

Fondren Renaissance Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2021  
Homewood Suites

Members present: Liz Brister, Belmont Trapp, John Lauderdale, Mary Linley Sweat, Sandy Carter, Buddy Graham, Jonathan Lee, Gabriel Prado, Jonathan Werne, Seth Hall, Cathy Boone, Dylan Bradshaw, Molly Walker, Leah Smith, Ardarian Pierre, Coleen O'Brien (ex officio), Rebecca Garrison (staff).

Members Absent: Britney Moss, Michael Boerner, Donovan Thigpen (ex officio), Kathy Clem, Ryan O'Beirne

Call to order: President Liz Brister called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. After a brief welcome to all, she opened the meeting with several success stories.

1. Fondren Clean Up Day had 44 volunteers, including Americorp Workers, new volunteers from Fondren. Thanks was given to Word of Life Church, breakfast was served by Brents Drugs and lunch was provided at Fondren Church by Pig and Pint.
2. Fondren LIVE had a good turnout despite the rain, and a good showing of community spirit with residents helping with fly away tents. Security was stepped up with no issues. June's LIVE will kick off Alzheimer's Awareness month in Fondren. Fondren LIVE needs a stage as well as a new sponsor as we no longer have the sponsor who helped us with the budgeted \$15,000. We may need to revise the budget for this.

Approval of Minutes: Liz asked for approval of the April minutes. Called by Buddy, second by Jonathan Lee.

Treasurer's Report: Jonathan Lee reported on April and yearly profit and loss financial status. FRF is in good financial standing. He reported that Trustmark has agreed to Sponsor Fondren Unwrapped. He also reported on Sandy's work with the Fondren Economic Development plan. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was called by Cathy, second by John Lauderdale.

Upcoming special events: Fondren LIVE will be held Thursday, June 2. Theme will be purple for Alzheimer's Awareness.

- Safety: Rebecca reported on the first Auto Burglary meeting. There was excellent participation with representatives from many property owners and law enforcement agencies. Major strategies have been identified. Funding needs to be confirmed.
- Street Safety Task Force: Liz reported a new Command Center Camera was paid for and installed at the corner of Northside Drive and Manhattan. Next meeting will be June 21.

Knocking Out Blight: plans are under way with street captains to discuss strategy with the plans outlined by Word of Life and area church leaders. Initially, will start with Taylor Street.

Other business:

- Game Day congestion: Visit Jackson has offered to take the lead in controlling.

- BID Board Meetings: meetings are open to anyone. They are held monthly.
- Pro Bono Representation: information was presented via document to all created by Roy Campbell, Esquire and former FRF Board President. Cathy moved that the board accept Roy's recommendations, second by Liz.

Comments, questions, suggestions from the Board:

- Gabriel announced Latin Fest will be held on May 21 from 5-10pm at Agriculture and Forestry Museum. VIP tickets are available.
- Leah commented that the governor vetoed half the monies the legislature had worked so hard to appropriate to aid in Jackson's economic growth.

As there was no further business, questions or comments from the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Belmont Trapp  
Secretary