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Thursday March 3rd at 7PM

Guest Speaker - Fay Faron

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- Every 2nd Wednesday of the month - APAC Meeting
- Every 3rd Wednesday 6:00PM-Algiers Point Book Club, please call Maria Stambaugh at 481-0935 for meeting location
- Every 3rd Thursday of the month-APA Board of Directors meeting 8PM Trinity Lutheran Borcheding Hall
- Every 3rd Saturday, Algiers Historic Society Meeting In the Museum behind the Courthouse 10AM
- Sat Mar 19 10AM Algiers Historical Society - Charles Chamberlain from the Louisiana State Museum will talk about Jazz In Algiers (see pg 18)
- Tue Mar 1 6:30PM Special Hubbell Library Author's Night featuring Andrea Mistretta's Mardi Gras Parade and Posters in the Carriage House behind the Courthouse, 225 Morgan
- Tue Mar 15 6:30PM Hubbell Library Author Night - The Café Degas Cookbook by Troy Gilbert with Jerry Edgar and Jacques Soulas (see pg 12)
- Sat Mar 26 Annual Porch Sale
- Wed Apr 6 7PM The 4th Annual Sandbach (England) Under 9s & 10s Rugby Teams' Auction/Fundraiser at the Crown and Anchor (see pg 9)

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Editors' Note

Tom and Arienne DeBiasio, Co-Editors

We are so fortunate to live in the best neighborhood in New Orleans (on the best bank, too). Part of the fun of Algiers Point is the close-knit community and a big part of keeping the community together is the Algiers Point Association.

The APA supports all sorts of events that give us opportunities, from the Wednesdays on the Point, social events such as Meet and Greets and Library Night. A View From The Point gives local business the opportunity to advertise. It so much fun to open the View from the Point and see the photos from around the neighborhood and see what your neighbors are up to now. This publication is part of the unique makeup of this little neighborhood.

For the amazingly low price of \$25 a year, you can join the Algiers Point Association and keep this little paper both sent to you at home and free for all in area coffee shops and hang outs. We encourage out of town visitors to join the association to have a piece of New Orleans sent to their home. Support your community by joining the APA, voicing your opinions at the monthly meetings, planning more events, and enjoying all the wonderful things our neighborhood has to offer. Just look on the back page of your View from the Point for the form to fill out, join us at the next meeting, and we look forward to seeing you in the next edition!

It was really good to see so many old and new friends at Friendship Day this year, see if your phot made it in the paper We do take so many photos that not all of them can fit in the paper, we are starting to post the extra photos on the Algiers Point website, so look for that in the very near future.

I want to take a moment and thank Elizabeth Varela with helping with this message, good job.

Happy Mardi Gras and St. Patty's Day all!

Where in The Point?



If you can identify the exact location of where this was taken, please e-mail us at editor@algierspoint.org. First correct respondent will have their name published in the next newspaper!



Laissez le bon temps rouler!

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Chaos - Uptown, 6:30 p.m.
Muses - Uptown, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

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d'Etat - Uptown, 6:30 p.m.
Morpheus - Uptown, 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

NOMTOC - Westbank, 10:45 a.m.
Iris - Uptown, 11:00 a.m.
Tucks - Uptown, 12:30 p.m.
Endymion - Uptown, 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MARCH 6

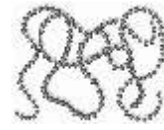
Okeanos - Uptown, 11:00 a.m.
Thoth - Uptown, 11:30 a.m.
Mid-City - Uptown, 2:00 p.m.
Bacchus - Uptown, 5:15 p.m.

LUNDI GRAS, MARCH 7

Proteus - Uptown, 5:15 p.m.
Orpheus - Uptown, 5:45 p.m.

MARDI GRAS, MARCH 8

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Kelli's Story of Why



So often when people meet me for the first time the question most asked is "What made you lose 175 pounds and to make such a transformation?" And to honest, I really wish I had one single, complete and easy answer for that question, but I don't. So in an attempt to come to some conclusion, I look back on my life and I realize that all the pleasant and not so pleasant experiences I endured were in some form or fashion blessings. When you hear or read about individuals who have received a second chance at their lives, they all remember very vividly the date, time, location and even the outfit they were wearing at that time. Although I cannot recall the date or time, much less what I was wearing, I do remember very vividly the location, the exact conversation that transpired, but not nearly the magnitude that conversation would have on my life or how that conversation would save my life. My mother and I were sitting in my cardiologist's office when he informed us, in no uncertain terms, that if I did not lose weight I would be dead in a year, and it was imperative for me to make necessary changes in order to prevent that. So having said that, my one single, complete and easy answer would have to be, I had to. I had been given, what I know now, was a second chance to make a complete and total life change. And so I did. The first step was to evaluate and modify my eating habits, the food I was consuming and the total lack of any physical activity. It took baby steps each and every day. I simply began by walking after dinner instead of parking my behind in front of the TV. Eventually, I felt

comfortable enough to join a gym where I could incorporate a strength training routine and a wide variety of cardiovascular activities. By implementing those changes in my life, I could see changes in my self-esteem and the beginnings of a positive self-image. It required a lot of hard work, even more tears, much sole searching and spiritual development, but the result would be the loss of 175 pounds. It never entered into my realm of thinking that I would go on to compete in body building for 10 years, spend three years training and competing in mixed martial arts, and would compete in 4 half-marathons this past year alone.

We are all shaped or rather molded by our past, good or bad. If I were to leave the past in the past, to never draw from those emotions or experiences again, then I would be doing a grave injustice to anyone who puts their health and wellness in my hands. To not recall that horrible time in my life, to not utilize theme, would render me grossly ill-equipped to relate to any individual, not just my clients. It is the impetus and the reason behind my passion for personal training. It is why I do what I do and rest in the knowledge that anything is possible. It is why when given the amazing opportunity to become a trainer at the New Orleans Athletic Club, I left my home and family in Lafayette and moved to New Orleans. Blessings come in many forms and fashions. Embrace it, do your best to learn from it but above all Pass It On.

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ALGIERS TO SAN FRANCISCO - THEIR SIMILARITIES, OR....SITTING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY...WASTING TIME, AND....HOW ALGIERS GOT ITS NAME (Part 1).



By Kevin HERRIDGE (always available for parties)

Firstly, for those dear readers that missed any part of “my story,” it is being repeated in the “West Bank Beacon,” a free newspaper covering Orleans and Jefferson Parishes on the “Best Bank.” I am their new Algiers correspondent! So, not only do we have Amy “Lois Lane” HUBBELL promoting us, we now have Kevin “Clark Kent” (aka Superman) HERRIDGE on the job as well. You can have the Beacon delivered free, read it online or advertise in it. Why not have them delivered to your business, no charge. Check it out at .

Back to the plot....O.K. chaps, whip ya kazoos out!
Ladies, make your own arrangements.

“I’m walking with my baby
Down by the San Francisco Bay”
Jesse FULLER

Wasting time? Moi? Outrageous! So there I was, in June, 2009, like Otis REDDING in 1967, shortly before his death, “(Sittin’ On) The Dock of the Bay” in San Francisco....wasting time....being “sure” not “to wear a flower in my hair.” Been there, done that! Did I tell you I met Otis REDDING in 1967 and got his autograph? Well, that’s another story. But I digress. Where was I? Ah, yes....Actually, I was not wasting time. I was watching the sea lions on Pier 39 (they need a lot of watching!) and thinking about a program I had seen on T.V. that discussed San Francisco’s rich history. I have always been interested in how things began, the “roots” if you will, be it the history of my family, music, Acadia, East London, and more recently, Algiers, to name a few. Although approximately 2000 miles from Algiers, I could see similarities. Algiers and San Francisco in the scheme of things are “New Towns,” both experiencing major development in the 1840s. There is nothing “Old” about Algiers! So, folks, like it or not, over the next few issues I will be imparting my thoughts on Algiers, San Francisco, pirates and how Algiers got its name. Algiers had a large slave population and San Francisco had a large Chinese population working on the railroads, who were often treated as badly as slaves. Algiers had a major disaster with the Great Fire of 1895 and San Francisco had been devastated by an earthquake and fire in 1906. Both have been rebuilt and have wonderful historic districts. Both had strong links to the sea. Algiers, a major ship building and repair town in the 19th century, and San Francisco, a major port in the Gold Rush and West Coast trading. Then there were the names - Algiers and San Francisco. The latter was formerly called Yerba Buena (good name for a jazz band, that!), but also known in the mid-19th century as the “Barbary Coast.” Hmmm.

There have been several theories on how Algiers got its name, all feasible, and most of which appeared in the very first issue of “The Algerine.” That article appears later within this article, with some very slight alterations and additions, for newer members and because people are still stopping me in the street, pressing twenty dollar bills in my hand and asking, “Kevin, how did Algiers get its name?” I have always been intrigued by the pirates of old so I started looking at the “pirate” link between the two towns’ names. Wendy and I were staying at the Argonaut Hotel, which is situated in the old Cannery, on Fisherman’s Wharf (highly recommended!).

Also housed within that building is the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, a splendid facility, which also includes a collection of ships and boats anchored across the street in the harbor, that I toured. I also visited their library over Fort Mason hill (a good hike!) to see if there were any trade links between San Francisco and New Orleans. The staff members knew of Algiers and were not only maritime fanatics but really into streetcars, and complained that New Orleans/Algiers never had a maritime or streetcar museum. Not to be outdone, I complained back that we never had museums dedicated to Jazz, Rhythm & Blues, Storyville, Voodoo, sugar plantations, the railroad or slavery either! But I digress....

As a little background I’ll quote “San Francisco - Mission to Metropolis.” Oscar LEWIS describes the early days of the city:

“In the fall of 1775 Captain Juan Batista de ANZA led a party of 240 colonists from Sonora, Mexico, to California. After a long and exhausting march the expedition reached the site of the future city of San Francisco on March 28, 1776. A Presidio and Mission were built shortly after the arrival of the first settlers. Mexico gained independence from Spain in 1821.” They named this area Yerba Buena, which meant “good herb.” Rasta-far-i! No, not dat ‘erb, mon! Wild mint grew in abundance in the area. The first house was built in 1835. The 1844 Census showed 3 trading posts, several grocery stores, 1 restaurant, 2 grog shops, 1 blacksmith, and 3 carpenter’s shops. Like Algiers at this time, San Francisco was developing into a community. Algiers was certainly a little more developed around this time, as the 1841 City Directory for Algiers, McDonoghville & Tunisburg shows. The full listing of names, businesses and occupations first appeared in issue #9 (Dec., 2002) of “The Algerine.” Of the 321 listings there were 55 businesses and occupations, and one “free woman of color.” The slaves would not have been listed. The businesses and occupations were:
Ship carpenters - 16, Coffee house - 9, Boarding house- 4, Trader - 4, Carpenter - 4, Grocery store - 3, Blacksmith - 2, Ship joiner - 2, Butcher - 2, Bakery - 2, Ship builder - 1, Barber - 1, Grocer - 1, Slater - 1, Engineer - 1, Judge - 1, Mechanic - 1, Tailor - 1, Planter - 1, Accountant - 1, Captain - 1, Doctor - 1, Painter - 1, Navigator - 1, Academy for young girls - 1, and Keeper of the Ballroom at Algiers - 1.

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Library Update
By: Seale Paterson



Between Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, St. Joseph's Day, and the Algiers Point Porch Sale, March is looking pretty busy! And to top it off, we have two Author Nights this month!

On Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m., come meet Andera Mistretta, artist and author of the book *Mardi Gras Parade of Posters*. It's one of non-parade nights in the middle of Carnival, and I can't think of a better way to spend it than relaxing with your neighbors, enjoying some free refreshments, and looking at beautiful Mardi Gras art. And if that isn't reason enough to attend: Algiers Point's own Blaine Kern wrote the foreword.

Our second Author Night is Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a book I myself can't wait to get my hands on: *Café Degas Cookbook*. Café Degas, on Esplanade Ave. near the New Orleans Fair Grounds, opened in 1986. It's beautiful and unique indoor-yet-outdoor setting is rivaled only by the food they serve. Come hear all about the recipes and the history of the restaurant that make Café Degas one of my favorite places to dine. The cookbook also contains art by Café Degas owner Jacques Soulas, so is a feast for the eyes as well.

Miss Nora will be doing a special toddler story time in March! On Wednesday, March 2, we will honor the birthday of Theodore Geisel, better known by most as Dr. Seuss. Miss Nora will read some of his books, have some special songs, and we'll have some special giveaways too. Toddler Story Time is at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings, and is designed for newborns up through age three. (We won't be hosting Story Time on Ash Wednesday March 9. But we will be back on the 16th and every Wednesday after that.)

Got library fines? Want to get rid of them? We've got our annual Food For Fines coming up in April. To honor National Library Week (April 10-16 this year), the New Orleans Public Library has a food drive to benefit Second Harvest of New Orleans Food Bank. For every non-perishable food item you bring in, we will take \$1 off your fines. There is no limit to how many items you can bring in. Have a \$50 fine? Bring in 50 items, and your fines will be erased! We accept all non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, dried beans, soup, canned tuna, peanut butter, and other high protein food items. Don't have any fines but want to participate in the food drive anyway? Bring your items in! We will be more than happy to accept donations on behalf of Second Harvest. We will accept the food items for Food For Fines ONLY during National Library Week, APRIL 10-16.

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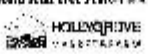
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Spring into Summer: What to plant now.

The popularity of petunias is increasing due to the release of a number of new varieties over the past ten years. Low-growing, spreading plants that reach only 6 to 12 inches in height, spreading petunias can be used as a flowering ground cover, in full sun, as well as trailing in hanging baskets. Flowers form along the entire length of each stem and are produced prolifically all season without the stems being trimmed back. Spreading petunias stand up particularly well to heat and humidity. We still cannot rely on them from June through August in South Louisiana.

Petunias planted in the fall will outperform petunias planted in the spring, but you can still get some nice petunias at garden centers in South Louisiana through March. Plants need full sun and a well-drained landscape bed. They prefer slightly acid soil conditions. Fertilize at planting, and irrigate to aid in establishment and when rainfall is lacking for a week to ten days. Normally, petunias have peak flowering in April through early May. Usually, the heat of June and July leads to their downfall.

LSU AgCenter research at Burden Center in Baton Rouge and the Hammond Research Station in Hammond has shown the Wave, Easy Wave, and Tidal Wave petunias to be excellent varieties for South Louisiana. <http://www.lsuagcenter.com>.



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Friendship Day February 20th, 2011




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LA/SPCA MARCH EVENTS

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Sun Mar 13 2-4PM Feral Cat TNR—The Basics & Beyond, sponsored by the LA/SPCA will be held at the Louisiana SPCA, located at 1700 Mardi Gras Blvd. Learn the importance of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and find out about basic methods and equipment. Network and find area resources for low-cost spay/neuter, trap rental or purchase, discover ways to advocate for neighborhood cats and to gain support for TNR in the community and more. Workshop is free and limited to 12 attendees. Call 762-3306 to reserve a spot or visit www.la-sPCA.org for more information.

Sun Mar 27 The fun starts at 10:30AM The LA/SPCA's 29th annual Dog Day Afternoon is the oldest dog/fun walk-a-thons in Louisiana and one of the oldest in the United States. New Orleans City Park provides the perfect festive setting to celebrate our canine companions and make them feel like royalty. The day's highlight is the "Gatsby Strut," a perfect opportunity to show off your canine and raise money for the animals of the Louisiana SPCA. The Celebrity-Emceed free festivities continue all day with music, food and specialty drinks from local restaurants, animal vendors and artists, dog obedience demos, contests and great prizes. It is attended by over 2,000 family and canine members and generates 5% of the annual operating budget of the LA/SPCA. Call 504-762-3307 or visit www.la-sPCA.org/dogdayafternoon for more info...Register NOW to WALK and WIN, WOOF!



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- * 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- * 2 tablespoons minced garlic (6 cloves)
- * 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Cut the potatoes in half or quarters and place in a bowl with the olive oil, salt, pepper, and garlic; toss until the potatoes are well coated. Transfer the potatoes to a sheet pan and spread out into 1 layer. Roast in the oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until browned and crisp. Flip twice with a spatula during cooking in order to ensure even browning.

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Confetti Kids Friendship Day Parade and Mardi Gras Tips

Confetti Kids had a great time at Friendship Day! Thanks to everyone who participated in the parade; we had a wonderful turn-out and some beautiful and clever floats, strollers, and bicycles were on display. Here are some pics.

With Mardi Gras right around the corner, Confetti Kids also offers this handful of tips and suggestions, good for old-timers and parade newbies as well:

1. Teach your child your phone number, home address and your full names (not just "Mom" and "Dad"). If going to a festival or parade, give your child a card to put in their pocket that has important names, numbers and your address on it.
2. Tell your child if they get lost they should find a police officer or an adult with children.
3. Ask your mom or dad, or the adult in charge of you, before eating anything that someone gives you.
4. Stay where you can see your parents (so your parents can see you!).
5. Don't go anywhere with a stranger.
6. Never go between floats, the drivers can't see you and unfortunately some terrible accidents have occurred.
7. Consider wearing sunglasses or a hat to help protect your eyes, those beads you didn't see coming at you can pack a punch.
8. Bring sunscreen.
9. Remember there is a city ordinance that parade ladders must be at least as far back from the curb as the height of the ladder - this is for safety reasons, but also a courtesy for others.
10. Save any stuffed animals you don't need and donate to Confetti Kids after the parades.

Hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Mardi Gras! Throw Me Somethin', Mister!



Squinkle's Point of View by Squinkle Varela

For those who haven't met me, I'm the maltese-yorkie mix with the homemade haircut usually running away from a shrieking woman on Vallette. "Squinkle" is a slang term for spoiled brat and, well, I have to live up to my name. I'm excited to have my own column, finally!

First, a big welcome to all the newcomers to the neighborhood! It's so much fun to walk around and have new dogs to greet. There's a lot to do on the Point, from play dates on the levee to the casual, evening gatherings on the lawn near Holy Name of Mary. Let's remember, though, that if we want folks to welcome us around, we have to make our people pick up after us. We've all had to dodge a few landmines lately, especially near the church. Let's get together and make the neighborhood clean for everyone.

Second, it's that dreaded flea season again. A quick tip for those who might not yet know: you can pick up flea medicine at the SPCA on Mardi Gras Boulevard. It couldn't be easier!

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- 2 Old Stuff Day
- 3 If Pets Had Thumbs Day
- 4 Employee Appreciation Day
- 5 Multiple Personality Day
- 6 National Frozen Food Day
- 7 National Crown Roast of Pork Day
- 8 Be Nasty Day
- 9 Panic Day
- 10 Middle Name Pride Day
- 11 Worship of Tools Day
- 12 Girl Scouts Day
- 13 Jewel Day
- 14 National Pi Day
- 15 Everything You Think is Wrong Day
- 16 Everything You Do is Right Day
- 17 Submarine Day
- 18 Goddess of Fertility Day
- 19 Poultry Day
- 20 Extraterrestrial Abductions Day
- 21 Fragrance Day
- 22 National Goof Off Day
- 23 National Chip and Dip Day
- 24 National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
- 25 Waffle Day
- 26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day
- 27 National "Joe" Day
- 28 Something on a Stick Day
- 29 National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day
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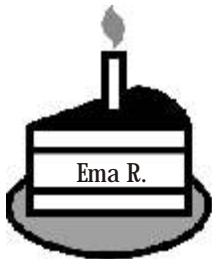
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APA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes of January 20, 2011

In attendance: Nathalie Bastin, Arienne DeBiasio, Tom DeBiasio, Skip Gallagher, Terry Garner, Kevin Herridge, Joe Hollier, Anne Kotch, Skip Stander, Michael Taylor, Peggy Thompson and Stephen Thurber

Absent: Steve Summers

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran's Borcheding Hall. Skip Gallagher called the meeting to order at 8:22 PM.

Diane Bordenave was introduced as a possible new member for the board. After the introduction and a brief discussion, Michael Taylor made the motion to accept Diane as an At Large member of the board, Terry Garner seconded the motion, a vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Skip Gallagher brought up the fact that the Secretary position for the board had to be vacated by Arienne as she reached her 5 consecutive year term limit and that the position needed to be filled by someone on the board. Anne Kotch graciously volunteered her services and all members were in agreement to have her serve in that capacity.

II REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Joe Hollier made the motion to accept the minutes, Tom DeBiasio seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

III TREASURER'S REPORT - Steve Summers

Joe Hollier presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Steve Summers. Beginning balance of \$17,333.77, total deposits of \$1,143.72 which were primarily membership and advertiser renewals, there were no expenditures to date in January, leaving a balance of \$18,477.49.

A synopsis for the 2010 fiscal year showed Funds carried Forward from 2009 of \$12,996.97, Income of \$22,451.79, Expenses of \$18,352.73 for a Net Gain for the year of \$4,099.06 which was a pleasant surprise as we were looking at a minor loss based on the projected budget set forth early in the year.

Joe Hollier made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Arienne DeBiasio seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

IV OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK – Survey and Alternate Location

Nathalie said that outside of one or two negative responses, the rest of the survey results have been positive. She asked that members of the board do another go around with distributing the doggy park flyers as she has a January 31st deadline for submissions for these.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS

Skip Gallagher brought up that now that the batture down Patterson as well as now the other side from the ferry terminal all the way down past Mardi Gras World had been cleared of underbrush. It was noted that it really has made a difference and Kevin was thanked for being a constant voice and leader in rallying crews to get the battures cleared and is hoped that these will be cleared on an ongoing basis.

BLIGHT

There were 50 new cases assigned to the blight list in the Point, most of those were in the blocks numbered higher than 600. A discussion ensued on what the blight process was and that the HDLC is limited to how much they can fine. Any one can call Code Enforcement to ask what process a particular property is in. Two thirds of the properties that had gotten Road Home monies are properties that are still blighted. Skip has placed calls to Road Home but none of his calls have been returned. A brief discussion was held on status of various properties including the Belleville School which should have been seeing work start in January.....

NEW BUSINESS

COALITION GRANT

Anne Kotch brought up that the CDC (Center for Disease Control) was offering a grant to neighborhoods for \$15K per year for 2 years for Type 2 Diabetes neighborhood assessment which needed information specific to Algiers Point. She found a girl from Tulane who also works at Common Ground who offered to gather information and answer specific questions in the grant. Anne said the grant was looking for information basically on what was going on in the Point, what makes our neighborhood healthy (bike trail, ferry, farmer's market in summer, formal and informal walking groups, etc, which are the things that they are looking for in this RFI (Request For Information). January 24th is the deadline, for all intents and purposes Anne has already written the grant, should it be awarded to our neighborhood they will tell us how they want us to spend the grant money. Kevin suggested playground equipment at Larkin Park.

TAX STATUS

Terry Garner brought up that maybe the APA as an association should review our tax status and a discussion ensued between what a 501C4 is as opposed to what a 501C3 is. 501C3 can apply for larger grants while a 501C4 (which is what the APA is currently designated as) can be used to lobby where a C3 cannot. It was mentioned that our C3 status got cancelled when we took C4 status and that for just a fee of a few hundred dollars you can apply online to change. A discussion took place on the benefits of both designations which both have merit but an ongoing issue is keeping the ferry running and we need to keep C4 status to have a way of backing up Friends of the Ferry and that C4 is geared towards neighborhood associations.

FEBRUARY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING SPEAKER, 2011 BUDGET

A discussion was held on who could be candidates to be guest speakers at our February Neighborhood meeting and it was decided that the ferry always has something going on and is of interest to our residents so we would approach Fay Faron of Friends of the Ferry and Dave Miller to discuss the status of the ferry and possibly Fay could talk about the website and C3 versus C4 status as well.

There being no further business, Terry Garner made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe Hollier seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM

VI. 2010 APA COMMITTEES

Membership/Social/Bienvenue - Gregg Harris /Hillery Moise
Community Garden / Clean Walkway Team - Arienne DeBiasio / Joe Hollier
Crime & Fire Prevention -
Home & Garden Tour/Marketing - Nathalie Bastin

Newspaper - Arienne & Tom DeBiasio
Historic Preservation/Zoning/Transportation - Lynn Worley
Treasures From The Point - Fay Faron, Connie Burks
Website - Fay Faron

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Neighborhood meeting would be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:30 PM possibly at Trinity Lutheran Borcheding Hall if it was available.

2. The next APA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, February, 2011 at 8:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Borcheding Hall.





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