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March 4, 2021 – 7:00pm Meeting  
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March 15, 2021 – 7:00pm Meeting  
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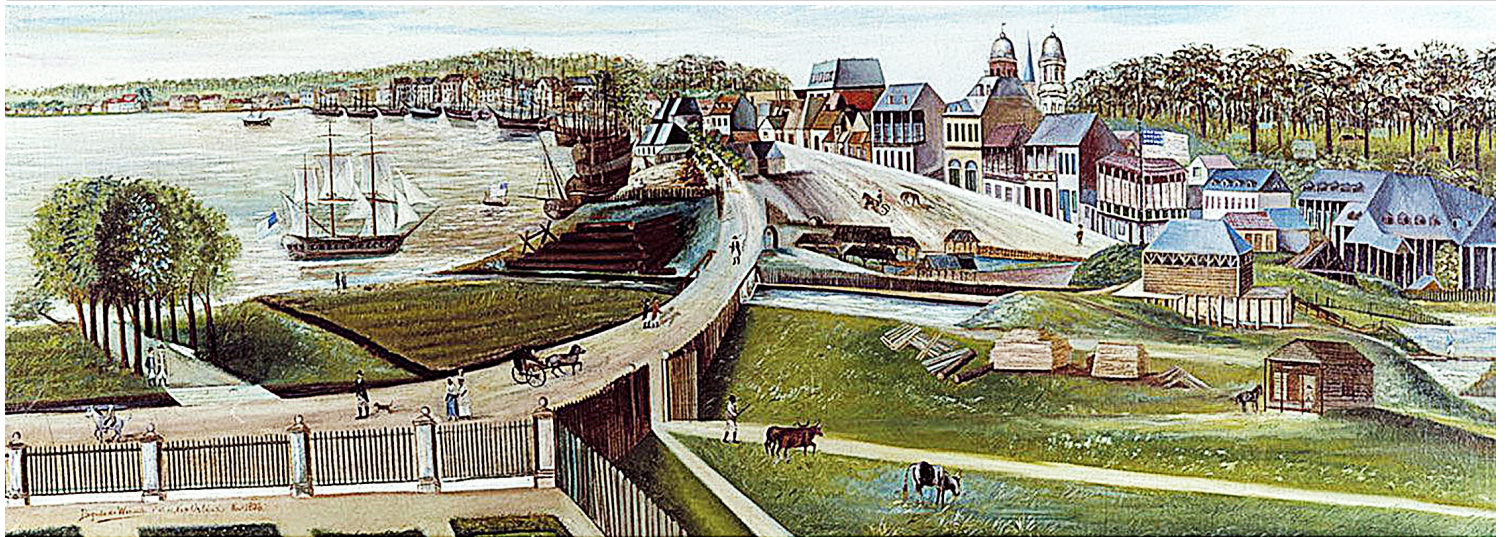
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## Les Amis de Marigny

Helping to make Marigny a better place to live, work, and play.



1803 Riverfront from the Marigny Plantation (Decatur & Elysian Fields)



2400 Block of Decatur Street

## Self-Guided Walking Tour

By Lisa Suarez

### MARCH 2021 INSTALLMENT

In the rectangle, take in the 2400 block of Decatur Street, between Mandeville and Spain Streets. The block gives a sense of what it might have been like before the River was lined with wharves, when maritime commerce came directly ashore. Facing the River from the homes, there is an expansive view of the levee wall and a fully vacant block owned by Reilly Foods, also owners of the industrial building on the block towards the Quarter, Standard Coffee at 450 Mandeville (portion shown in lower right of photo on page 4). With such close proximity to the Elysian Fields/Marigny Street Entrance to Crescent Park, the bridge over the railroad to the Park provides a good place to surveil the immediate cityscape.

The Standard Coffee Company Warehouse and Factory (1949-50) represents one of the earliest expressions of the International Style in New Orleans. More significantly, it is the only remaining example of the International Style designed by architect Richard Koch, a pioneering force in the early decades of preservation in New Orleans.

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## About the Newsletter

*Les Amis de Marigny* is the newsletter of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, a 501(c) non-profit, all-volunteer organization committed to the preservation of the unique architectural and cultural heritage of our historic district, and to improving the quality of life in our diverse community.

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# Calendar of Events

## March 2021

*Board Meeting* (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)

March 4 – 7:00pm

Via Zoom Web/Teleconference

*General Meeting* (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

March 15 – 7:00pm Meeting

Via Zoom Web/Teleconference

## April 2021

*Board Meeting* (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)

April 1 – 7:00pm

Via Zoom Web/Teleconference

*General Meeting* (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

April 19 – 7:00pm Meeting

Via Zoom Web/Teleconference

## NONPACC Meetings

*5<sup>th</sup> District*

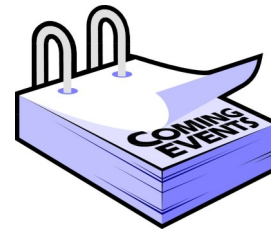
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays – 6:00pm, via Web/Teleconference

*8<sup>th</sup> District*

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays – 6:00pm, via Web/Teleconference

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# FMIA Mission Statement

To protect, maintain, and support Faubourg Marigny in the City of New Orleans and particularly that portion of it lying between the Mississippi River and St. Claude Avenue and between Esplanade Avenue and Homer Plessy Way, including all buildings, improvements, and properties adjoining said avenues and situated in the areas immediately adjacent to same; to promote the physical, cultural, architectural, and historical values of said section; and to secure adequate enforcement of all laws of the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana affecting or pertaining to it.

# Carnival House Decorating Contest – Float Style

By Gary De Leumont, Contest Organizer

Thanks to everyone who decorated in the Marigny. It was wonderful to see the creativity and beautiful Mardi Gras works of art throughout the neighborhood. We had 37 registered addresses and many more homes and businesses who decorated.

Neighbors and visitors saw llamas, pharaohs, hippies, fish, birds, fluorescent gardens, mushrooms, floats, flowers, political, social and environmental commentary, works of art, heaven, and even hell.

Marigny became a Mardi Gras 2021 destination with hundreds of people strolling and driving through the streets of our wonderful neighborhood especially on the two weekends before Mardi Gras Day.

Thanks also to our great judges who had a very difficult time judging such an eclectic group of homes and businesses.

**First Place:** 1901 Burgundy St.  
“**Fluorescent Garden**” shown glowing at night and during the day with designers and builders Jessica Fender and Aaron Costeines.

**Second Place:** 2412 Burgundy St.  
“**LlamaRama**”  
By Molli McDonald and Andy Baker.

**Third Place:** 2312 Royal St.  
“**Hippie- Thanks for Coming By**”  
By Robin & Troy.

Honorable mentions are too numerous to list, but we’re hoping to document them all in a special Online Edition.

Please send in your photo submissions to:  
[suarezinmarigny@gmail.com](mailto:suarezinmarigny@gmail.com).

Congratulations to all who participated!



# Self-Guided Walking Tour

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Founding his first New Orleans architectural firm in 1916, Koch and his partner, Charles R. Armstrong, became the city's first practitioners of adaptive reuse, now a cornerstone of preservation work, and developed a reputation for historically sensitive design.

"The period of significance for Standard Coffee is 1949- 54, during which years Koch produced several designs that evinced an active interest in combining up-to-date mid-20th century stylistic trends and materials with post-World War II societal demands. In this period, his professional output included the subject industrial building as well as several medical and educational facilities, all in varying modernist forms and styles. Standard Coffee, however, is the sole, surviving example of a building designed by Koch in the International Style and is the only example of an industrial building in New Orleans fashioned according to the tenets of the International Style."

*Standard Coffee Company Warehouse and Factory*  
(nps.gov)

It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on October 6, 2015.

FMIA spent more than fifteen years, beginning pre-Katrina, strenuously organizing, objecting, and protesting Riverfront Development plans that would have raised maximum building heights to 75 feet, destroying the cohesiveness of our 19th Century human scale. Limits remain at 55 feet, five of those added by the Army Corps of Engineers, post-Katrina.

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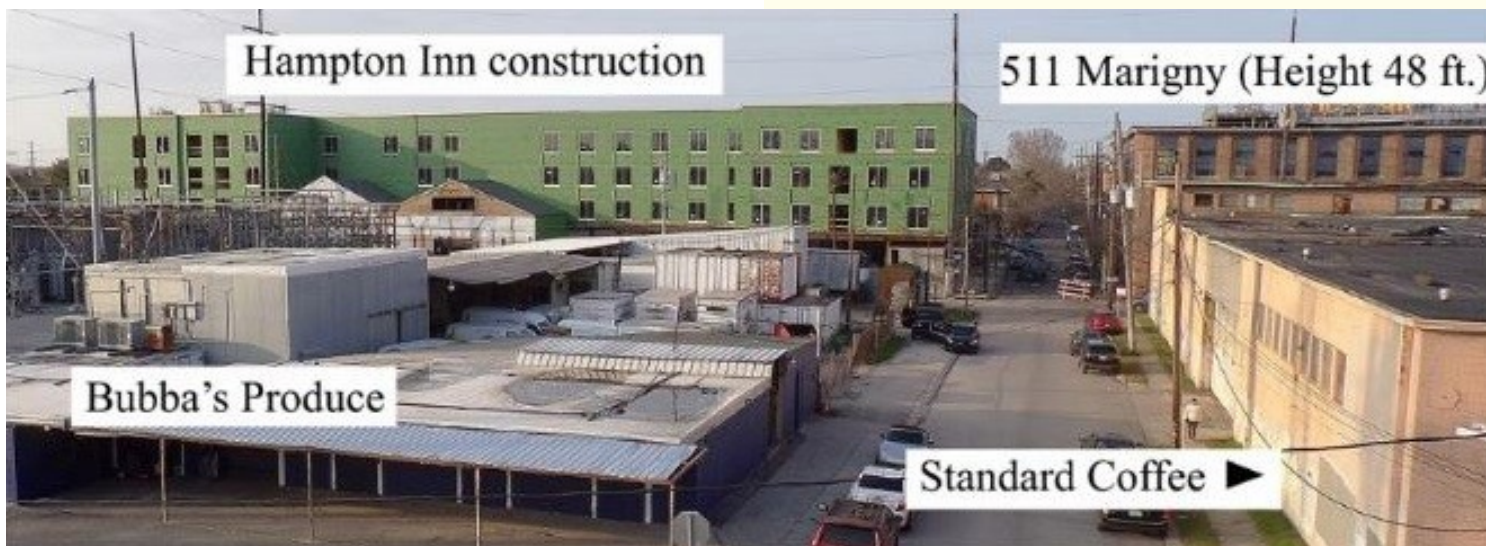
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# Self-Guided Walking Tour

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1. **2411-13 Decatur Street**, is an Eastlake Shotgun Double built around 1900, probably at the same time as its neighbor, 2. **2415-17 Decatur**. Both houses are set back from the banquette with cast iron fencing, and both have extravagant architectural millwork on their front galleries. "The mass-produced product [most widely available from the 1880s through 1910s] of a newly industrialized society, but highly individualized selection, combination, and application resulted in a spontaneous art form..." (Page 136, *New Orleans Architecture*, Vol. VI, © 1974 Friends of the Cabildo, Pelican Publishing.)

The gingerbread friezes have spindle bands of ball-and-dowel spandrels, accented by ship's wheel spoked corner squares, sections of saw-tooth running trim with dropped balls, and carved arched or bracket-shaped spandrels between the turned, square-headed colonettes supporting the roof apron. 2411 has had some bullseyes added just above the turned section of the colonettes. The windows are full-length square-head, two-over-four lights with fluted pilasters and bullseye corner blocks at mid-point and top, straight tripartite cornices, and square movable louvered shutters. The doors are square transomed, arched glass-over-panel. The gables have a difference, 2411 with louvered attic vents (probably added at a later date) and 2415 with double pebbled stained-glass attic window. Both have the applied scroll-work and tripartite carved fan sections framing the attic apertures (**Photo 2a**) and both have drop siding with quoins at the corners.

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## 1. 2411-13 Decatur



## 2. 2415-17 Decatur



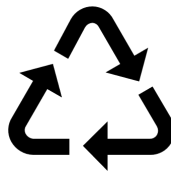
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# Marigny Green News

By Deborah Oppenheim

Marigny Green News has been in the Faubourg Marigny Newsletter for over ten years, giving information and resources on the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Articles in the Marigny Green column stresses the importance of how we handle waste and how it impacts our local and global environment. According to Natural Home, "Our landfill space is quickly running out, plastic pollution in our oceans is increasing, and our environment is deteriorating at a faster pace." Therefore, it is important to put the 3 R's into practice. With all the information written in the Marigny Green column on the 3 R's, it is important to have reminders on being 'green,' highlight ideas and tidbits, and share current updates for staying informed. That is why Marigny Green now has a blog. To read the blog, go to the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association website ([www.TheFMIA.org](http://www.TheFMIA.org)) and in the heading ribbon click on *UPDATES*. There you will find the Marigny Green blog.



Thanks for reading *Marigny Green News*.

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## Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

### A NEW KIND OF MARDI GRAS!!

Just two weeks before Fat Tuesday, the Administration announced that all bars in the City would be closed for five days, and that Frenchmen, Bourbon, Decatur, and the Claiborne Underpass would be closed. The City was obviously fearful of another super-spreader event, like last year's Mardi Gras. Leading up to the shutdown, the City announced (very publicly) the closure of some bars that were found to be in violation of the current rules, sending a message that they were serious.

These restrictions, compounded by severe Winter weather, kept people at home (mainly), but it also saw people venture out later in the day, in small groups and visit, admire costumes, and take in the new House Floats. Not surprising. Between Krewe du Vieux and Krewe of Red Beans, the Marigny and Bywater exemplify neighborhood-centric celebrations. We are sure to see house decorations take over.

**BRING ON SPRING!!**

# Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

## Check out these books by local authors:

*The Yellow House* by Sarah M. Broom

*We Cast a Shadow* by Maurice Carlos Ruffin

*The Baby Dolls: Breaking the Race and Gender Barriers of the New Orleans Mardi Gras Tradition* by Kim Marie Vaz

*Flight Risk: Memoirs of a New Orleans Bad Boy* by James Nolan

**Tax Assistance this Season:** Free in-person tax assistance offered at the East New Orleans Regional Library, located at 5641 Read Blvd. 504-596-0200.

**Virtual Poetry Buffet** hosted by Gina Ferrara on Zoom: **Saturday, March 6th at 2:00pm.**

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86395044259?pwd=V2JnTU93aWFrb3pnZUdzZCtQR0hyUT09&fbclid=IwAR1atDTR9njU55tkien3x15YVD86w40jdy15UQYfVFH120-QVqo-u7pSUT8>

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## New Orleans Community Resource Guide! *For Resistance and Renewal*

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Questions, additions, requests, offers to volunteer or collaborate? **Coleen Murphy:** coordinating organizer, [NOLaresouceguide@gmail.com](mailto:NOLaresouceguide@gmail.com)

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**All locations except Alvar and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are open for 45-minute in-person appointments:** Use the computers, print, make copies, and browse the collection. Please call ahead first to make your appointment.

**Book Bundles:** New Service allows a Library user to call any location and provide a topic or author they're interested in.

Library staff will create a bundle of 2 to 5 books based on the topic or author and place them on hold where the user can pick them up.

**Virtual Storytimes:** Read, sing, talk, write, and play together virtually in a format designed for children from birth to 5 years old and their caregivers: **10:00am on Mondays.**

**Bilingual Spanish/English Storytimes:** Students of Tulane's Latin American studies program and teacher preparation & certification program will read bilingual stories. In partnership with the Pebbles Center and the Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies. **La Hora del Cuento Virtual 10am on Thursdays.**

**Homework Help:** Visit [homework.nolalibrary.org](http://homework.nolalibrary.org) to learn about the wide variety of resources, projects, and services the Library provides to help with homework for all grade levels.

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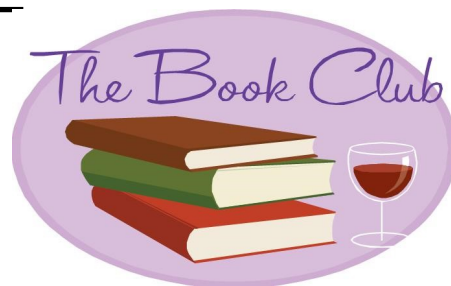
**Virtual Writing Workshop led by Katy Balma:** 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 2:00pm. For Adults and Teens. Email [kbalma@nolalibrary.org](mailto:kbalma@nolalibrary.org) to register and to get the Zoom meeting information.

**Discuss books via Zoom: *Black and Green Book Conversations*, Friday, March 19th, 6:00pm-7:00 pm.** New members are always welcome. Group meets every 3rd Friday of the month. Register on the same day as the Book Club meeting: <http://nolalibrary.org/> Select *Events*. Select *Read Black and Green Book Conversations*. Click on the Register button.

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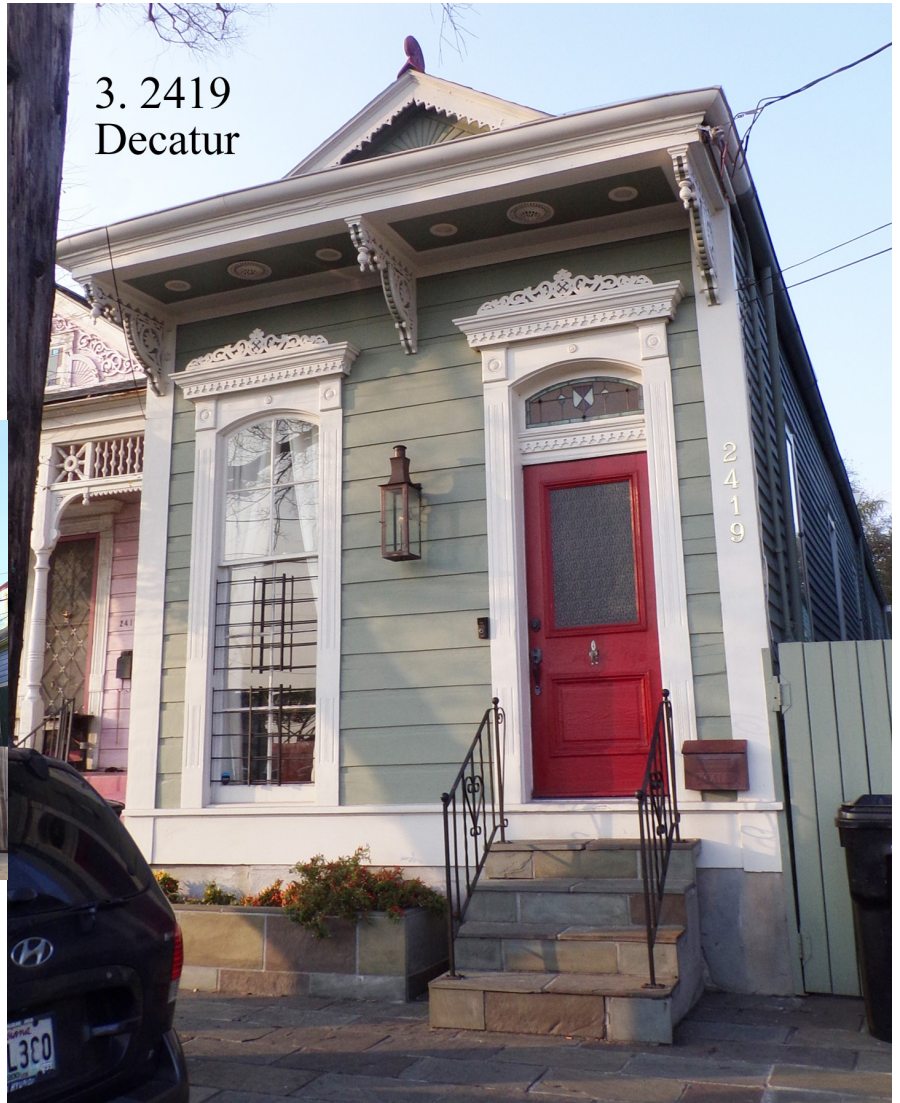
No March Holiday closings for NOPL.



# Self-Guided Walking Tour

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**3. 2419 Decatur Street**, ca. 1890, is a Two-Bay Bracketed Shotgun with an arched window, arched stained-glass transom, and glass-over-panel door. The bays have fluted pilasters with bullseye corner blocks at the top and dentiled cornices with pierced crestings. Note the Greek helmet-shaped terracotta ridge tile end cap.



**3. 2419  
Decatur**

**4. 2421-23  
Decatur**



**4. 2421-23 Decatur** Four-Bay Shotgun Double, possibly from the 1920s. Sadly, the façade was covered with brick, an unfortunate trend in the 1960s and 70s. The full-length arched light windows and doors retain their fluted surrounds with corner blocks, carved decorative lintel, and narrow cap indicative of a shortened cornice. The iron gates with trident fasteners are also ersatz.

**5. 2425-27 Decatur** Four-Bay Double Shotgun with plastered façade is in the Greek Revival style, 1840s at the earliest. The small size (3 rooms each side) and hip roof may indicate 1870s. Notice the terracotta chimney pot. The bright blue paint with yellow trim and red doors is true to the spirit of Creole Faubourgs architectural heritage.

**6. 2431-35 Decatur**, refer to block photo on Page 1. Commercial double cinderblock warehouse built in 1940, painted white. It most probably catered to maritime businesses, of which many were still scattered around Marigny through the 1980s and 90s, until they closed or relocated near the Uptown wharves and St. Bernard. While George Rodrigue, the Blue Dog artist, lived at 2340 Char- tres, he used one side to store much of his print inventory.

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**5. 2425-27  
Decatur**



# March Public Safety Report

By Lisa Suarez

## 02-10-21 New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) – 5th District

The February NONPACC meeting was not held due to Mardi Gras scheduling.

### NOPDnews:

NOPD has decided to make additional shifts in the command structure.

Captain Frank Young will move from his leadership role in the Fifth District to head the Criminal Investigative Division (CID). During his 25-year-career with NOPD, Captain Young has held assignments in the Field Operations Bureau (FOB), Special Operations Division (SOD), Specialized Investigations Division (SID), Investigation Support Bureau (ISB), and the Sixth and Fifth Districts.

Captain Regina Williams will move from the Criminal Investigative Division to run the Fifth District. In her more than 20 years with NOPD, Captain Williams has served in the Fifth and Seventh Districts, Investigation Support Bureau (ISB), and Public Integrity Bureau (PIB).

We will have the opportunity to meet Captain Williams, online, at the March NONPACC meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00pm. Don't hesitate to email me, [suarezinmarigny@gmail.com](mailto:suarezinmarigny@gmail.com), if you'd like to attend.

Citizens contacted FMIA about Public Safety issues twice in February. Here is the note that went to the 5th District, in lieu of the NONPACC meeting:

"We only have one immediate concern, relevant to Mardi Gras: activity on Franklin Avenue. Though Mimi's and the Lost Love Lounge are out-of-business, and all other Bars are closed for the holiday through Tuesday, there is a history of folks partying from their cars on Franklin. Usually, they are not residents. We would so much appreciate the occasional drive-by (or whatever the protocol is) though certainly comprehend the extended land area/population of the 5th District, and hope you are all safe and without incident. Our other concern is about a camper RV parked on Decatur Street, near Franklin. Photo attached. We received a heads-up concerning drug dealing and bike-stealing emanating from this location. Reportedly, the license plate is from Quebec, though it is not visible."



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# FMIA General Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 25, 2021

LOCATION: Via Web/Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03pm

## President's Report:

- **STR** - City understaffed and under-enforced, the squeaky wheel gets the grease, keep reporting.
  - **Backyard Noise Ordinance** - report out, CPC meeting tomorrow, all are encouraged to participate, the curfew is key as is facing stage away from homes.
  - **Multi-Family Housing** - FMIA supports more homes, wants assurance this housing allows actual housing and not short-term rentals.
  - **Home Decorating Contest** - house float challenge. FMIA hosting a contest for best home decorating. Prizes will be awarded. House floats, traditional decor, etc. encouraged. Winners chosen weekend before Mardi Gras and featured on website and in newsletter.
- Train Noise** - neighbors believe train sounds getting louder, please write [president@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:president@faubourgmarigny.org) in support of this if you find this to be true or against if you do not.

## Committee Reports:

### Land Use:

Jeff Seymour (Committee Chair) not present.  
Former Aquatic Gardens development is one to watch, new owner plans to skirt 10,000 sq.ft. building limitations by subdividing 45,000 sq. ft. into a sub-division of hotels.

### 8th District (Triangle) Report:

Felipe Fischer (8th District Liaison) not present.  
Requesting a list of cameras from those willing to share video evidence with police as necessary [ffischer@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:ffischer@faubourgmarigny.org)

### 5th District (Rectangle) Report:

Lisa Suarez (5th District Liaison) urges residents to report criminal activity to 911

### Blight Report:

Sunny Summers (Committee Chair)  
Continuing to detail and manage a small number of properties. Please volunteer any new properties that need our attention to [blight@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:blight@faubourgmarigny.org)  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AhuoXlvkUjRR4vmoPKiYEZffPoxLk3DOnlh4FVlIte5o/edit#gid=0>

## Guest Speaker:

**Representative, Candice Newell - Guest Speaker**

Updates provided on budgets.

Question asked about historic credits for residential properties, the conversation was started last March and was stalled by COVID. Currently only commercial buildings are candidates for historic credits. Orleans delegation supports this change. Covered updates on spending, vaccines, and public safety.



MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10pm

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7. 2439-41 Decatur, Two-Bay bracketed Shotgun Double, c. 1920. Though painted a lovely shade of purple, it is impossible to say how changes to the exterior of this building were conceived, or how it looked in its unaltered state.

## 7. 2439-41 Decatur



### FMIA Committees

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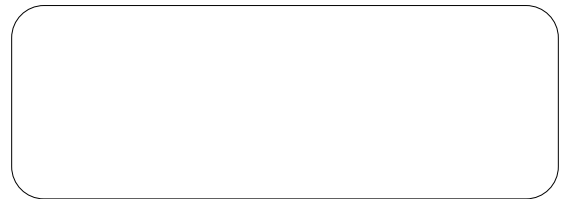
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