

## VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - February 7, 2020

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## Willie's Chicken Shack Attend the BZA meeting Monday!

Board of Zoning Adjustments hearing  
Monday, February 10  
[1300 Perdido Street](#), City Council Chambers  
11:00 a.m.

**Finally**, after three consecutive deferrals, BZA Docket 104-19 will be heard at 11:00 a.m. on [Monday, February 10, 2020](#). Since we filed this appeal, another location in the CBD has opened and you can be sure that more are on the way. Your voice is needed to help stop the proliferation of fast food restaurants that threaten the authenticity and economic viability of the French Quarter. **Please attend this meeting and speak up - we cannot do this without you!**

VCPORA filed this appeal against the director of Safety & Permits for his decision to designate the Willie's Chicken Shack at [601 Chartres Street](#) as a Standard Restaurant. We assert that Willie's meets the criteria for a Fast Food Restaurant, and therefore is not allowed at its current location per the [Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance](#) (CZO). The historic French Quarter is internationally known for its unique culture, architecture, and dynamic culinary scene. Allowing the proliferation of fast food restaurants where they are prohibited endangers the viability and desirability of the entire community. Read more on this [appeal on our website](#).



## New Links Phase II

Tuesday, February 11

219 Loyola Street

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The [New Links](#) regional transit network redesign process will host a series of community meetings next week to show residents proposed concepts for an updated regional transit network. At the first meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at the New Orleans Main Library, [New Orleans Regional Planning Commission](#) staff will present three service concepts for how bus and streetcar service could be redesigned using existing resources. These concepts were designed around feedback during the Phase I outreach initiative in the spring and summer of 2019.

The meeting will include a visual presentation that will be narrated by the project team, followed by questions and answers and an "open house" period to interact with the project team and provide feedback on the service concepts. Special remarks will be given by Mayor Cantrell, Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee-Sheng, and RTA CEO Alex Wiggins. Tuesday's meeting will serve as the launch of Phase II of the project, which will include six weeks of intensive public outreach to bring service concepts to the public and gather feedback on community priorities in all three parishes. Read more about the New Links project and see details for other upcoming meetings in [this New Links press release](#).



*Photo of Vinsantos DeFonte, Krewe Boheme's 2019 Supreme Green Fairy, by Michael DeMocker via NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune*

## French Quarter Walking Parades

Carnival season kicks into high gear this weekend with three upcoming French Quarter walking parades.

Tonight, Friday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m., [Krewe Bohème](#) will roll for its second year. This new krewe will "present a visual and auditory feast of mystery, artistry and fun. The procession is led by a symbol of the bohemian spirit, a green absinthe fairy". This year, Tank of Tank and the Bangas will preside as the honorary Green Fairy. The parade will proceed along parts of Esplanade, Decatur, Dumaine, Royal, and St. Louis.

On Saturday, February 8 (tomorrow) at 6:30 p.m., [Krewe du Vieux](#) will roll. Noted as a political, adult-oriented parade, Krewe de Vieux earned the distinction of marching as the first post-Katrina parade. This year's theme is "Erection 2020". The parade's route will roll along Royal, Toulouse, and Decatur.

Immediately following at 7:00 p.m., [krewedelusion](#) will roll. The krewe's slogan is: "The People Shall Rule - Until a Suitable Replacement can be Found." The krewe will mirror Krewe du Vieux's route in the French Quarter along Royal, Toulouse, Decatur.

Expect street closures, parking restrictions, and lots of revelry.



## Homer Plessy Art Market

Sunday, February 9  
721 St. Philip  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

[Homer A. Plessy Community School](#) will be hosting another edition of their Art Market this Sunday in their parking lot on the corner of St. Philip and Royal. The afternoon market will feature food, art, clothing, crafts, jewelry, and live music. More information can be found in this [Fox8 interview](#).



## Rock N' Roll Marathon

Sunday, February 9  
New Orleans  
6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please be aware that due to the [2020 Rock N' Roll Marathon](#), both sides of Esplanade Avenue will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. this Sunday, February 9. N Peters Street/Decatur Street between Esplanade Ave and Poydras Street will be also closed from 6:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. that day. No Parking / Tow Away Zones will be in effect along the route. For more information on the marathon's traffic impact, please see [the full road closure map](#).

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