

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Homebuilding Plan for Treme/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

Date 6:00 – 8:00, November 11th, 2009
Sojourner Truth Community Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Next Meeting 6:00-8:00, December 9th, 2009
Sojourner Truth Community Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Participants:

Tyra Alexander	Anna Jarvis	Harvey Reed
Shawn Alfred	Terry Jordan	Ruby Regis
George Arceneaux	Bernie King	Carl Richardson
Eric Cager	Diana LeBlanc	Debbie Robinson
Keith Dalmas	Marion LeBlanc	Lachia Rodriguez
Shirley Daufauchard	Bertha Lively	Gale Sanders
Sidney Daufauchard	Cynthia Magraff	Lloyd Thiel
Clyde Hudson	Emelda Paul	Beryl Thomas
Ola James	Christina Quezergue	Simone White

Sojourner Truth Family Supportive Services: Claudette Austin, Carol Carter, D'Ana Smith

Providence/Enterprise: Andreanecia Morris, Cornelius Payne, Nick Roosevelt

HANO: Valerie Brown

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services: Sarah Marcello

Tulane Community Health Center: Gillian Locascio

Carver Theater: Dr. Eugene Oppman, Vincent Sylvain, Morris Kahn

Councilwoman Shelly Midura's Office: Amy Chandler

This meeting record was drafted by Nick Roosevelt, staff at Providence. Prior to being finalized, it will be provided in draft to all meeting participants for their review. It reflects the key messages and main points raised at the meeting. It is not intended to represent a verbatim transcript.

The meeting began with an opening prayer by Miss D'Ana Smith.

I. Tulane Community Health Center Updates

Gillian Locascio

- **New building:** We are making progress on the new Health Center that will be located at Broad and Orleans. We are hoping to have it up and ready by November of next year. In the meantime, we are still located at Covenant House.
- **Fun Event:** We are working with the staff here at Sojourner Truth to hold a fun event about how to fight high blood pressure.
- No questions or comments were raised

II. Sojourner Truth & Employment Updates

Claudette Austin

- I am the new Wealth and Asset Development Specialist here at the Sojourner Truth

- Whether it is working on job training, getting a G.E.D., writing resumes and cover letters, interview skills, job searches, financial literacy, credit reports, personal budgets or anything else, I am here to work with you.
- There are some very exciting opportunities with I.D.A. accounts, where the government will match your savings.
- Excited to work with everyone. Please pick up the purple sheet in the back of the room that has my contact information and a list of some of things that I can help with.
- No questions or comments were raised.

III. Lafitte Redevelopment Update

Cornelius Payne

- As you can see across the street, we are doing the “horizontal” work on the blocks between Rocheblave and Galvez. This means working on the gas, water and sewer lines and eventually paving streets.
- We are shooting to start “vertical” work some time in February. This is when you’ll see buildings going up.
- We talked about re-occupancy at our last meeting. We are working to finalize a document that will help to answer many of the questions you might have about the process. We will share it with you all, as soon as it is done.
- No questions or comments were raised.

IV. Carver Theater Update

Dr. Eugene Oppman, Vincent Sylvain, and Morris Kahn

- Dr. Oppman, Mr. Sylvain and Mr. Kahn presented their plans for revitalizing the Carver Theater on Orleans Ave.
- Residents asked questions regarding parking, hours of operation and what sort of events would be held in the Theater
- The Carver team encouraged meeting participants to talk with them separately about any recommendations or concerns about the Theater
- Amy Chandler from Councilmember Midura’s office invited residents to talk with her about the Carver plans after the meeting.

V. Presentation from Charles Simms / Adjournment

- Mr. Simms talked about his experience growing up in Lafitte and shared a couple of his paintings.
- Door prizes and dinner served

Next Meeting: December 9th, 2009 at Sojourner Truth.