



Friends of Lafitte Corridor (FOLC)
September 22, 2011 – 6:30 pm
Grace Episcopal Church, 3700 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA

Attending:

Ryan Bordenave
Erica Normand
Jessica Knox
Daniel Samuels
Mark Venczel
Leonetta Terrell
Jeff Schwartz
Diane Chaine
Logan Smith
Colleen Morgan
Betty Van Den Akker
Joanne Missios
Connie Heaphy
Ethan Ellestad
Mark Bumgarner
Mel Sullivan

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Updates

Arnie Fielkow meeting recap: conclusion and recommendation was to form a committee moving forward.

Susan Guidry zoning request: Daniel reported that he had emailed the document. New business along the greenway will help support that space. Board action requested on rezoning land that the city owns; recommended to look at the city ordinance.

Horizon Initiative: supportive of the Waggoner and Ball study. Asked to send a letter to city to incorporate the study into the plan. Someone from the FOLC should attend regular meetings. The next is on October 5th, 11:30am at City Park.

Cedric Grant: no word back as of yet

Foundation for LA: Ethan reported on creating economic opportunity in distressed neighborhoods along the Claiborne Corridor. How can we leverage resources in the specific area where the Lafitte Corridor meets this area. He wants to stay connected and work together.

Email is being sent to Vic Landry with the Lakeview Civic Association.

Communication/Outreach

Business Cards: Erica brought business cards to the meeting for distribution and will do the same next month

Kiosk Update: Erica created a banner for the Jeff Davis and Sojourner Truth kiosks

Twitter: Erica reported that Rebecca, who is an Ambassador and now working with Urban Conservancy, will now be helping FOLC tweet!

Membership/Development

Ryan reported new members and he is actively recruiting new members.

Guest Speaker – Colleen Morgan with Bayou Rebirth, colleen@bayourebirth.org. She proposed to partner with FOLC (amongst other organizations) on using native plants along the corridor. Colleen estimated that there will be a need of 3,000 trees and 50,000 plants including grass, shrubs and small trees. Bayou Rebirth is working on developing a nursery and horticulture program in St. Bernard that will supply native and local plants to our area. She is to resend the memo originally sent and connect with Kurt/Design Workshop. Her key ask is to add FOLC as a “partner” to grant applications.