

DRAFT RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Homebuilding Plan for Treme/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

Date Wednesday, November 12, 2008
St. Peter Claver School Cafeteria, 1020 N. Prieur

Next Meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2008
St. Peter Claver School Cafeteria, 1020 N. Prieur
6:00 – 8:00 pm (dinner to be provided)

Participants

Gale Sanders	Latasha Lowe	Renell Ceazer
Lachia Rodriguez	Ruby Regis	Ryan Franklin
Vastine Jeanmarie	Alice Jones	Norvin Jones
Emelda Paul	Bertha Lively	Angelina Dorsey
Parreletta Carter	Bernice King	Cynthia Magraff
Anthony Pendleton	Evelyn Wallace	Claudia Jones
Joni Washington	Rochelle Roberts	Alvin Banks
Sidney Daufauchard	Shirley Daufauchard	Patricia Claiborne
Clyde Hudson	Sonia Morgan	Carol Thomas
Dorothy Hill	Kyndria Claiborne	Antoinette Rickmon
Mary Johnson	Ann Lee	Donna Martin
George Arceneaux	Debbie Griffin	Janice Sandifer
Shirley Waters	Lloyd Thiel	Vivian Delaney
Christina Quezergue	Daffney Davis	Terry Carter
Charmaine Williams	Gertis Wiltz	Sharon Hamilton
Beverly Valdery	Dennis Martin	Shanderia Martin

Daniel Mathieu, The Micah Project
Sarah McMorris, NOLAC

HANO: Lois Walton, Valerie Brown (consultant to HANO)
Case Management: Carol Carter (New Orleans), Dianne Pitts (Baton Rouge)
Providence/Enterprise: Tammy Crumpton, Jim Kelly, Matt Morrin, Andreanecia Morris, Brenda Richard-Montgomery, LaTonya Williams, Stephanie Walton, Nicole Swerhun, Caroline Gammill

This meeting record was drafted by Caroline Gammill, 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 review of the agenda by Alvin Banks and an opening prayer offered by Emelda Paul.

I. Words from City Council President, Jacquelyn Clarkson

Alvin Banks recognized **Jacquelyn Clarkson**, City Council President, who spoke a few words:

- **Comments:** Ms. Clarkson praised the redevelopment of Lafitte, saying that she believed it would give New Orleans a place of prominence as a city that cares about its citizens returning with a higher quality of life. Ms. Clarkson's experience with the Fischer development was very important to her and it was a privilege for her to have a part in creating a better lifestyle for the seniors who had contributed so much to the

Algiers community. Ms. Clarkson also praised the efforts of Jim Kelly and Fr. Michael Jacques. She reaffirmed the City Council's support for the project and the people of the community.

II. HANO Update

Lois Watson, Senior Asset Manager for HANO provided the following update:

- **Temporary On-Site Units:** The March 31, 2009 deadline for the occupying the temporary units remains. HANO staff is available to meet with temporary residents of Lafitte to discuss the transition to TPV. Members of the HANO team will also be coming out to the units to talk about the change in order to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Questions and Discussion

Responses, where provided, are in italics.

None.

III. Providence / Enterprise Update

Jim Kelly, Providence Community Housing

- **Update on the School Renovations:** The covenant really does include many of the things that have been discussed at these meetings. For example, with the schools – the group has often discussed the need for good schools in this community; representatives from the school board came to our meeting and explained their plan. Representatives from the Residents' Council and Providence also met with the Superintendent. Through your comments, letters, signatures, you made it clear that you wanted schools for your children to be addressed right away. This week, the school board voted to move building a new Wheatley into Phase I, from 2014 to 2009 and Wicker was moved from 2022 to 2014. Only two schools were moved into Phase I and Wheatley was one of them because of all of the lobbying and hard work.
- **Health Care:** Another issue we talk about is Healthcare and we've invited Dr. Karen DeSalvo here tonight to discuss Tulane's plans.

Dr. Karen DeSalvo, Tulane University, School of Medicine

- **History of the Tulane Community Health Center:** Several weeks after Katrina, Dr. Price from the medical school set up a makeshift clinic on Rampart St. to address the need for healthcare in the city. One of the clinic's philosophies is that health is more than just going to see a doctor. All parts of your lifestyle are important. The clinic on Rampart Street has been operating for three years, taking care of both children and adults. Mental health services and some social work services have been added. It has been a great learning and teaching opportunity for the University. Covenant House has been very generous, but the clinic needs a new, bigger space.
- **Ruth's Chris Building:** Dr. DeSalvo would like to move the clinic to the location at Broad and Orleans Ave. This location is three times the size of the Rampart clinic and they would be able to offer pre-natal care. Like on Rampart St., all would be served,

regardless of their ability to pay. One of the goals is also to do more community programming, with St. Peter Claver, with the Porch and others.

- **Tulane Health Clinic Team:** Dr. Eboni Price is the chief medical officer, Leah Berger is the director of operation and program development, and Jenna Pollack is the community outreach coordinator.
- **Community Events:** The clinic has weekend and evening hours. In addition, representatives are at the Broad Street Bazaar and at other community events.

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None.

IV. Signing of the Covenant

Ms. Gail Sanders read the covenant aloud.

Ms. Emelda Paul highlighted the amount of work that went into the covenant and praised it as a sign that all groups, the Residents' Council, Providence and Enterprise, are all working together.

The Covenant was signed by members of the Residents' Council, representatives of Providence Community Housing, Enterprise Community Partners, NOLAC and the Micah Project.

Mr. Warren Johnson sang a beautiful rendition of "I Believe (For Every Drop of Rain That Falls)," followed by Mr. Alvin Banks' wonderful "A Change Is Gonna Come."

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 6 pm

Dinner and Raffle