

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Homebuilding Plan for Tremé/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

Date 6:00-8:00, January 11, 2012
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Next Meeting 6:00-8:00, February 8, 2012
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Participants:

Donald Sax	Janice James	Keycia Havard
Lionel Sax	Mary Johnson	Trellis Thompson
Janette Expose	Leslie Johnson	Dianne Alfred
Barbara Carter	Cynthia Magraff	Rochelle Roberts
Anthony Pendleton	Bernice King	Trenise Bryant
Ferdinand Handy	Emelda Paul	Joe D. Collins
Susan Norwood	Charlene Seal	

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: Myra Fields, Rebekah Simon, D'Ana Smith
Providence/Enterprise: Matt Morrin, Maggie Tishman, Andreanecia Morris, Terri North
Interstate: Derrick Middelstaed
Girl Scouts: Dianne Rose
Algiers Charter School Association: David Jackson, Thomas Hudson
RSD: Maria Montoya, Gabriela Fighetti
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services: Nelda Renae Davis

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 6:08 pm.
- Opening pray led by Emelda Paul.

II. Construction update

Derek Middelstaedt (Interstate):

The parking lots will be guarded off during Mardi Gras. At least two weeks before Mardi Gras day, we will send out a brief that explained what you are allowed to do. You will be allowed to have visitors but not parties or barbecue pits.

II. Girl Scouts

Dianne Rose:

- The Faubourg Lafitte Girl Scout troupe (troupe 93079) had orientation today. 15 girls have joined. The troupe is open to all girls ages 5-17. You can register right now. They will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

- Adults interested in being leaders or chaperones, you can fill out an application at the Center.
- The troupe has Girl Scout activity insurance.

II. Construction update

Matt Morrin:

- Apartments will be ready for move-in in about 2 months.
- We are going to install additional fencing in gaps between the houses, toward the front of the houses near the streets. We will start installing that in about a month.
- We have been paying attention to the streetlights. We will be working with the City and NOPD to make sure the city knows that they are out. We will stay on top of the lights on the site, which are the ones that we own.
- Q: What are you going to do about window screens that have come out?
A: Please make sure you call any screens that have fallen off into the office. In the next few weeks, the contractors will be coming back out to make sure they are properly installed.
- We will probably install some security cameras. The development team will give more details in upcoming months.
- The fencing will be iron and will prevent people from walking between the houses. Only the property manager will have control of the main gate.

Neighborhood Association

Andreanecia Morris (Providence):

- Sign up if you're interesting in joining discussion to form the organization or in joining organization once it's formed.

Crime Prevention

D'Ana Smith (STNC):

- If residents feel uncomfortable making complaints, they can always put anonymous suggestions in the "recommendations" box.
- STNC is now offering Community Mediation Services. If residents have a dispute with a neighbor, they can come and get help resolving it.
- Crime prevention suggestions from December meeting:
- Street lights
 - Houses on Rocheblave are going to be boarded up.
 - If you hear bullets, duck and cover, do not run. You should be doing practice drills with your family occasionally.
 - You can complete a hot sheet to report anything that you're concerned about and place it in the recommendations box.
- We are forming a recreation committee. Sign up if you're interested in helping design the playground and recreational areas.
- Q: My alarm keeps going off.
A: If you're not getting the response that you need from Interstate. You need to bring it to the attention of someone at STNC or the development team. You should expect a response and plan for how to deal with this tomorrow.

- We have had additional security guards and police officers assigned to this area. This will continue through Mardi Gras.

RSD Application

Gabriela Fighetti (RSD):

- Gaby is the Executive Director of Student Enrollment.
- The RSD has created a new process for applying to a new school or re-enrolling your child in their current school. Now there is just one application for all RSD schools, in which parents and students can rank schools by preference. Students get priority if they are re-enrolling, if they have a sibling in the school, or if they live close to the school (for K-8).
- Application released on February 6th. Students do not lose their seat in their current school by submitting an application. The application materials will have a list of all the schools you can apply to.
- Families can turn in applications at any point before the **deadline**. The RSD will not consider any applications until after the deadline.
- At the end of this process, every family will get exactly one offer to one school. There will be no more wait lists. Families will be notified the week of May 1st.
- Q: How do you research and rank schools?
A: Going to visit schools; all RSD schools have open houses and you can schedule tours. Parents' Guide from the New Orleans Parents' Organizing Network is another valuable resource.

Algiers Charter School Association

David Jackson (ACSA):

- The Algiers Charter School Association includes six schools. They are on the West Bank but do include a large percentage of East Bank residents.
- Please join us for the education fair on March 10.

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

Nelda Renae Davis (SLLS):

- Renae be at STNC the first and third Wednesday of every month from 1-3 pm to offer legal advice and notarize legal documents for residents. If residents have lease issues, she can help. If they have an issue beyond her expertise, she can refer them elsewhere.

STNC Updates

Myra Fields (STNC):

- STNC is offering grief counseling.
- Zumba classes with Ms. Beasley continue.
- STNC and Interstate are starting a Resident of the Month section in the monthly newsletter, which will include a photo and a short biography. In order to be eligible, residents must participate in community service, have no incidents on site, participate in the programs at

Sojourner Truth, and pay their rent on time. Monthly winners will qualify to become Resident of the Year.

- Saturday, January 28, 12:30 to 2, there will be an income tax preparation workshop here at SNTC.
- Restorative circle meeting this Thursday, January 19, 6 pm for teens aged 13 to 18.
- If you're seeking employment, see Ms. Sombra Williams. There is an employment session going on tomorrow.
- The computer lab has reopened. We have monitors in there for residents to use it at their leisure.
- Moneywi\$e classes held every Wednesday at 11 o'clock.
- On January 24, STNC will be hosting its mid-winter informational blast. Sessions on employment, computer classes, family supportive services. Zumba, HIPPIE. Tulane is going to talk about healthy eating and diabetes. Serving a healthy lunch.

Senior program

Emelda Paul (STNC):

- The seniors continue to partake in social activities, exercise, and field trips.

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

IX. Important dates

- Restorative circle meeting for youth: Thursday, January 19, 6 pm at STNC
- Mid-winter information blast: January 24 at STNC
- Income tax workshop: Saturday, January 28, 12:30 to 2 at STNC
- Next resident meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 6 pm at STNC
- Education fair: Saturday, March 10, 10 am to 2 pm at STNC