

2018 Board of Directors Nominees

- 1. Alena Boucree** is the Director of Religious Education at St. Peter Claver Church, and is a Board Member of the Micah Project. These two institutions have partnered to create St. Peter Claver-Micah Local Organizing, a non-denominational, multiracial, multicultural, faith-based collective based in Central City that works with 14 member congregations to create innovative solutions to a range of challenges faced by families living in the Greater New Orleans area. Over the last year, its organizing members have been working to build capacity to organize around, and advocate for the implementation of, stormwater policies and projects in their communities. Most recently Mrs. Boucree has been working on behalf of St. Peter Claver-Micah and in partnership with the Gulf Restoration Network to provide community input to developers working towards meeting the stormwater retention/detention requirements of the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Alena and her family are residents in the Tremé Lafitte neighborhood.
- 2. Ellen Frischhertz** is a resident of the City Park neighborhood, frequent user of the Lafitte Greenway and has been an active community volunteer for over 40 years. In 2016, she received the Alma Mater Award from Jesuit High School, recognizing her extraordinary contributions of volunteer time and talent supporting the school. In addition to experience as a social worker, Ellen is an advocate for healthy, active lifestyles, currently serving on the board of Liberty's Kitchen, and looks forward to bringing her passions and prior nonprofit experience to help Friends of Lafitte Greenway carry forward the community's vision for the Lafitte Greenway as a great public space.
- 3. John Hopper** has served on the Board or Directors of Friends of Lafitte Greenway since January 2015, and is a member of the organization's Planning & Design Committee. Hopper has over twenty-five years of non-profit management experience, ran an operating foundation at the American Red Cross National Headquarters with a \$93 million endowment, served as the Executive Director of the Young Leadership Council for seven years, and has overseen the successful implementation of scores of grants. He presently serves as the Chief Development Officer and Director of Public Affairs at New Orleans City Park and has been instrumental in raising over \$130 million for the park since Hurricane Katrina. He has a B.S. in Management with a Specialization in Spanish and an MBA. He served in the United States Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. He has and continues to serve on a number of non-profit boards.
- 4. Stosh Kozlowski** is currently serving as the Principal Transportation Planner with Transdev in service to the Regional Transit Authority. Formerly, he was a Senior City Planner with the City of New Orleans, City Planning Commission as well as the Department of City Planning with the City of Atlanta. He has years of experience working with diverse communities throughout the south, focused on the advancement of comfortable, safe and effective multi-modal transportation networks. His expertise includes the development of complete streets, pedestrian safety, transit-oriented development and transportation planning. Before pursuing his career in Urban Planning, Stosh worked in the New York City film industry as a Location Scout and Location Manager. He holds a Master of Public Policy from Georgia State University and resides in New Orleans with his wife, Meredith, and daughter, Pia.
- 5. Larissa Muetzel** is originally from a small town near Moscow in Russia. Larissa moved to the United States in 2001. She received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Russian State Agrarian University in Moscow. In 2010 Larissa successfully completed Certified Nonprofit Accounting Professional (CNAP) program. In 2014 Larissa became a certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor and currently provides accounting services for various organizations. She is the Treasurer for the International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees. Previously Larissa worked as the Director of Finance & Administration for the Young Leadership Council (YLC) and as CFO for Ernst Café, Inc. Larissa resides in the Irish Channel with her husband, Brandon, who works for a local non-profit organization, Energy Wise Alliance. Together they enjoy traveling and entertaining friends and family at their home.

- 6. Kevin U. Stephens, Sr., MD, JD** has been serving as the Senior Pastor at Christian Unity Baptist Church since October 1, 2017. His previous experience includes serving as the Health Director for the City of New Orleans for eight years (2002 – 2010). His accomplishments include leading healthcare in the City of New Orleans through the most destructive man made and natural disasters and building a public health infrastructure from ground zero. Kevin U. Stephens, is a board certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist who was in private practice in New Orleans East for over 14 years. His has previously served as the Women's Health Medical Director for the Office of Public Health in the Department of Health and Hospitals for the State of Louisiana. Additionally, he has served on the NIEHS Advisory Board and Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Advisory Committee. Dr. Stephens has worked with as a consultant to local, state and federal agencies; he has given lectures across the country, and is committed to community education about medical issues. Dr. Stephens is a native of Gonzales, Louisiana and holds a B.S. in Physics from Southern University in Baton Rouge, M.D. from LSU Medical School in New Orleans, and a residency in Ob/Gyn from Tulane University. He also has a J.D. from Loyola Law School. He is married to Dr. Cheryl Bowers-Stephens, a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, and they have 3 children.
- 7. Charles Stewart** is a Loan Officer at Iberiabank in downtown New Orleans, where he helps clients with consumer and commercial financing across various industries. In April 2018, Charles will help open a new Iberiabank branch in Mid-City, blocks from the Lafitte Greenway. Charles began working for Iberiabank in 2016 after graduating from LSU. Born and raised in New Orleans and a graduate of Jesuit High School, his hobbies include working out, running, and spending time with friends and family. He loves the outdoors and believes that he can give back to New Orleans by volunteering with Friends of Lafitte Greenway.