

Esplanade Ridge/Treme Civic Association Board Meeting

Minutes

May 5th, 2009

ERTCA Board President Matt Norton called meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. at Bill Edwards's resident on Esplanade Avenue.

Board Members present included Marie Marcel, L.T. Thomas, Bill Edwards, Marva Arcenau and Rhodesia Douglas. | Gregory Douglas, Hilda Young, (Raymond Young) and Novelt Estrella were not present.

Order of Business

1. Glenn Amedee to speak about the St. Bernard & Claiborne Improvement Project - Postponed until the next meeting.
2. Certificate of Appreciation for Raymond Young – Marie M. made a suggestion for the Board to honor Young for his tireless dedication and service to the organization and community at large. R. Douglas thought that the Board should organize a small ceremonial celebration in the chambers of the city council chambers. Board voted to pursue this.
3. Blight Committee – M. Norton urged Board to set up a blight committee, as Marigny and Bywater have been very successful with theirs. The City of New Orleans will provide a coordinator to enter the committee's data into database. ERTCA needs to identify between 20-30 properties, collecting address and images. Marva A., Marie M. and Pat O. have agreed to serve on the committee.
4. Neighborhood Celebration - M. Norton reminded board and asked for volunteers to man the organization's table at the Preservation Resource Center's showcase of New Orleans's neighborhoods and properties for sale.
5. Miscellaneous – Marva A. discussed Monday's meeting of the St. Bernard and Claiborne Improvement Project. She said that the meeting drew a large crowd of supporters. Overwhelmingly, those present believed that the project is a better alternative to the present blighted state. Marva described how she pressed forward with questions surrounding issues of security, parking and financing. The support for the project has been so overwhelming that even The Historic Treme group has changed its opposition and is now supporting.
6. Miscellaneous – Matt N. asked group to come to next meeting with ideas for new general meeting location as J.S. Clark will be closing soon.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.