

# ICNA Meeting Minutes 5/8/2019

## 1. Welcome Remarks

## 2. Introductions

## 3. Presentations

- a. New Orleans International Muralists (*no show*)
- b. New Orleans Food Policy Advisory Committee for Urban Farming
  - i. Rachel Lambert - Chair food production working group.
  - ii. Looking for feedback on What does New Orleans need to do to promote Urban Agriculture?
  - iii. What is an Urban Garden
    1. Growing food, flowers, medicine or maintaining the land with commercial urban garden intent.
    2. Community Garden is for neighbors to grow plants.
  - iv. Compiling feedback for a report in order to influence or not influence policy around Urban Farming initiatives.
- c. Port of New Orleans
  - i. Previously: 2 Months ago Port came to ICNA to present what the Port does vs do not do in regards to port operations. Brought up Feb. mysterious White Powder (Aluminum Oxide) from *Coastal Cargo Company LLC*, but no answers given, suggested reaching out to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
  - ii. Update from DEQ:
    1. Enough community complaints came such that inspections were made on Feb 22 and Feb 26 and noticed abnormal amounts of particulate in the air. Tenant of the Port has repeat violations.
    2. Inspector elevated issue to State Enforcement agency in Baton Rouge. Issued on 4/15 formal acknowledgement and subject to potential penalty of \$32,000 for each day of violation (2 days). Failure to comply penalty not to exceed \$50,000 per day.
    3. Tenant may need to file an air quality permit (separate than normal air quality guidelines), which requires internal testing, monitoring, and reporting releases.
    4. Tenant has 30 days to respond to compliance order to which state will respond back. Tenant has window to approve.
  - iii. Moving Forward:
    1. No additional Sightings from "White Powder"
    2. Continue to report violations to DEQ for any port tenants.

## 4. Committee Presentations

- a. Land Use - Mark

- i. City Council Next Thursday 5/16 will be taking up 2 outstanding issues on Short Term Rentals
  - 1. Changing language on CZOs to change zoning regulations on short term rentals
  - 2. Keep ban on STR on French Quarter? Add ban to Garden District?
  - 3. 2 outstanding issues to be discussed at a later date.
- b. Membership - Sam
  - i. Looking to have more people come to meetings and to get more voices heard.
  - ii. How to become a member
    - 1. Link on the official Facebook Page, with payment through PayPal (tho no PayPal account needed).
- c. Programs - Travis
  - i. Working with City on a Clean up Day (TBD when and Where)
    - 1. Reach out to Travis on potential locations in need
  - ii. Movies in Burke Park in december
  - iii. Potential Future fundraising committees.
- d. Public Safety - Lamont
  - i. Crime Concerns, Etc.
- e. Communications - Bill
  - i. Looking to produce a flier for resources in the neighborhood (i.e. how to report blight, who to contact for air quality issues).

## **5. New Business**

- a. Issue -
  - i. Safety Concern: Last month an individual was assaulted by the owner of an off-leash dog (that had attacked her dog); police response for incident was 45 min.
  - ii. SCPA will issue tickets to off leash dogs, but will need to know the address of dog owner & have proof.
  - iii. City Hall acknowledges challenge of enforcing leash laws with existing resources.
  - iv. Outstanding action with Jay Bank's office to install signs at Park around leash law.
- b. Mandie Landry
  - i. State House of rep for Dist 91
  - ii. Election is October 12, 2019.
  - iii. Focus on Healthcare and Criminal Justice reform
  - iv. Meet and Greet on Monday 6-8 PM on 823 7th street.

## **6. Next Meeting**

- a. 2nd Wednesday in July 7/10/2019

## **7. Adjournment**