

# RECORD OF DISCUSSION

## Homebuilding Plan for Treme/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

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**Date** 6:00 – 8:00, January 13th, 2010  
Sojourner Truth Community Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

**Next Meeting** 6:00-8:00, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Sojourner Truth Community Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

### Participants:

Tyra Alexander  
Alvin Banks  
Miss Jessie Boyd  
Doretha Bryant  
Trenise Bryant  
Shirley Daufauchard  
Sidney Daufauchard

Ola James  
Leslie Johnson  
Valerie Johnson  
Terry Jordan  
Bernice King  
Bertha Lively  
Cynthia Magraff

Emelda Paul  
Anthony Pendelton  
David Rayford  
Carl Richardson  
Lachia Rodriguez  
Gale Sanders  
Beryl Thomas

Sojourner Truth Family Supportive Services: D'Ana Smith  
Providence/Enterprise: Matt Morrin, Andreanecia Morris, Nick Roosevelt  
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services: Sarah Marcello  
Tulane Community Health Center: Gillian Locascio  
Friends of Lafitte Corridor: Ethan Ellstad  
Lagniappe Academies: Julia Takada, Kendall Petri

*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.*

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The meeting began with an opening prayer by Miss Valerie Johnson.

## I. Sojourner Truth Community Center Updates

### D'Ana Smith

- **Truth Youth:** Wonderful programming for kids age 7-14. Please call or stop by the front desk for more information
- **Health Eating:** Putting on a seminar with Tulane Community Health Center on healthy eating. Please contact for desk for details
- **Wealth Development:** Our wealth development specialist is doing great work, so please get in touch with us if you any questions or need assistance with job, finance or wealth-building strategy.

## II. Lafitte Redevelopment Update

### Matt Morrin, Enterprise

- Hope everyone has had the chance to see the infrastructure and “horizontal” work being done on the site.
- We are still working with the resident council on property management issues.

- **Questions:** Q: What will the buildings look like? A: They will incorporate the style and look of the neighborhood. There will be 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom apartments.

### III. Tulane Community Health Center

#### Gillian Locascio

- D'Ana covered most of what I was going to announce. I have put out some materials on healthy eating. Over the next couple of weeks, I am hoping to start meeting with folks in the neighborhood to talk about fresh food and healthy eating options in the neighborhood

### IV. Lagniappe Academies

#### Julia Takada and Kendall Petri

- Many of you were here the last time we presented our plans to start a new charter school this coming Fall
- We are starting our enrollment. It is open enrollment with no admission criteria, but we are hoping to attract mostly students from the greater Tremé area. We really want the school to be community-centered, with great academics, great afterschool activities, health services and community engagement activities.
- We understand how important parents are to the education of their children, so as a school we want to build strong relationships with all the parents.
- We also know the importance of local culture and local history. Even though the school will not open until Fall 2010, the staff we have now is already working hard to learn about the neighborhood, its culture and its history and we hope to incorporate a lot of that into what the children learn.
- We will be hosting a number of community meetings and dinners and some will be here at the Center.
- We are happy to talk to anybody, anytime, anywhere, so please let us know if you have any questions, comments, ideas, etc..

### V. Lafitte Greenway

#### Ethan Ellstad

- I am hoping to attend future meetings so that anyone who has a question about the Greenway,
- The Greenway will run from Canal Blvd. to Armstrong Park
- We want the Greenway to be an amenity that the surrounding neighborhoods take advantage of so please let me know if you have any questions, comments or ideas.
- On February 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding an event here at the Center to showcase all of the possibilities for the Greenway. It will be free and will most likely have great music and a raffle.

## **VI. Southeast Louisiana Legal Services**

### **Sarah Marcello**

- We just pushed through a big change at HANO. HANO will be meeting with us every other week and the main subject of the meetings will be unreasonable rent increases. If you are having these sorts of rent increases, please come and talk to us, because we now have a way to work with HANO on the issue
- The general office number is (504)-529-100. ext 223 is for general housing issues
- My office number is (504)-274-0443

## **VII.**

- Door prizes and dinner served

**Next Meeting:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Sojourner Truth.