



# 2019 – Year in Review

*Activities & Accomplishments*



## Quick Snapshot of 2019

# 72

Member  
Associations



Improved  
Meeting  
Attendance  
*(over 2018)*



- 5G Task Force – small cell tower ordinance
- St George Incorporation
- 2016 Flood – Then and now – status update

# 2019 Board of Directors

- Nancy Curry                      *President*
- Ed Lagucki                        *1st Vice President*
- Margrett Fels                    *Secretary*
- Sarah Jeansonne                *Treasurer*
- Andrew Kuyoro
- Perry Musgrow
- Doug Daigle
- Dennis Dixon (through April)

# 2019 Key Activities & Accomplishments

**5G ordinance revisions** (May-current)

**2016 Flood, Then and Now** (Aug)

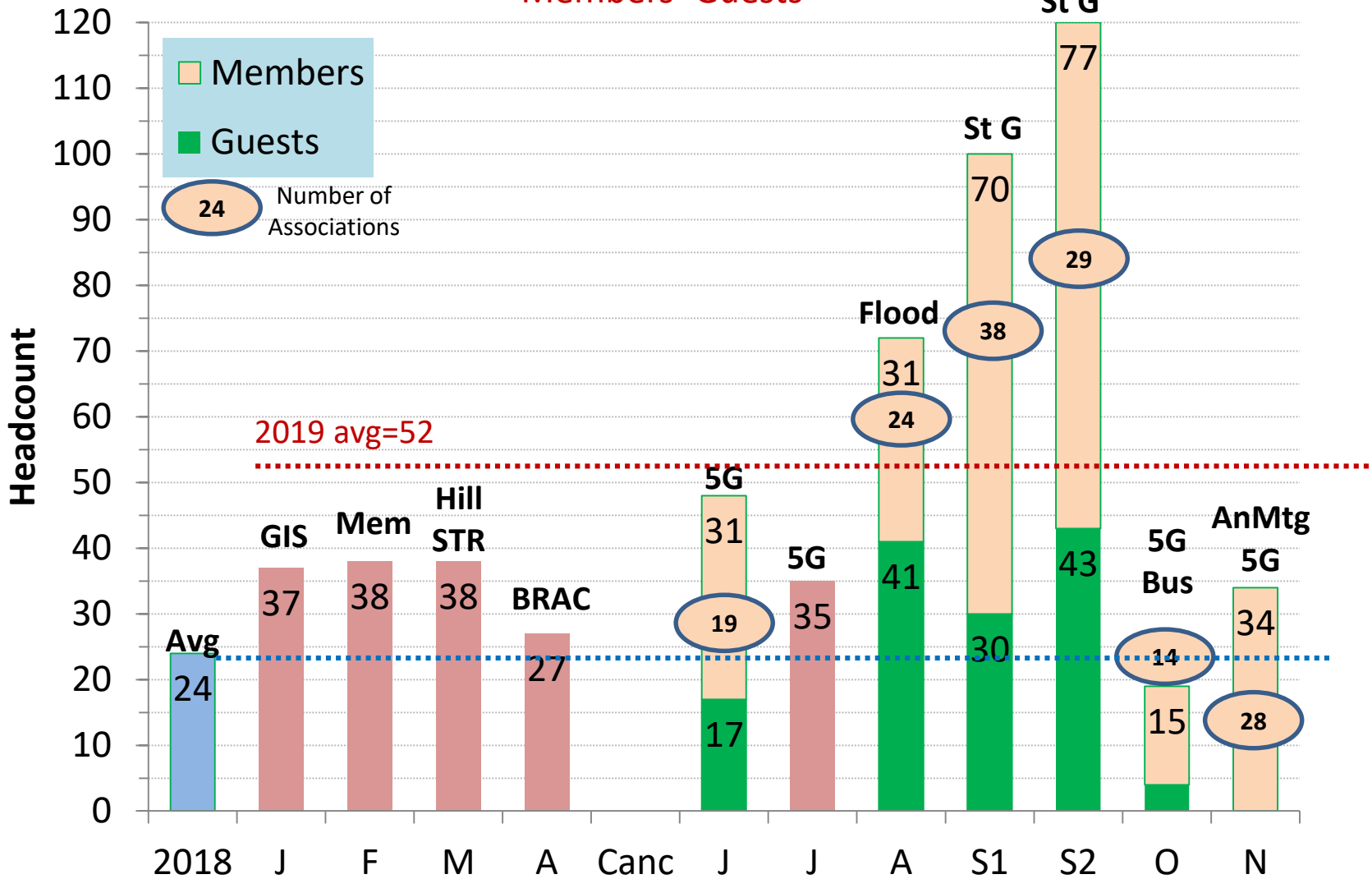
**St George Incorporation Forum** (Sept)

**Federation Survey** (Jan & Nov)

**New dues structure** (Nov)

# 2019 - Monthly FGBRCA Meeting Attendance

Members+Guests



Official Delegates → 17 13 17 12 - 13 7 11 13 11 10 27

# Membership Committee

## *Key Activities*

- Queried *Sec of State* for non-profits (350+)
- Mailed out (215) prospective member “flyer”
- Scrubbed member database for accuracy
- Contact 2018 members who did not renew
- Researched our potential membership pool

# New & Prospective Member flyer

Available on our website under the "About Us" tab



Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Associations

## PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

You may have seen or read recent news reports where established neighborhoods became concerned about a proposed nearby real estate development, compelling them to contact the media to voice their opposition. Have you ever wondered why that happens? As an organization, the Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Associations (the Federation) exists to educate Homeowner and Civic Associations (HOAs/CAs) on how City-Parish processes work and provide you with the needed tools and network contacts to effectively intervene. We invite you to attend several meetings as our guest and then consider becoming a member.

**What is the Federation?** We are a 46 year old *all-volunteer* non-profit organization, representing tens of thousands of East Baton Rouge Parish homeowners. The Federation is a unique umbrella organization serving the needs of numerous Homeowner, Civic, Property and Residential Associations. The Federation is one of only a few such organizations in the United States. We participate in and sit on numerous City-Parish committees (many at the request of the Mayor) in an advisory capacity, representing the views and concerns of our members. The issues we study generally apply to existing and proposed codes and ordinances. The Federation's primary mission is to educate its members so that they can take appropriate actions to preserve their property values and the character and integrity of residential neighborhoods, which is critically important as Baton Rouge continues to grow.

### What are the benefits of Membership?

The Federation sponsors numerous informational forums on important new City-Parish initiatives and programs, such as, MovEBR, the St. George Incorporation, Parish drainage and regional flooding, an issue which has gained significant importance since the 2016 flood event. Maybe your association could benefit from learning new ways of effectively managing an HOA/CA or meeting with our community and government leaders. Utilizing the power of the group rather than going it alone will ultimately help your association improve its learning curve.

### How often and where does the Federation meet?

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except for July and December) in the large first floor meeting room at the Main Public Library, 7711 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge. Meetings start at 7:00 PM and typically conclude around 8:30 PM to 9:00 PM.



### What kinds of topics are presented during these meetings?

Monthly meetings feature guest speakers covering a broad range of topics of interest to HOAs/CAs. Everything from flooding and drainage to addressing problems with deed restrictions, zoning and new developments. We educate our members on proposed government initiatives (such as MovEBR, taxing issues, St. George Incorporation). As an educational organization, we sponsor seminars such as the legal and parliamentary procedural aspects of HOAs/CAs. We regularly ask our members to share their association experiences (both successes and challenges) with each other. During the campaign season, we have had meet and greets with Mayoral, City Council and Congressional prospective candidates.

If you are interested in past meeting topics, a brief summary of all meetings is available at [www.fgbrca.org](http://www.fgbrca.org) —> Meetings.

On behalf of the Federation, I thank you for taking the time to read this letter of introduction. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 225.315.1206.

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**Why should my HOA/CA join?** The Federation can help you understand how the City-Parish functions, or just simply knowing who to contact. We will guide you on where and how to find information on planning related issues and/or revisions to the City ordinances, codes, zoning and land use. These items typically have the greatest potential to negatively impact the value of your home and subdivision. And, there are plenty of opportunities for networking with community and government leaders as well as your counterparts in other HOAs/CAs. Our motto is: *"Neighbors helping Neighbors"*



**How can you join?** To join, simply go to: [www.fgbrca.org](http://www.fgbrca.org), fill in the online Dues Form and send the completed form in with your association's check. The annual dues structure is outlined on the form. Joining not only strengthens your respective association, but it also enhances the overall influence the Federation enjoys with the City-Parish.

# Communications Committee

## *Key Activities*

- Coordinated **Guest Speaker/Panel**
  - Engaged with WBRZ to host **St. George Forum**
- **Standardized** methods of **disseminating** Federation message to members
- Utilized **social media** platforms, Next Door, and **press releases** for publicizing meetings
- Updated **website, FaceBook** and **e-mail distribution** for the Federation



# Financial Activities

## FEDERATION OF GREATER BATON ROUGE CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

### GENERAL FUND:

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT - beginning balance 1/1/2019</b>	
REVENUE:	
Dues	\$
Refunds and Reimbursements	
Sub Total	\$
EXPENSES:	
Office Supplies	\$
Telephone	\$
Postage	\$
Photocopies	\$
Office Equipment	\$
Web Site	\$
Secretary of State report	\$
Public Relations & Marketing	\$
File Storage	\$
Annual Meeting	\$
Miscellaneous	\$
Sub Total	\$
Donation - one time expense - 5G Task Force legal expenses	\$
<b>Ending Balance - Checking Account 12/31/2019</b>	
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - beginning balance 1/1/2019</b>	
Interest	
<b>Ending Balance - Savings Account 12/31/2019</b>	
<b>RESERVE FUND:</b>	
<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT - beginning balance 1/1/2019</b>	
Interest	
<b>Ending Balance - Certificates of Deposit 12/31/2019</b>	
<b>SHARE ACCOUNT</b>	
<b>Ending Balance - Certificates of Deposit and Share Account 12/31/2019</b>	
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS - 12/31/2019</b>	

## YTD Financial Summary

Largest single line item expense was IT Support

Extraordinary expense in 2019, \$1k donation to 5G legal fund

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Managed expenses to stay under approved budget  
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Financial Review Comm: identified a reporting error in the 2018 financial practices. This was corrected for 2019.

# Governmental & Community Affairs Committee

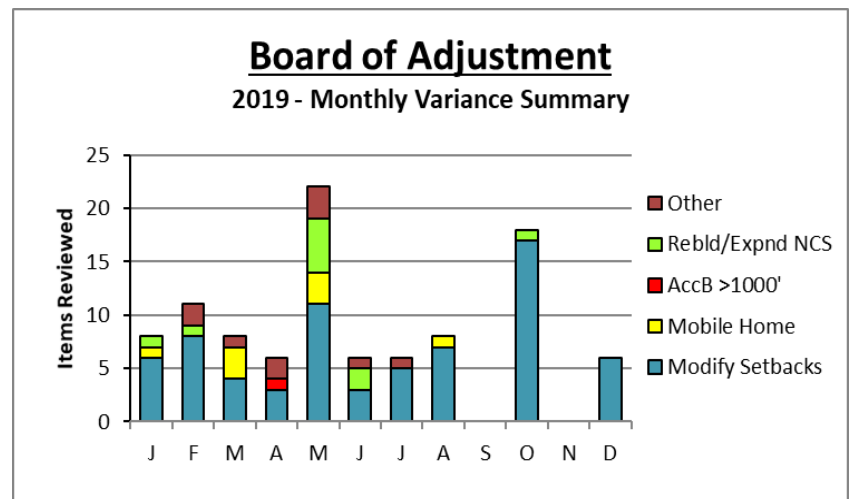
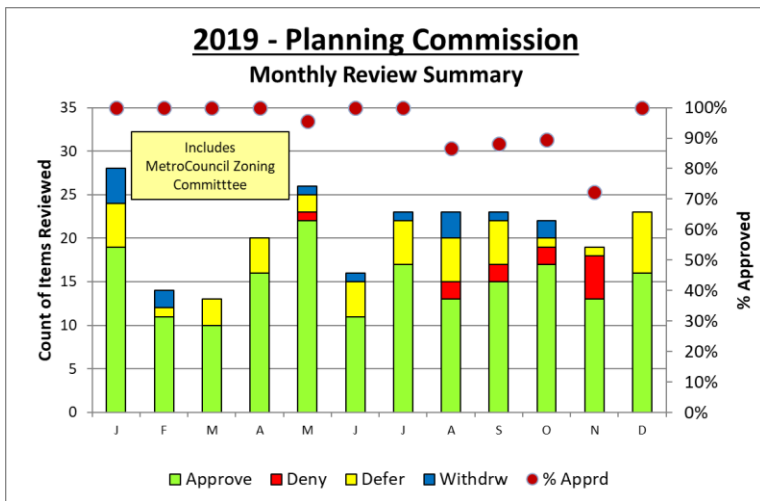
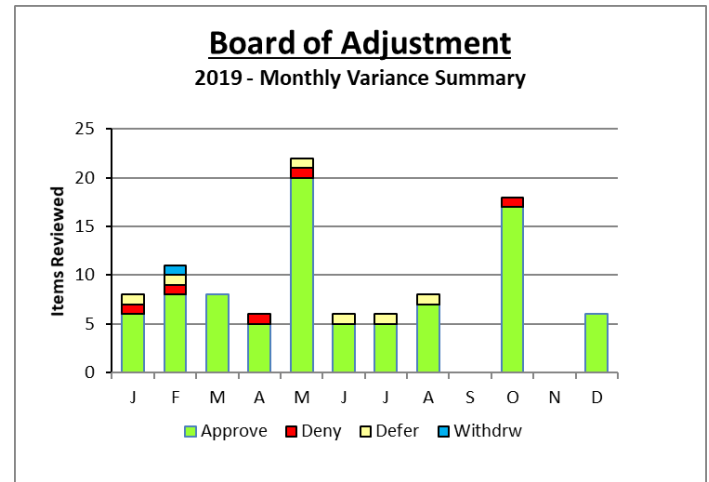
## *Key Interfaces*

- Recurring commissions/boards **monitored**
  - Metro Council
  - Planning Commission
  - Board of Adjustment
- Committees & Initiatives the Federation **participated** in
  - ✓ Plan of government
  - ✓ Law Institute
  - ✓ MovEBR project prioritization
  - ✓ 5G Task Force - ordinance dev
  - ✓ Complete streets / I-10 widening
  - ✓ Zoo relocation/redesign
  - ✓ STR study group - kickoff
  - ✓ Capital Region Planning committee
  - ✓ Blight Task Force
  - ✓ Open Space
  - ✓ CPEX
  - ✓ EBRP School Superintendent
  - ✓ Changes to several GIS maps
  - ✓ BR <-> NOLA train proposal

# Monitoring Activities

- Planning Commission & MC-Zone overview & tracking
- Metro Board of Adjustment overview & tracking

#	Recommend / Motions			Case Location	Near Fed Subd	Type Request	Exist	Proposed
	Plan	PC	MC-Z					
1		Aprvd		Apprv Apr minutes		Approval	NA	NA
2		Aprvd		Apprv Apr minutes		Approval	NA	NA
3	Apprv	Aprvd		74-7500 Thrush Dr	Audobon Terrace	Amend CLUP	ResNeigh	RegCntr
4	Meets	Aprvd		Siegen Terrace	Audobon Terrace	PUD Concept plan		
5	Apprv	Aprvd		Chpt 4, Section 4.2.4		Revisions		
6	Apprv	Aprvd		Chpt 16, Signs		Revisions		
7	Apprv	Aprvd		Chpt 13, Streets/Sidewalk		Revisions		
8	Meets	Deny		1655 Sherwood Foresst	Sherwood Forest	Rezone	A1	A2.7
9	Meets	Deny		Lakes at Legacy	Sherwood Forest	Residential Subdivisn		
10	Meets	Aprvd		Hundred Oaks		Rezone	A1	A2.7
11		Defer		12300 Scot/Zachary Hwy		Rezone	A4	C2 / LC3
12	Meets	Deny		Grand Terrace @ Blueb		Residential Subdivisn		
13	Meets	Aprvd		La Rosa de Highland	Kenilworth	Mixed use developmt		
14	Meets	Aprvd		Charter School, Womans		Addition		
15	Meets	Aprvd		Sanctuary Oak Colony		PUD Revisions		
16	Meets	Aprvd		Antioch Office Park		PUD Revisions		
17	Meets	Deny		Goodwood Estates	Goodwood	New subdivision		
18	Meets	Deny		EM Treakle Property		New subdivision		
19	Meets	Aprvd		Montan Estates		Flag lot subdivision		
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# *Ad Hoc Committees*

- *Drainage*

- Support to the Aug 2019 member meeting on status update since the 2016 flood event

- *St George Forum Committee*

- Significant board effort to facilitate learning event
- Two lively member sessions

- *5G Task Force*

- Awareness, community engagement, petitions to Metro Council for reconsideration of ordinance
- Fund raising effort to support legal research
- Revised ordinance recommendations drafted for consideration

# Ad Hoc Committees

- Nominating Committee
  - Successful solicitation of new board members
- IT Strategy & Implementation Team
  - Assessed functionality of existing IT systems
  - Identified opportunities to reduce costs, improve services, implement collaboration tools
  - Implemented several revisions to the website
- Short Term Rentals (STRs)
  - Requested by the Metro Council, work with Planning
  - Getting committee identified, kickoff effort in 2020

# *Federation Input into Planning Processes*

## *UDC (Unified Development Code)*

- Chapter 6 Enforcement (revisions)
- Chapter 12 Open Space (new)
- Chapter 15 Floodways, Drainage
- Chapter 17 Parking places (revisions)
- Chapter 19 Definitions (revisions)
- Board of Adjustment suggested improvements

## *FutureBR*

- No activity for 2019

# Neighborhood Engagement

## *Typical Examples*

- HOA **responsibilities** when developer turned over control  
(*maintenance of retention ponds, enforcement of parking rules*)
- Helped associations **prepare to oppose and argue** cases before the planning commission:
  - *SPUD creating traffic and drainage problems and changing the character of the area (homeowners still call for guidance)*
  - *Questions about house trailer on lot*
  - *Parking and noise problems created by the Government St project*
  - *Repurposing of an old church property into banquet hall near residential neighborhood.*
- Provided **guidance** for HOA to update deed restrictions
- **Attended HOA meeting** to explain benefits of Federation