

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Homebuilding Plan for Tremé/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

Date 6:00-8:00 PM, February 9, 2011
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Next Meeting 6:00-8:00 PM, April 13, 2011
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Participants:

George Arceneaux
Keith Dalmas
Shirley Daufauchard
Sidney Daufauchard
Joyce Giles

Clyde Hudson
Mary Johnson
Terry Jordan
Marion La Blanc
Diana Le Blanc

Emelda Paul
Debbie Robinson
Lachia Rodriguez
Janice Sandifer
Natascha Williams

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: Emelda Paul
Providence/Enterprise: Matt Morrin, Andreanecia Morris, Maggie Tishman
Interstate Realty Management: Michelle Matthews
HANO: Iris Conerly

This meeting record was drafted by Maggie Tishman, 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.

I. Opening prayer

- Led by Emelda Paul.

II. Re-occupancy & Resident Property Management Responsibilities

Michelle Matthew & Matt Morrin:

- Interstate has a new maintenance supervisor, Lionel.
- Interstate is still processing applications and will get another set of keys next week.
- All former residents are encouraged to apply. There is a need for families that can fill a three-bedroom unit.
- Faubourg Lafitte Welcome Home Celebration was a success. Thank you to all residents.
- Interstate should receive approximately 10 units a week over the course of the next two or three months, and all 134 units should be occupied by the end of April.
- Work has begun on the next homes between Blocks 1-3 and infrastructure has started on Blocks 5-8. The next phase of units (142) which should be done within the next 12 months.
- Question: How will Interstate determine who gets the keys? Are there multiple applications?
Answer: There is just one application for all the phases. A second form might have come asking residents to update your information but there is only one application.

- If residents are interested in moving into these first 134, they will have to give up their vouchers. There are some units in the phases after this one where residents will *not* have to give up their vouchers.
- Phase 2 will include 142 rentals. Some will be interspersed with the already existing apartments between Galvez and Rocheblave, and some that are between Galvez and Claiborne. These units will be ready in another year or so.
- All the one-bedrooms that are part of Phase 2 will be on the other side of Galvez.
- Question: Are all the on bedrooms together? Answer: No, they will be interspersed. The only exception is the senior building, which we will call Phase 3. That building will have 100 units, which will be mostly one-bedrooms. Residents over 55 will qualify to live there.
- The disabled units should be ready in about 2 weeks.
- If a resident has a caretaker, they qualify for a two-bedroom whether they are a senior or not.

III. Relocation Checks

Iris Conerly

- HANO will award relocation checks based on the Uniform Relocation Act, which is a federal guideline whose intent is to cover what it actually costs residents to move.
- HANO is going to be calling residents regarding their relocation checks. The checks will not come through Interstate or Sojourner Truth.
- Residents can get a flat-rate check, or they can get reimbursed for actual expenses.
- Residents should talk to Iris Conerly at HANO. She will be able to describe everything specific to residents' individual families and needs. It is based on the bedroom size residents have when they move back into the development.

IV. Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center Updates

Emelda Paul:

- 11:15 to 12:15 Tuesday and Thursday, you must be 15 or older. Computer classes. Open to Lafitte residents first.
- Essay contest for kids. Given by Eddie Scott. Due February 11 although Michelle is trying to get that extended because a lot of families are still moving in. Cash prize. Influential African Americans in the Civil War.
- Captain of the first district, councilwoman Kristin Palmer, Paul Vallas, streetlighting, crime, nuisance abatement, education. February 22nd, 7 pm at St Peter Claver.
- Wednesday Bingo. We would like to have all senior 55 and older to be a part of what's going on.
- Friday, February 18, Delgado Community College will be hosting an information session from 10 AM to 12 PM talk about admissions, enrollment, co-op classes (go to school and they'll place you into an actual job).
- If residents cannot make that time, they can attend an evening session at a later date.

Maggie Tishman:

- The next NEWCITY Neighborhood Partnership will be Friday, February 18, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM at Sojourner Truth.

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned and dinner served.

VI. Important dates

- Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 6 PM (March meeting cancelled - Mardi Gras)
- Friday, February 18, 10 AM to 12 PM Delgado Community College information session
- Friday, February 18, 11:30 AM to 1 PM NEWCITY Neighborhood Partnership meeting
- Thursday, February 22, at 7 PM, there will be a community meeting at St Peter Claver to talk about education, crime, and blight.