

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Homebuilding Plan for Tremé/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

Date 6:00-8:00, September 14, 2011
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Next Meeting 6:00-8:00, October 12, 2011
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Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: Carol Carter, Myra Fields, Rebekah Simon, D'Ana Smith, Sombra Williams
Providence/Enterprise: Matt Morrin, Maggie Tishman, Andreanecia Morris, Terri North
Interstate: Derek Middlestad

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

- Meeting commenced at 6:13.
- Opening pray led by Deacon Allen Stevens.

II. Introduction / Purpose

Matt Morrin (Enterprise):

- Still making good progress on the second phase of units. We will be leasing them up within the next month. Some of the 2-3 bedroom units will be ready first.
- We are almost fully leased in the first phase. Only 5-7 units remaining.

Derek Middlestad (Interstate):

- New site manager
- Phone number and email address are the same as Michelle's.
- Please call to set an appointment.

III. Evangelization

Deacon Allen (St. Peter Claver):

- St. Peter Claver in Tremé would like to welcome Lafitte residents and invite them to services. Very strong youth program on Wednesday nights. We offer homework assistance as well as access to computers and the internet. Choir and other activities with the church. Games in the church. Network with other youth members.
- We have a food pantry. If you qualify, you can pick food once a month.
- We offer rental assistance or assistance with utilities. We will give you assistance or provide you with resources that your bills are paid.
- If you need assistance with housing and remediation.
- We are working with education and nuisance businesses in Tremé to ensure that this stays a residential community.

- We have worked with the Recovery School District to ensure that Wheatley Elementary School be reopened for the 2013-2014 school year. Now that we have a new building online, we want to have input on who will be operating the school.
- Deacon Allen personally invites Faubourg Lafitte residents to attend meeting with Superintendent John White. Ms. Paul will pass around a sheet, and if you would like to attend that meeting, please sign up.

IV. Security

Kevin Johnson (First Choice):

- Everybody has been doing a great job calling in complaints.
- Call security dispatch at 344-4028 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Dawn Taylor (STNC):

- Youth program Going to use an SES tutoring program, offered to students on free or reduced lunch who attend qualifying schools. It does not cost the families anything. Bring education mentors into the community, since youth from Faubourg Lafitte are bussed elsewhere for school. Tutoring is done live online, and there will be tutors in the room. We offer college readiness and test prep courses.
- Q: Who to contact if they're interested?
A: You can contact me or you can leave your name at the Center and I'll follow up.
- Registration is Monday, September 19, 4 to 6 pm, here at STNC. The tutoring session starts early October.

V. Total Community Action Employment Opportunities

James Evans & Florence Hebert (TCA):

- Youth program Going to use an SES tutoring program, offered to students on free or reduced
- 0-3 in early head start and 3-5 in the regular Head Start program. Full day from 7-5. Nutrition component including breakfast lunch. If they have special formula or diet, we will cater to that. We serve children with disabilities. Family service component. We work with families to cater to them. Every child receives speech, vision, dental screenings. If a child has a problem, we will help the family meet the needs of that child. We plan to serve a total of 67 children. 16 infants and 51 preschoolers. You must meet the federal income guidelines in order to qualify for the program. When we near completion of construction, we will come around with flyers to recruit children from Faubourg Lafitte to our center. We will help preschoolers get into the elementary schools of the family's choice. We are the largest provider of early childhood care in Louisiana. We will start recruiting staff 60 days prior to completion of the Center. We are an equal opportunity employer.
- You can fill out application at 1420 Jefferson Davis, or you can go online at www.tca-nola.org. We always ask for an updated résumé, so make sure you have that ready when you apply. We hold applications for one year, and when there are positions available, we will go to our existing pool of applications. We are looking for people who are qualified and want to do the work. Any questions, please contact Florence. 18-20 positions will be available, depending on the number of students that enroll.

STNC Updates

Myra Fields (STNC):

- New to STNC.
- Institute of Women with Ethnic Studies. Ages 11-13 teaches women How children can make smart choices around health. Sign up if you would like your children to participate. IWES will schedule a meeting with you.
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday senior activities for anyone over 55. Bingo on Wednesdays. We occasionally go to the movies. Exercise program. September 21 is Senior Day.
- Zumba classes Monday through Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30. Free for Faubourg Lafitte residents. There is a small fee for other participants.
- Computer classes are still ongoing.
- Hired a new computer monitor, Lana Robertrs.
- Wealth development services event on September 23, 11 am to 2 pm at STNC.
- September 20, City Zoning meeting at 6 at STNC
- September 30, NEWCITY Neighborhood Partnership 11:30 am to 1 pm at STNC
- When activities are happening, we will call you. If you do not wish to be called, let us know.

St. Peter Claver Youth Program

Mary Boutte (STNC):

- Every Wednesday 7-8:30 pm except the first Wednesday every month. Go on trips during the summer; we just need help with fundraising.

Office of Neighborhood Engagement

Jeff Kugler (ONE):

- Liaison from the City for this neighborhood.
- Saving our Sons Crime Summit being held this weekend September 17, at UNO Lakefront Arena. Objective is to develop a citywide comprehensive plan toward reducing violent crime in New Orleans. You can sign up online or you can just show up.
- Coalition group between citizens, cops, clergy, and city to engage youth within police first district. End of Summer Community Bash was last month at STNC. We will continue to hold events like this and find new ways to engage youth. We will be supporting the Night Out Against Crime on October 11.
- Fight the Blight coming up on September 24th. 9-1 pm meeting at Orleans and N Johnson in front of Baby Snack Box. The City chooses 5 locations throughout the city. Orleans to Dumaine, Claiborne to Broad. We need as many volunteers as possible. After party with food and beverages at the Zulu Club on Broad Street.

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

VIII. Important dates

- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 6 pm