

Carrollton Riverbend Neighborhood Association  
Annual Meeting  
June 11, 2015, 6-8PM  
1333 S. Carrollton Avenue

Present:

Board Members: David Alvarez, Barry Brantley, Gabriel Flores, Bob Larsen, Julianna Padgett, Nathan Schwam

Speakers: Susan Guidry (City Council), Lauren Mellen (NEO), Dean Boyer (No Waste NOLA); Kali Roy (Evacuteers); Officer Staehle (NOPD)

Residents: Dean Boyer, Max Ciolino, Rebecca Fisher-McGuy, Andreas Hoffman, Alice-Ann Kirshman, Megan Langhoff, Maya Lopez, Mary Perkins, Penny Roberts, John Eric Trombley, Charlene Quinlan, Jorge Verlenden, Susan Vogel, Ariel Wallick, Charlene Walvoord, Min Yang

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 with Barry Brantley, President, presiding. Those present were asked to introduce themselves.

Speakers:

SUSAN GUIDRY, COUNCILWOMAN DISTRICT A

- District A Town Hall meeting two weeks ago discussed infrastructure within Carrollton-Riverbend.
- Maple Street Overlay meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 6pm at Community Commitment (Leonidas@Spruce). Discussion of potential overlay which will require conditional use for restaurants and live music. (like Magazine Street), now not required under the new CZO. Oak Street not under discussion for an overlay.
- Carrollton Courthouse. Currently owned by the school board; auction delayed to see if a new proposal can be created to be used for public use. As a publicly owned property, not a given landmark status, but that status will be applied for if a private entity eventually buys it.
- Carrollton Community Center. Since January when Trinity Community Center gave up administration of the project, it has been in "limbo." State legislators are protecting the money until it can be determined next steps.
- Historic Preservation Committee. The committee was created by the Council, but the 7 members have not yet been appointed by the Mayor. The committee will recommend if parts of the Carrollton and uptown areas should be protected under the HDLC.
- Entergy undertaking a Transmission Line Replacement Project. Entergy has bought a new power generation station close to the city. Should be fairly quick work between Leake to Napoleon Station and then Cambronne to Jeannette July - October. Hotline if problems: 670-3624.

- Streetcar Disruption. Work on three intersections May 31-Sept 5 will create disruptions.
- Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. 1. Corner Stores who become restaurants will have conditional alcohol and live music. 2. Storm water management requirement for large developments.
- Smoke Free Ordinance passed April 22. There have been only 27 complaints. Casinos still pushing back, but Council does not intend to allow.
- Transportation Network Ordinance. Put into place strong consumer regulations and highest insurance requirements for Uber.
- Priestley School property has been purchased by Lycee Francois. In July, clean-up will start. Will take a few years to renovate and rehab the school. Lycee is recruiting children in the neighborhood.

Question:

Signage on Nail Spa. Issue should go to CRNA zoning committee, create a paper trail and refer to NOPD, Officer Staehle.

NOPD – Officer Staehle

- Provided and discussed monthly crime map for the neighborhood. Indicated a slight uptick in crime.
- NOPD is devoting resources to the Sally's Beauty robbery.
- Shut down nuisance bar on Gen Ogden and Willow.

Question:

Called to report a person disturbing the peace, but no officer came to my house to take a report. Answer: Please contact again.

Signage and parking around nail salon: Officer Staehle will follow-up.

EVACUTEER – Kali Roy, Director of Operations

Recruits, trains, manages 500+ volunteers /year to assist with the 35,000 residents who can't self-evacuate. C-R has two Evacutest spots: 1) general population at Palmer Park and 2) special needs at Mater Dolorosa. Training is one hour and volunteers are asked to do one-7hour shift before contra flow is started. This year Evacutest training is being held at Rosa Keller Library June 13 and July 24, 6 – 7:30PM. Need 300 more volunteers. <http://www.evacutest.org>. Gretchen Zalkind is leading Evacutest training on Tues June 30, 6:30 at Willow and Leonidas.

Also, if you know someone who may have difficulty evacuating, please have them call 311 to register for evacuation assistance.

NO WASTE NOLA – Dean

No Waste NOLA is focused on sustainability issues, with an immediate campaign to eliminate single use plastic bags from New Orleans. Also interested, in reduction of Styrofoam, city wide composting, and bringing back glass recycling. Long discussion of these topics ensued.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT OFFICE – Laura Mellem

Workshop to learn more about the new City workshop will be held at Nix Library, Tuesday, June 23, 9-11am. Come for all or any of that time.

Budgeting for Outcomes Meetings with the Mayor – to be scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Katrina events can be found on [Katrina10.org](http://Katrina10.org) You can add to these events.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Barry Brantley gave an overview of CRNA's committee work over the last year:

Quality of Life: - Gabe Flores, Chair

- 3 Town Halls
- Pothole Repair (call 311 and get a case number)
- NORD Community Advisory Team

Zoning/Land Use – Jerry Speir, Chair

- Oak Lofts
- Commissary Kitchen
- Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance
- Carrollton Courthouse
- Carrollton Water Towers (pushing for FEMA to pay for a canopy over NORD playground)

Events (in conjunction with other organizations) – Betty Dimarco, Chair

- Palmer Park
- Oak Street Pobo Festival
- Oak street Block Party
- Caroling in Palmer Park
- Community Commitment Community meeting
- Community Commitment Movie Matinee

Safety and Crime – Bob Larsen, Chair

- Dublin Park Lighting and Maintenance (note: Historic Plaque fell down)
- Street Lighting
- Pothole

Nominating Committee – Barry Brantley

Barry read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the 2015-2016 Board. Bob Larsen made the motion to accept the recommendation of the committee and Gabe Flores seconded. There was a discussion of how the candidates were nominated and the fact that the increase to 18 board members will mean that we need a quorum of 9 members. Unanimous vote to accept the slate.

Financial Report – Julianna Padgett, Sec/Treas.

Three donations made at the meeting bring a total of \$907.96.

Meeting adjourned.