

**Esplanade Ridge/Treme Civic Association  
Board Meeting Agenda**

**October 7, 2009**

6:57 pm - 7:57 pm

The Meeting was called to order at the Bill Edward's home on Esplanade.

Present: Marie Marcal, Matt Norton, Gregory Douglas, LT Thomas, Bill Edwards and Rhodesia Douglas

1. **Blight Update.** Actually, the second item on the agenda, the meeting opened with this dominant community issue. Board president Matt Norton presented Board member Marva Arceneaux's 10 top priority list. Stated that more notices and alerts of other properties are still going in and added news about Operation Comeback's expanded efforts to assist residents.
2. **Parkway Partners Trees.** M. Norton informed the Board of refunding efforts currently being put together by the organization to continue Releaf New Orleans. The new round is expected to begin soon. Gregory Douglas inquired about the Board's interest in targeting Ursuline Avenue for crepe myrtles, while Bill Edwards expressed interest in planting more along Esplanade. "They really help to take the house off the street," he stated. B. Edwards also stated that he would also like to concentrate on Johnson Street. "I will gladly dig," he stated for the record. G. Douglas offered to dig as well.
3. **Gayerre Park Update.** No real change in information from last meeting.
4. **Membership Dues.** Meeting began out-of-order from the agenda and this matter was taken up first. Discussion immediately opened regarding the status of membership dues collection. It was determined that the membership should be contacted and reminded to renew. M. Marcal. recommended that each board member take on the responsibility of bringing in three new members. There was no vote.
5. **PRC Restoration Award Ceremony.** M. Norton informed Board that Pat O'Brian renovations would be among those honored October 27th.
6. **Miscellaneous.** M Norton Briefly mentioned that the next general meeting may be held at Monica Dove's hall on Esplanade Avenue.

Rhodesia D. asked the Board to consider sending some form of expression of sympathy for the misfortunate of former member and neighbor Beverly McKenna. Board agreed to express sympathies to neighbor Beverly McKenna verbally, but was undecided on any other form. Several members stated that they hated the misfortunate, but in spite of past differences felt that anything more might be misinterpreted.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.