

Garden District Civic Association Board Meeting
September 25, 2018

The meeting was held at John Williams' office. A quorum was not present, so no voting took place. Present were John Williams, Claire Pittman, Jenny Iverstine, Ari Kocen, Mike Schexnayder and Mary and Willie Fontenot.

Alley Report – Mike Schexnayder informed us that October 27th will be Alley Cleanup Day. Everyone agreed that it would be good to make this an annual event. Residents will be asked to work on their alley. “Get cleaned up before Halloween. You don't want to have a SPOOKY alley” was suggested as this year's theme.

There are some illegally dumped tree trunks and a POD that are blocking part of an alley. The City-Parish is monitoring this and will resolve the problem as soon as possible.

Patrols – Every month Officer Stafford hands in a short report about what the patrols have found.

Newsletter – Joy Couvillion writes the content and Claire Pittman assembles it. The Board appreciates their well-written, good looking efforts very much.

Fall picnic – September 30, 2018, 4-6 pm. Mike Schexnayder will post a reminder on Nextdoor.com. John Williams has the table and chair rentals and venue at the Purgeson's secured. He will bring the lemonade and water. There will be fun games for the kids and music. Justin, Eric, John and Ari will set up at 3:00 pm. Eric will pick up the chicken.

Pop, FizzTour – Sunday, Oct. 28th. One more house is needed. Ari will ask some folks. The GDCA supplies everything, food, drink and glasses.

Tree Project – The trees in the medians are stressed and need aeration and fertilization. Some are in desperate need of trimming before they drop their branches on people or cars. These trees belong to the Cit-Parish, but residents treasure them. The GDCA set up a 501(c)(3) organization to help infrastructure in the Garden District. This is where there could be a tree fund to pay for tree maintenance. The board talked about putting a notice out on the website to start a long-term committee to work on this project. “Trim the Trees” could be a call at Christmas. Residents could make tax-deductible donations in their neighbors' or family members' names toward the Tree Fund. A donate button can be put on the website. “Who wants to be involved?” can be put out to the neighborhood. There are several reasons to do this. Safety and increased property values are two of them. The board plans to make attainable goals each year. The board is already busy. They need this committee to help reach this goal.

Welcome Packets: The board agreed online that they want to order two color cloth bags to use for welcoming packets. They will vote online to print extra ones to sell. Jenny did the artwork for the bags, modeled after the subdivision's bollards.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fontenot