Marie Marcal, Marva Arceneaux, Matt Norton, L.T. Thomas, Bill Edwards, Rhodesia Douglas and Gregory Douglas. (Hilda Young was not present.)

Order of Business

1. 2201 Baracks- Breaking news! Fire station provisos for garbage and parking. B. Edwards expressed his frustration over the matter and how city government has taken a blind-eye and deaf-ear position. "It shouldn't be here now, but why? Typical New Orleans politics: the way of doing business -- under the table." This is Ed Murray's House. Simple as that. (Jackie Clarkson and Ed Murray) . M. Norton asked if anyone would move to write a letter to councilwoman Midura to protest City Planning changing parking and garbage provisos. M. Arceneaux moved, B. Edwards seconded with a vote of approval following. The council is expected to cast votes in September. More discussion followed about the provisos and the BZA. B. Edwards jokingly, but brilliantly suggested wearing a captain kangaroo suit with the deep threaded pockets for the August 25th City Council Hearing.to dramatize the reality of the unfair and illegally fixed-decision of the Commission to ignore the law.
2. Gayerre Park –M. Norton explained that money from the Entergy grant must be used by September. Board members discussed ways to use the modest grant of \$450.00, which will not cover larger restoration work of the statue. M. Arceneaux suggested using it to remove the telephone as well as to request an extension from Entergy to plan re-landscaping. B. Edwards liked the idea of the extension in that it would allow the organization to plant in the proper season. Everyone agreed that the 1884 statue should not be relocated as recommended by the research study.
3. Odyssey House/Unity Update – B. Edwards inquired more into M. Norton's involvement with the Unity group. M. Norton explained that his company has a contract with them for a Café Reconcile building project.
4. Blight Update – M. Norton stated that Pat O'Brien completed a comprehensive listing of prospective properties and submitted it to him.
5. Misc. – Board agreed to invite the new principal of the Clark location to join the board as Novelt has been officially replaced by the RSD.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.