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## *- Mission Statement -*

*To protect, maintain and support the Faubourg Marigny in the City of New Orleans...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.*

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[www.faubourgmarigny.org](http://www.faubourgmarigny.org)

## General Meeting -- This Monday 3/20

Our next general meeting will be March 20th at 6:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This meeting will be a forum for Council-at-Large candidates and other local candidates with the exception of those running for District C City Council (see President's Report).

This month we will also have our first Potluck since last summer. Bringing food is not required, of course, but if you would like to, please bring a meat dish if your last name begins with A-E, a vegetable dish if your last name begins with F-G, bread/pasta/rice (N-R), or dessert (S-Z). Thanks!

## President's Report

Spring is in the air. And we have a lot going on.

As you may have noticed, our park has been filled with nine young, energetic Americorps volunteers for the past two weeks. They are filling in where we left off on our Washington Square Park Clean Up. The mounds of bags on Elysian Fields are a testament to their hard work in removing all the limbs, leaves and trash that have accumulated in our park. Besides cleaning up they will be repairing the benches and painting the jungle gym.

We have organized a District C Candidates Forum for March 26<sup>th</sup> with the Bywater association. (See next page.) We have all seven candidates participating and will be asking the hard



questions that we hope will separate the wheat from the chaff. This is an important election so please mark your calendars and pass the word along.

All the candidates for elected office except the candidates for District C Council Member and Mayor have been invited to our March general meeting this Monday at St. Paul's. This will be an opportunity for us to hear from them on why they are running for their respective offices and what they will do if elected.

This meeting will also be our first post-Katrina **Pot Luck**. If you don't have time to cook, consider getting something from one of our local businesses.

As you may know the Marigny is 200 years old and we are looking for ways to celebrate this. Do you have ideas? Let us know.

## FMIA Phone Number: 888-312-0812

### Meetings

FMIA General and Board meetings are open to the public. Committees and committee meetings are also open to anyone who is interested or would like to help.

**Board meetings** are the first Wednesday of each month. The next board meeting will be on April 5, 7:00 p.m., location TBA (see FMIA website).

**General meetings** are the third Monday of each month at 7:00p.m at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street. (There are no general meetings in July and December.)

The next meeting will be Monday, March 20.

### News Email List

Join our news email list to receive email announcements. To join the news email list, simply click on the Join Now link at the FMIA website and send the email that automatically appears. You will receive an email confirming your subscription. Follow the instructions within the email and you are ready to go.

## District C Candidate Forum

March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the NOCCA Riverfront Lupin Auditorium. Come join us to learn more about the candidates and hear them answer the tough questions, your questions.

We are soliciting questions to ask the candidates. You can email your question(s) to [forum@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:forum@faubourgmarigny.org) or call in your question(s) to 1-888-312-0812.

Questions will be sorted and selected before the forum. Those questions that do not get selected for the forum will be given to the candidates. Their written responses will be posted on our web site. For a hard copy call 888-312-0812.

Please pass the word along.

## Editorial

By Chris Costello

“Agreement paves way for more public use and access on the Mississippi River”

Does this press release headline from the Port of New Orleans sound too good to be true? Well, as the old adage goes, it probably is. The spin on the potential deal between the City and Port, which those two entities claim paves the way for more public use and access, leaves out the possibility of new development—i.e. highrises—on the Riverfront. According to those on the Bring Back New Orleans Commission who are in charge of the planning, if we want a riverfront park then we must let developers build high rises so they can pay for the park. Can that really be the only option?

The City and Port want us to buy into the idea that money-making development is necessary because the Port has already been negotiating a 2000 person amphitheater with Mendelson Entertainment Group. It would not be a stretch to think that they have also been talking with high-rise developers. The park then, may be a way to garner public support, an enticement to make the amphitheater, and perhaps high rises, more palatable.

But the Port has tried to conceal its intentions from the public. In email exchanges with VCPORA (one of the French Quarter neighborhood groups) over the course of a year, the Port promised it would allow public comment on its plans for the Riverfront. But then, without public notice,



it voted at its last meeting to enter into a deal with the city that would allow non-maritime development on the Riverfront. The topic did not appear on its published agenda before the meeting. Clearly it did not want the deal out in the open. It begs the question, if the deal is such a good idea, why all the subterfuge?

Fortunately, any redevelopment plan must go through the City Planning Commission and the City Council before it can go ahead.

To add to the deception, the agreement binds the City and Port to enter into "good faith negotiations" with the Trust for Public Land to develop and/or operate the new park. But according to the Trust's website it only "helps" communities identify and secure funding for public land, it neither develops nor maintains that land. Why lie about the function of the Trust? To create an appearance of legitimacy?

The good news is that the Trust for Public Land is a legitimate organization that helps communities buy land for public use. So, as it turns out, we can have a riverfront park without having to rely on the pockets of the developers.

You can find a copy of the proposed agreement between the City and Port on our web site at [www.faubourgmarigny.org](http://www.faubourgmarigny.org).

## Letters to the Editor

### Levees.org responds to Texas visitor

Texas Representative Jeb Hensarling recently visited New Orleans. While here he blasted state and local officials, saying they want a big federal handout without taking any responsibility or showing accountability. He even has some choice comments for the citizens. "Those able-bodied individuals under 65, what are they doing to help themselves?"

This undeserved criticism was especially harsh since the death and destruction that metro New Orleanians suffered was due to disastrous design and planning mistakes by the US Army Corps of Engineers – a federal agency.

As a member of Congress, Representative Hensarling certainly must know that the Corps of Engineers has sole authority over the design and construction of New

Orleans' flood protection. And everyone knows that Katrina missed New Orleans. Yet the federally built levees failed catastrophically all over the City.

I met with Dan Hitchings, the Director of Task Force Hope, US Army Corps of Engineers on February 15, 2006. In that meeting at the Corps building on Leake Avenue, he told me that "the Corps is accountable to the people and to Congress for the performance of the flood protection." Clearly it didn't perform.

It is time for the federal government to acknowledge the Corps' causal role in the flooding. And it is high time that Congress provide the resources necessary to make the citizens of metro New Orleans whole.

The most important thing we can do for metro New Orleans is contact any family or friends who live in Texas and ask them to write a letter to Rep Hensarling and send it to this address:

Congressman Jeb Hensarling  
132 Cannon House Office Building,  
Washington, DC 20515

The second most important thing you can do is write a letter yourself. Your own words are always best. But if you feel you need a sample I suggest going to [www.levees.org](http://www.levees.org) and viewing the letter posted.

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## Unwelcome Changes on Frenchmen

Dear Editor,

When I bought and renovated my B&B 4 years ago, it took a full year and a half for me to clear the block of undesirables – people who insisted on using my porch and gates as private privies, people sacking out on the porch, etc. Most of these folks had drugs and weapons on them when the police arrived to check out the call, so all was for the best. Still, I felt frustrated about playing “Clint Eastwood” singlehanded. Other neighbors are absent much of the year, or are simply not interested in trying to help. What to do?

Well, things did settle down, business took off running – until August '05. Now that we are back (lots of us), I find that our dear Frenchman Street has taken a turn for the seedy and the downright nasty – both daytime and during the late night hours.

I am back playing Clint Eastwood with a vengeance, forcing the parking lot to reinstall lightbulbs, most of which had blown out during Katrina. If they are to come on at night, I have to go over and hit the switch myself, since there is no full-time employee. Small price to pay for chasing out the hooker who had the guys lined up against the brick wall next to my kitchen. She only tried it one more time, when she lined them up between several SUVs, but again, outside my kitchen window. Then Clint took over and hollered bloody murder about calling the cops, and they have not come back, so far.

What is definitely happening is a shift in the predominant paradigm – we were a happy mix, some of everything, people getting along, excited about the development and success of new restaurants and clubs and cafes. Now, we appear to have lost Marisol and Santa Fe restaurants, the Spotted Cat appears in precarious physical condition, the Asian grocery has expanded its hours – good for them, they work hard and deserve good fortune – however, come payday, there is a parade of out-of-town workers in and out of the place, getting messed up as fast as possible. I am concerned that their late-night hours of operation are not wholly in the best interest of the neighborhood.

I would be interested in knowing if anyone else is feeling similar frustration. I am tired of stepping over belligerent bodies on the sidewalk once again. I do not feel as safe as I did 6 months ago, especially when on

Mardi Gras I had 3 separate incidents of guys jumping my brick fence for a “toilet with some privacy” in my patio!!!!

Anyone out there have any ideas about how we might try and pull ourselves back together? Personally, I am a huge fan of bright (but not harsh) lighting, trash control, especially until the city can get its act together (who'm I kidding???), cleaning the front of your property/shop. I would be really interested in reading what other members have to say.

Patty Marino,

Owner, Bijou Bed and Breakfast, 2116 Chartres Street (Patty notes that her business is “steps from Frenchman Street, in the Faubourg Marigny.”)

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### Recommendation:

Surely the funniest and smartest local website to appear since the storm is NolaFugees.com. Written and illustrated by an affiliation of New Orleans poets and English teachers, nolaFugees had chalked up 600,000 hits within a couple of months of its launch in the fall. Log on to read columns such as, “God’s Honest Truth,” “Bargewatch” (the late, stranded Ninth Ward barge), “Secession!,” and “Star\*\*\*\*g w/ Cookie” (a New Orleans society column--yes, that Cookie). The fugees did “C. Ray’s Chocolate City” months before the Times-Picayune’s Chris Rose, and one of its writers coined the phrase “the isle of denial” before it became part of the local lexicon. (The Washington Post made reference to the phrase, attributing it vaguely to “a local scholar.”)



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## Jokes!

The last six months in New Orleans have been painful and strenuous, but post-Katrina life has also been fertile ground for humor. In future issues, I'd like to publish jokes or stories about life in New Orleans. If you have heard one, or have one to tell, please send it to [newsletter@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:newsletter@faubourgmarigny.org). (Submissions should, of course, avoid offense, but need not necessarily be squeaky clean.)

## Grocery Store in the Neighborhood

There can't be many businesses, even in New Orleans, that sell Mardi Gras Beads, wholesale, and fresh produce. The Mardi Gras Zone on the corner of Port and Royal is one. Two weeks ago, owner and Marigny resident Benny Naghi turned part of his bead warehouse into a grocery store. He has canned food, pasta, paper towels, cleaning supplies—the kinds of “groceries” available at gas stations—but also apples, oranges, onions, squash, potatoes, bell peppers, lettuce (romaine and iceberg), eggplant, ginger root, sweet potatoes, and more.

“I got tired of driving out to Metairie or going to A&P for an over-priced onion,” Naghi says. (His groceries are, understandably, more expensive than those of large grocery stores, but he hopes to lower prices when business picks up.) “It made sense for the business and for us,” he adds (since most of the store's employees live in the neighborhood). He is in the process of expanding the store and adding more fridges, and says he will stock items customers ask for.

Naghi has been in business in the neighborhood—where he also lives—for five years. He says that the Mardi Gras Zone is both the biggest bead supplier and the biggest bead shipper in the city. And while he clearly likes the neighborhood and considers it home, he would like to see it change. A native of Israel, he lived in a neighborhood near Haifa called Zihron Yakov that he says has the same neighborhood feel as the Marigny, but more small businesses. It's a model, for him, of what could happen in the Marigny. “I think it could be really nice if the neighborhood had more small businesses,” he says, explaining that in Zihron Yakov, the cafes and other small businesses support each other and give the neighborhood life. He hopes to see the same situation in the Marigny and believes more small businesses would also make the neighborhood safer.

The Mardi Gras Zone is open 9-9 Monday through Friday, 9-6 Saturday and Sunday, and can be reached at 947 8787 and [mardigraszone.com](http://mardigraszone.com). Groceries can be custom ordered and held by request.

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## New Business Spotlight

The Marigny's newest business, Bazaar Gift Shop, is selling a "Testomatic." It's a piece of wall art made from a "found" object that has a dial in the center that looks like a fuel gauge. The gauge has three sections: green, yellow, and red, that are marked "bad," "weak," and "good." The front panel is covered in odd-shaped knobs and electrical outlets, and there are colored lights on the top and side panels. When the "ignition" is switched on, the testomatic's needle jumps to "good."

There is also a lamp made out of a bowling ball, with bulbs protruding from the two finger holes, and an "ignition" key in the thumbhole.

Bazaar also has candles, soap, incense, a set of Lincoln

Logs, some vinyl LP's, and greeting cards from Mexico illustrated with a small Day of the Dead figure labeled "la catrina." The "la catrina" cards also have seeds embedded in the card, so that the card can be planted.

Bazaar's owner is Bryant Wilms, a new Marigny resident who opened the business two months ago. "I wanted a place for artists to show work and a place where people could come and appreciate that work," he says. Bazaar's artwork includes jewelry, metalwork and wood pieces by local artists, while other items, such as soap and candles, are "fair trade" products Wilms says.

Bazaar is at Royal and Dauphine and can be reached at 504 309-2288.

Opening hours are 12-7, Tuesday through Sunday.



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# Orchids & Onions

## ORCHIDS

- To the Americorps volunteers who are cleaning up and renovating Washington Square Park
- To Wilson Bourg Lumber, United Hardware and Sal's Plumbing that donated their service or supplies to Washington Square Park Clean Up.
- To Doer Furniture for cleaning up the area around its warehouse.
- To John Luckett for tirelessly cleaning up both sides of his block.
- To St. Paul's Lutheran Church for its assistance to the community.
- To Will Rheim for his work towards preventing blight in the neighborhood

## ONIONS

- To Frenchmen Street businesses who leaving piles of trash in the street..

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### FMIA Board Meeting February 1, 2006

**Present:** Chris Costello, Brian, Frye, David Seymour, Robert Reddington, Gary DeLeaumont, Simon Hand, Will Riehm, Deborah Oppenheim and visiting Bill Frye

Chris Costello called the meeting to order @ 7:00, Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at Gary DeLeaumont's House. Next meeting will March 1, 2006 at Chris Costello's office.

### Old Business

1. Approval by consensus the minutes from 1/4/06 Board Meeting and 1/16/06 General Meeting

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restore New Orleans.*

### Committee Reports

#### 1. Community Outreach

- Chris presented to the Board a drafted letter which may be used as a reference for property owners for improvement of their property within the guidelines of our historic district. Approved by consensus.
- Chris sent a letter to the businesses of FMIA to inform them of ways integrate and support their business through our business listings page in our new Web Site, inexpensive advertising in our newsletter, and potential for monthly events in Washington Square Park.
- Clean-up The Krewe of Katrina will join us for our Sweep the Neighborhood on February 4, 2006. They will be focusing on St. Claude Street. Ms. Louisiana will part of the hundred volunteers helping to clean our neighborhood. We truly appreciate all the work Kay King has done in organizing our Clean-Up.
- Neighborhood Brochure Polly Brown and Chris Costello have been working on the idea of having a brochure to be given to the residents which will include new city numbers, HDLC information, general neighborhood information, FMIA information, and an application for membership. We discussed a modified version for Bed and Breakfasts. Approved by consensus.
- Spring Outreach Chris has been doing research in the possibility of having spring events in Washington Square Park. Park and Parkways is not opposed but the



- following is needed for every event: insurance, liter deposit and security.
2. **Home Tour** – We have a list of possible owners for the Home Tour and will make contact with them and interested owners are welcome to contact Reg Medellin and/or Deborah Oppenheim.
  3. **Washington Square Park Everyone is invited on February 18<sup>th</sup> to Clean and Repair the park 8:00 - Noon** Through the ‘Keep American Beautiful’, the Kansas Chapter has given Friends of Washington Square Park \$1200 donation. Wilson Bourg Lumber, Ace Hardware, American Aquatic Gardens, Sal’s Plumbing and Lowe’s have donated supplies and services. We extended a heartfelt thanks to our businesses.
  4. **BBNO Planning Team** Now they will be six districts instead of eight. We do not know what other neighborhoods are in our district. It appears that the BBNO planning team will inform us who will be part of the team. As a neighborhood, we need to be proactive. A letter will be written to reinforce the traditional fabric our neighborhood and the other concerns of transportation, infrastructure, green space, and utilize the community model for services by redevelopment the corridor of St. Claude Avenue. We are hoping to work with other historical neighborhoods along to the river to join us in this common ground.
  5. **Advertising** Polly Brown is with the advertisers to pay their bill. We do have a few more spaces in the newsletter for advertising.
  6. **Treasurer’s Report** was submitted by Treasurer Robert Reddington
  7. **Bylaws Committee** met to update the antiquated Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Discussing the Bylaws and corrections was actually informative and each member will have the opportunity to read them in the newsletter before voting for approval by the membership. Corrections will be made in the Articles of Incorporation to correct and add the correct boundaries.
  8. **Newsletter Simon Hand, Editor** has provided FMIA members with an informative, organized newsletter and he has more suggestions for further improvement. Look for the monthly calendar of events, new city numbers, announcements, special interest stories, schedule of committee meetings, and our website and FMIA phone number.
  9. **Education outreach** FMIA will present to our two neighborhood schools St. Paul Lutheran and Bishop Perry copies of the Neighborhood Story Project Books.
  10. **General Meeting February 20, 2006** is our planning meeting for the future of the Marigny. Membership input is needed so we can present our information to the BNNO. Please mark your calendar to attend this very important meeting.
  11. **Blighted** Will Riehm has diligently worked on identifying and cataloging “at risk and potential blighted buildings” in the Marigny. FMIA is sending a letter to each property owner extending a hand of assistance to help them with redevelopment. Prior to sending the letters the board would like him to identify whether the properties on the list of 10 have been sighted for blight or not and not send the letter to them.
- New Business**
12. **501C3** versa non-profit status is in research and development phase.
  13. **A Banner** will be purchased to use for the Washington Square Clean-up and future events. Approved by consensus.
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.  
Submitted by Deborah Oppenheim
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- February 20, 2006  
General Meeting**
- Chris Costello** called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- 1. Announcements**
- a. Questions and answers for FMIA can be accessed by our new 800 telephone number. The number is 1-888-312-0812 and website [www.faubourgmarigny.org](http://www.faubourgmarigny.org).
  - b. Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation changes are in the Newsletter for suggestions and comments.
  - c. Demolition by Neglect/Blighted Property The number to call is 504-658-4380 which will help prevent devastating situation such as Bill Lewin’s buildings on Mandeville Street. Other people to call are HDLC, Elliot Perkins, 504-658-7040 or Fax 504-658-6497 and Jackie Clarkson, City Council and Safety and Permits, Mike Centineo.
  - d. The street people who are hanging in front of various houses and businesses are posing a threat to residences. They have been confrontational and their dogs are aggressive. Call the police





821-2222 and let them make the determination if they are a problem.

e. Nickel a Dance in March at Café Brazil on Sunday 4 – 7

f. Helen Regis is doing a chapter in a book and is interested in interviewing people for their historical perspective of the Marigny. She is asking FMIA to be a mentor and ally for her neighborhood which is known as the 7<sup>th</sup> ward and/or the New Marigny as they start their association. Her neighborhood is involved in building a community center.

## 2. Committee Reports

Membership Committee meeting is March 6 , 2006 at Gary DeLaumont's 2817 Burgundy @ 7:00pm  
Website Committee is scheduled for February 23,2006 at Chris Costello's @ 7:00 pm.

### a. Education Outreach

FMIA supported the Neighborhood Story Project by presenting to St Paul's Lutheran School and Bishop Perry School a complete set of books. One of the author's Ashley Nelson is a graduated of St. Paul's Lutheran School.

b. **Washington Square Park** FMIA has taken the task of maintaining **Washington Square Park** because the City is unable to maintain and repair the park. An organized Clean- up/Repair the park was scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-noon . We have set up the Friends of Washington Square Park Fund and money will be used to make repairs, purchase supplies for maintenance, and Caroling. Any and all donations are tax deductible and send to FMIA, Friends of Washington Square Park P.O. Box 770080 NOLA 70177. A licensed electrician is needed and preferable a resident for repair work for the Washington Square.

c. **Home Tour** We need houses for the Home Tour and if you are interested please call 888-312-0812. It is our Bicentennial Year and we need to celebrate our neighborhood. The tentative date is May 21, 2006.

**3. Planning Session for FMIA February 20, 2006** The Bring Back New Orleans Committee report divides the city into districts. The Marigny is slated for development according the Committee's report. It appears they want input but not involvement.

The audience asked to identify specific issues five years from now and use post note per question to answer the following:

1. What is the one thing you most want to happen in the Marigny
2. What is the one things you do not want to see happen in the Marigny

We divided into workable groups to discuss seven questions which were given to each participant on a handout. The questions were as follows:

**Q1:** What types of new housing on vacant land do you want to see or not want to see in the Marigny?

**Q2:** Do you want to see buildings demolished to accommodate new construction?

**Q3:** Commercial use - Where do you see it happening and what types do you want?

**Q4:** Knowing that there is a strong City Hall interest in the Riverfront for commercial use, how do you want to see it developed or what do you not want to see?

**Q5:** What is your vision for St. Claude Avenue as our commercial corridor? What do you want or not want to see?

**Q6:** Knowing that there are a number of large vacant buildings, how would you like to see them redeveloped? Are there uses you are opposed to? i.e. Colton School, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Schoen Funeral Home.

**Q7:** What kind of improvements to the infrastructure do you want to see?

After each group finished discussing the seven questions, one spokesperson from each group presented their findings as the question was read. A summary of the responses to the questions will be printed in the newsletter and the full responses will be posted on the web site. A report will be written based on the responses.

Additional comments from the participants:

**Q:** How to involve more people from the neighborhood to join FMIA?

**A:** FMIA has gone door to door to 3500 households with handouts twice. It is labor intensive and volunteers are desperately needed. We also have the website, the 800 number, and the bulletin board at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**Q:** What about posting fliers at public areas?

**A:** We have done that but not enough and that is a great reminder to do more. We are going to design and create a brochure of the Marigny which will be given to every household in the Marigny.

**Q:** Is there a census of how many shotguns are in the Marigny?

**A:** No answer was given

**Q:** What about having a Faubourg Marigny Festival?

**A:** If someone is interested in taking this project on, interest is there. Manpower is the real barrier. Our focus is FMIA Home Tour. Ideas that have been discussed are jazz concerts in Washington Square, green market and art market but manpower is needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Deborah Oppenheim



## February Planning Meeting Responses to Questions

Here are the summarized results from our planning meeting. For the actual responses please visit our web site at [www.faubourgmarigny.org](http://www.faubourgmarigny.org).

We are in the process of writing the report, which will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

### Q1: What types of new housing on vacant land do you want to see or not want to see in the Marigny?

Affordable Housing	9
Apartments	1
Displaced Residents	1
Esthetic	16
Mixed Use	9
Multi-family	1
No B&Bs	1
No High Rise	8
Not too Dense	6
Owner Occupied	1
Single Family	5

### Q2: Do you want to see buildings demolished to accommodate new construction?

Christopher Inn	1
Keep Architectural Integrity	1
Limited uses	1
Neglected BLDG	1
Non-historic	5
Redevelop	7
Save	21
Yes	1

### Q3: Commercial use - Where do you see it happening and what types do you want?

Artists' Studio	5
Attorney	1
Bakery	2
Bank	5
Barber	1
Community Center	3

Develop Franklin	1
Develop St. Claude	5
Dry Cleaner	4
Farmer's Market	1
Florist	1
Frenchmen	1
Grocery Store	18
Home Repair Services	1
Hospital	1
Library	4
Major Use	1
Naval Base	1
Pharmacy	4
Physician	9
Post Office	3
Respect Zoning	1
Restaurant	4
Scaled Commercial	19
Theater	2
Transportation	1

### Q4: Knowing that there is a strong City Hall interest in the Riverfront for commercial use, how do you want to see it developed or what do you not want to see?

Appose all Commercial	1
Bike/Walk Path	14
Building Trade	1
Green Space	13
Input from Residents	3
Minimize Traffic	2
Museum	6
No Big Box	3
No Buses	1
No Concession Stand	1
No Cruise Ship	1
No Developers	1
No High Rise	24
No Parking Lots	1
Nothing Car Oriented	1
Public Access	8
Public Art	2
Public Use	1
Restaurant	2
Save WHSE	1
Street Car	1

### Q5: What is your vision for St. Claude Avenue as our commercial corridor? What do you want or not want to see?

Bank	2
Better Parking	4
Community Services	1
Controlled Entertainment	1
Dry Cleaners	3
Green Market	8
Grocery Store	6
Health Services	3
Landscaping	1
Library	1
Live Music	1
Mixed Use	12
No Big Box	1
No Fast Food	4
Police	1
Post Office	3
Restaurant	4
Restore Façade	2
Retain Small Footprint	1
Street Car	13

### Q6: Knowing that there are a number of large vacant buildings, how would you like to see them redeveloped? Are there uses you are opposed to? i.e. Colton School, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Schoen Funeral Home.

Additional Housing	23
Church	1
Community Center	7
Green Market	4
Grocery Store	1
Gym	4
Hospital	2
Library	3
Medical Facility	5
Memorial	2
Mixed Use	5
No Condos	4
No expansion	1
Outdoor Café	1
Parking	1
Post Office	1
School	1



Theater	2
Trade School	8
Zone Commercial	1

**Q7: What kind of improvements to the infrastructure do you want to see?**

1-Way, 500 Block of St. Ferdinand	1
Be a Model Neighborhood	2
Better crosswalks	1
Better Lighting	4
Bike Path	2
Bury Poles	20
Compost	1
Cooperation with Faubourg St. John	1
Drainage	4
Everything	1
Festivals	1
Fix	1
Free Wireless	1
Gates at RR crossing	3
Improved Electrical	1
Landscaping	5
Library	1
Limited Large Vehicles	1
Mixed Use	1
New Mayor	1
Permit Parking	1
Plessy Memorial	2
Recycling	6
Remove Switching Yard	1
Repair Levees	1
Repave Roads	16
Riverfront	2
Shift Power to HLDC	1
Street Car	16
Washington Park	1
Water Pressure	1
wifi	1
Wiser Bus routes	1
Zone of Opportunity	1

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