

Jan. 17, 2026

9:47 a.m. Start of APA retreat.

Attending: Susan Aspinwall, Connie Burks, Skip Gallagher, Vlad Ghelase, Jim Goodwin, Amy Hubbell, Steve Mercer, Stephan Namisnak, Cindy O'Donnell, Jerry Pate, Kelly Rookard, Marty Stroble, Ron Suarez, Lacey Wotring.

Nov meeting notes approved.

Financial report. Diana All approved

Holiday party \$960 brought in.

*Joe Bonney and Sybil Orr have both resigned from board.

*Discussion of who will be treasurer, as Diana is resigning. Jim will be interim, but only briefly.

*Steve Mosgrove has been laid off with new government of Helena Moreno – he will continue with Keep Algiers Beautiful.

*Ferry terminal – new pilings are beginning to be put in. Due to construction all parking across from the terminal will be prohibited until construction is completed.

*Sue asked at Ferry Meeting who would be doing maintenance of the terminal – still no taker for concessions.

*Brunch for police Feb. 14. Date of Nomtocs Parade

*Signup sheet passed around for volunteers.

Goals

*Communication needs to be more abundant –

*Perhaps resume adding Zoom to our meeting so that others who cannot make the meeting physically can still participate.

*At Holiday meeting, could Confetti kids have coordinated their meeting.

*Missed opportunity for neighborhood when we had the Councilmember forum the same night as another big event.

*We need better communication – Jerry Pate will be revising the website., also updating Facebook.

- Want more photos

- Engage with new neighbors

 - Engage with businesses

- Propose Business coffee several time/year to connect business owners

*Kelly Proposed have cross pollinating between business and APA – Historical society, Library, each linking with the other so that the community gets info from all corners.

*Linking with Old Algiers Main St.

* Civic Engagement – need to do more to be seen as a business builder

There needs to be an incentive for people to attend the meeting –

- *Vlad will volunteer to see what is needed for better microphone Zoom must be add on – with adequate microphone, visible.

- Zoom gives us the possibility of having a quorum.
- Debate about whether Zoom will squelch involvement – we will give it a try and revisit the topic in 6-8 months.

We need more diversity - economic – on board.

*We need to make more efforts to include the neighborhood between Opelousas Ave and Newton.

*Big Block Party with men's org., APA, All neighborhood organization.

Example Crawfish Boil at Barge Board (2025 had low attendance)

Algiers Fest – 2026 date TBD

2026 Committee Chairs:

Neighborhood improvement Committee: Mike, Jim

Civic Engagement: Ron

Events: Lacey

Membership and Communications Committee: Jerry

Public Safety: Jim

Transportation: Jim

Grants/fundraising: Kelly

As Diana Masters, Joe Bonney, & Sybil Orr are resigning from the Board, these seats are available to be filled.

Nominating Committee of Vlad, Amy, & Jerry, will meet to discuss,

advertise & return to the Board with recommendations per Bylaws.

Meeting Post Mardi Gras Feb. 26

Treasures from the Point April 11,12

Need to add to Minutes:

- Board approval of Mike's proposal to participate in the 2026 Love the Boot Litter Free Neighborhood (AP) Saturday, April 18
- Board approval of \$350 funding NOPD 4th District Mardi Gras Brunch ***[Note to Volunteers: APA will serve NOPD4 on Sunday, Feb 8, not Saturday, Feb 14, as stated at the meeting; Volunteers, please confirm intent to participate.]***

Meeting adjourned 12:34

March 10 – would be George Hubbell's 100 BD – possibility of Petanque Court and celebration