

## **ERTCA Board Meeting. Minutes- March**

Esplanade Ridge/Treme Civic Association  
Board Meeting  
March 3, 2010

Meeting called to order by Michele Braden in Bill Edwards' residence on Esplanade Avenue at 6:38 p.m.

Board Members present: Bill Edwards, Matt Norton, Michele Braden, Gregory Douglas, L.T. Thomas, Marva Arceneaux and Rhodesia Douglas.

Not Present: Hilda Young and Steve Goulet

Agenda Items:

1. **BZA Meeting Monday March 8 at 10 am--** Michele stated all who can should attend. It is rumored that Unity and Common Ground who do not have residents in the neighborhood are planning to support zoning variances for Bethany House.
2. Michele will try to get Principal from John McDonough to attend- he is very much against the conversion.
3. DNIA will take no position.
4. Michele is rounding up a petition with opposition from every surrounding property owner.
5. Michele stated that one option is to have building donated to John McDonough for use as a cooking trade school.
6. Gregory has tried to get a map of existing rehabs in the neighborhood but this is not possible due to all the different categories these facilities fall under with State agencies.
7. **Proposed Advisory Council.** Michele proposed inviting prominent New Orleanians to join an ERTCA Advisory Council. They would serve one-year terms and not be required to attend any meetings. Each one may be asked to contribute a yearly article for the new newsletter. The focus would be historic preservation. Board voted unanimously to support.
5. **Membership Drive-** It was proposed that a membership committee be formed and Board members Bill Edwards, Hilda Young and Gregory Douglas were assigned by the President to spearhead this effort.
6. Michele felt it would be good to develop different levels of membership with different perks and asked committee to consider this.
7. Marva recommended using Corpus Christi Church as a way to reach out to new members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.