

**VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - June 11, 2021**

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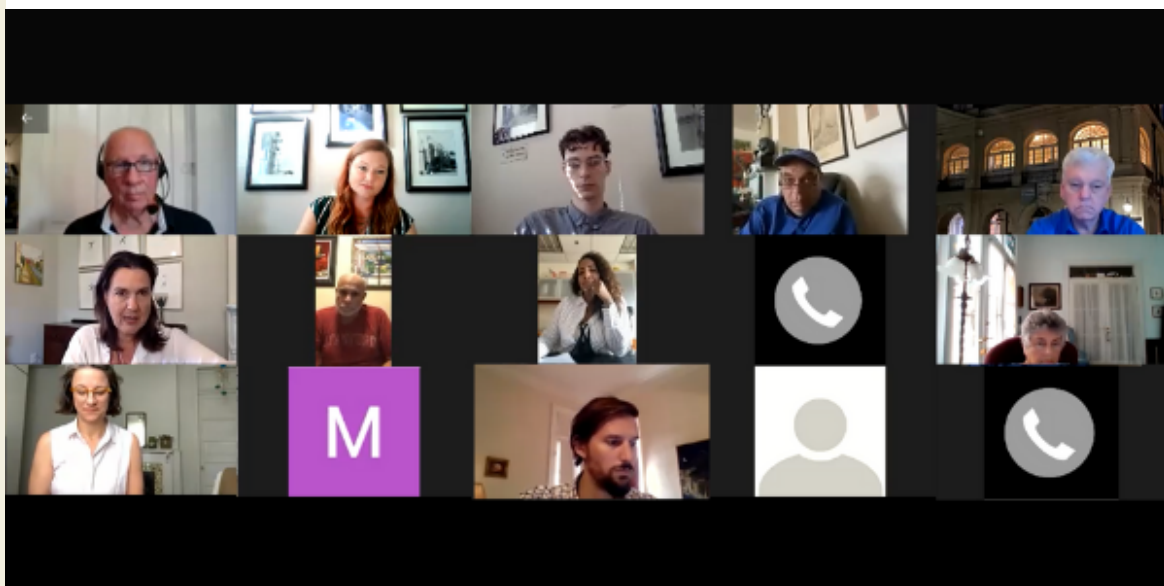
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**City Leaders Meeting Recap**

Last night, VCPORA invited our members to attend a virtual meeting with Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer and Sarah McLaughlin Porteous, Director of Special Projects & Strategic Engagement Office for the Mayor, to discuss French Quarter quality of life issues. An 8th District NOPD representative regrettably could not join as originally planned.

In that meeting, we learned that work on the [French Quarter Sidewalk Improvement Plan](#) is slated to resume this week and work on Barracks, Governor Nicholls, Ursulines, and St. Philip will be finished by the end of this summer. As for the [Mayor's Plan for Pedestrianization](#), none of the seven proposed concepts are "off

the table” yet, but the City is currently prioritizing concepts that show broad support at the moment, such as the Slow Quarter and French Market Pedestrian Concept. The Safer Rampart Street pedestrianization concept charrette is slated for this summer.

The [parklet pilot program](#) is currently under review by the City. Parklets are reportedly being considered for permanence under stricter guidelines. New regulations could mandate Vieux Carré Commission design review, zoning restrictions, and use standards. VCPORA wants your feedback on this program; please send any comments you have to [info@vcpora.org](mailto:info@vcpora.org).

We learned that the sanitation contract up for renegotiation in December 2021 could also contain changes, including consolidation of sanitation providers, a return back to black bags pickup instead of trash bins, and a mandate for smaller trash vehicles to prevent infrastructural damage.

Enforcement was a major concern as well. Recent meetings between law enforcement officers and city officials revealed gaps in knowledge regarding noise issues. Fortunately, a City attorney is currently consolidating and clarifying existing regulations so that proper enforcement of existing regulations can resume, while the Health Department works longterm on formulating a more enforceable noise ordinance.

There were talks as well of getting individual municipal departments such as Health and Sanitation citation powers so that workers on the ground can directly address nonviolent quality of life concerns. This tied into the idea of creating a nighttime economy position in the City to manage the often unruly after-hours economic. “It’s about managing tourism,” said Councilmember Palmer. “We shouldn’t measure our tourism success purely by the number of visitors but by how tourism benefits our people.”

Thank you to all who were able to attend last night’s meeting. If you were unable to join, VCPORA hopes to provide another community meeting in the future with both an NOPD and Sanitation representative. Details are forthcoming.



## City Hall Relocation Rally

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Congo Square

5:00 p.m.

There will be a rally at Congo Square next week opposing the relocation of City Hall to the Municipal Auditorium. [As a reminder](#), the City will be collecting [Request for Qualifications](#) within the next couple weeks, with a plan to move forward on the City Hall relocation and have work begin before the end of the year. VCPORA shares the community opposition to this plan, noting that is a contextually inappropriate project that would strain the neighborhood's infrastructure and the City's finances.

Historic Faubourg Tremé Association has compiled [a list of published articles](#) on the issue for additional background. For more information on this rally, contact [neworleansculturepreservation@gmail.com](mailto:neworleansculturepreservation@gmail.com), [4nolaculture@gmail.com](mailto:4nolaculture@gmail.com), or [greattreme@aol.com](mailto:greattreme@aol.com).



## VCPORA Seeks New Executive Assistant

The deadline to apply for VCPORA's Executive Assistant position has been extended to June 20. The full job description can be found on [our website here](#). Apply now to help protect and preserve the Vieux Carré by sending your resume and any other materials electronically to: Ms. Erin Holmes, Executive Director, VCPORA at [info@vcpora.org](mailto:info@vcpora.org).



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## At Home in the Vieux Carré

Friday, June 18, 2021

840 St. Philip

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Our next *At Home in the Vieux Carré* happy hour sponsored by [The Doussan Team](#) will be next Friday at the 1898 double shotgun of Jeffrey Morgan and Jason Waguespack. Join us for specialty cocktails and wine. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who join or renew their memberships that night. Check [our website](#) or [follow our Facebook](#) for updates.

We are also accepting volunteers to help staff this event. Not on our volunteer list yet? Email [info@vcpora.org](mailto:info@vcpora.org) or fill out the [volunteer form](#) on our website to get involved with all the latest VCPORA advocacy, events, and programming opportunities.

Please note that in keeping with the City of New Orleans [Phase 3 reopening restrictions](#), this event will be limited capacity and masks are recommended for non-vaccinated attendees.



## Courtyard Calligraphy

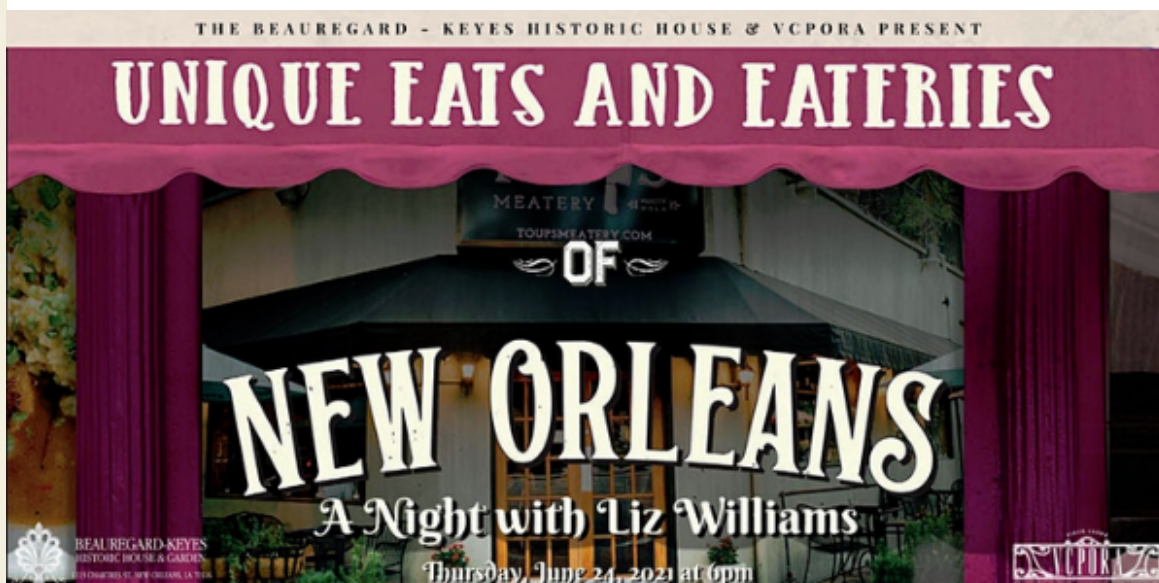
Saturday, June 12

1113 Chartres

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join Patti Adams for the second of three [Courtyard Calligraphy](#) classes in the Beauregard-Keyes courtyard. The class will cover correct body posture, position, and placement of the pen, as well as the use of the proper tools. All levels of students are welcome to join this class, including those just beginning their study of calligraphy.

Class sizes will be kept small with social distancing in place. All participants must wear a face mask. The registration fee does not include materials. Students will receive a supply list after registering with items necessary for the course. These supplies will last for all class sessions.



# Unique Eats and Eateries of New Orleans

Thursday, June 24

1113 Chartres

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us as Liz Williams, founder of the National Food and Beverage Foundation, discusses her newest book, [Unique Eats and Eateries of New Orleans](#). Williams is a regular food and drink contributor to national magazines, popular blogs, and radio programs. Her weekly podcast, Tip of the Tongue, explores the intersection of food, drink, and culture.

This is a free event. Donations to help support this programming can be made online to either presenting organization via the [Beauregard-Keyes House website](#) or the [VCPORA website](#).



## #FQThenAndNow

VCPORA and the [VCC Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenAndNow series this week with a post on 1121-25 Bourbon. Head over to our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to check it out. This weekly series showcases historic pictures, current pictures, and fun facts about our favorite French Quarter locales. Follow #FQThenAndNow and the [VCC Foundation](#) so you don't miss any upcoming posts from this series.

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