

CRNA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2020, 6:30 –8:00 PM

8540 SPRUCE ST. CORNER LEONIDAS ST., 70118

Present: Julianna Padgett, Nathan Schwam, Meagan Impastato, Bill Ives, Gwen Smith, Elaine Leyda, Bernard Guste

Residents: Lauren LaPorte Richmond, McDaniel Wyatte, Monique Harden, Toby Chu

Others: Joe Giarrusso, Claire Byun (Council), Jazmin Castillo with Blue Bikes, Aylin Acikalin candidate for First City Court, and Stephen Mosgrove (Neighborhood Engagement Office).

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM, with a quorum present.

New Business:

- Announcements:
 - o No glass recycling this weekend due to expected bad weather
 - o Next Tues, there will be an announcement for plans for the design of the Carrollton Court House.
 - o Wed, January 15, 2020 - Meeting with LCF at 8:30 AM regarding beautification & safety at the Johnson site. Also, we are waiting to hear about approval for a grant to do a mural on the Priestly site.
 - o CRNAs next meeting is February 13, 2020 at 6:30 here at Community Commitment.
 - o Next Glass Recycling is February 15, 2020 9:30 – 10:30.
 - o Meet your new State Representatives meeting on February 17, 2020.
- **Financial Report** given by our treasurer Nathan Schwam: We have \$3025.62 in the account. Reminder to board members to please pay dues.
- **Joe Giarrusso Council Updates**
 - o City email is up and running again but not all emails have been retrieved, permits & zoning ordinances are back online.
 - o Update on 3 lawsuits with Entergy & the power plant: 1. Whether the city council acted properly and/or whether they properly reviewed the evidence etc.; 2. Public Meetings Law Violation lawsuit - will be a few more months before the appeals process is completed and a final decision is made by the court; 3. The Rate Case – Entergy sued the city council due to their decision to lower the rate of return of profit (return of equity) from 11% down to 9.35% - discussions were had regarding how high Entergy's rate was.
 - o Requirement that Entergy move to target percentages of renewable energy.
 - o S&WB – the council will start to meet with the board in charge of billing to shift their focus to consider equity (i.e. an individuals' being able to pay).
- **Blue Bikes, community outreach coordinator, Jazmine Castillo**
 - o E Bikes are coming—pedal start bikes with small motors will replace the pedal only bikes and they will look virtually the same. The batteries are charged at their warehouse.
 - o Pricing will change: pay as you go will go up from \$0.10/min to \$0.25/min and monthly from \$15 up to \$30, blue bikes for all (for LA snap/Medicaid recipients) still \$20/year.
 - o Blue Bikes has been bought out by Uber.
 - o They are expanding to our neighborhood, Gert town, Central City, Algiers, Tulane, Loyola, Xavier and more. Jazmine will ask her permitting team if they will be able to share the permitted locations for the bike hubs. Email at info@bluebikesnola.com.

- **Aimee Freeman New State Representative**– Her office is going to be at 8600 Oak St. in the back space of the building Min Yang owns. Her phone number is (504)233-4237 & email is hse098@legis.la.gov
- **Renewable Portfolio Standard, attorney Monique Harding with Deep South Center for Environmental Justice** – Informed us of the Energy Future New Orleans Coalition (EFNO), which was created to help discuss ways that we can be in control of our own energy. Renewable Portfolio Standard is a requirement that a utility company's supply source reach a certain pre planned percentage. They submitted a plan to the city council for New Orleans to be 100% renewable by 2040 and to develop workforce training & development around renewable energy. She noted that Entergy is currently pursing nuclear energy, and gas power options. She noted that going forward, The City Council will likely hold a public meeting on the Renewable Portfolio Standard in February so we should reach out to them with our input. She asked for our support. Also, there is a City Council committee meeting on Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM regarding solar battery storage. More info at alliance4affordableenergy.org.
- **The following motions were made and passed:**
 - o **To Support EFNO was made by Bernard Guste & was seconded by Bill Ives & was voted in favor by all present.**
 - o **To write a letter to the Council supporting EFNO and their proposal for a renewable portfolio was made by Bill Ives and seconded by Bernard Guste and voted in favor by all present.**

Respectfully submitted,
Meagan Impastato, Board Secretary