

## RECORD OF DISCUSSION

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

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**Date** 6:00-8:00, September 8, 2010  
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

**Next Meeting** 6:00-8:00, October 13, 2010  
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

#### Participants:

George Arceneaux  
Alvin R. Banks  
Angie Blalock  
Jessie Boyd  
Cherie Butler  
Darril Celestin  
Sidney Daufauchard  
Shirley Daufauchard  
Ronald Grison

Anna Jarvis  
Warren Johnson  
Terry Jordan  
Jim Kelly  
Bernice King  
Catherine Lewis  
Cynthia Magraff  
Andreanecia Morris  
Emelda Paul

Carl Richardson  
Debbie Robertson  
Lachia L. Rodriguez  
Janice M. Sandifer  
Malcolm Schwarzenbach  
Joyce Terro  
Beryl Thomas  
Maggie Tishman  
Josey Willis

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: Emelda Paul  
Providence/Enterprise: Matt Morrin  
Interstate Realty Management: Michele Matthews  
Do-Wap Agency: W. Anthony Patton  
SOME GROUP: Malcolm Schwarzenbach

*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.*

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The meeting began with an opening prayer.

### I. Lafitte Redevelopment & Re-occupancy Updates

#### Michele Matthews and Matt Morrin:

- All former residents should have received their applications in the mail. If residents know any other former residents that have not received application, they should contact Michele.
- Public notice released today for other applicants to pick up forms. If residents know anyone interested in applying, they should direct them to Interstate Realty Management at STNC.
- Question: How many return mailings did Interstate receive because of incorrect addresses? Answer: 40-50. Interstate and Enterprise got current addresses for all nearly all former residents by using contact lists from HANO, from STNC, and from a survey previously conducted.
- Former Lafitte residents will be given priority for every affordable rental unit in the Lafitte redevelopment.
- Question: Does this apply to *all* former residents? Answer: "Former" in this case means that the resident was living in Lafitte at the time of Katrina.

- Question: How old do you have to be to qualify as a senior? Answer: Unsure. Interstate and Enterprise will follow up with an answer soon.
- Former residents are not required to move back to the unit that they previously occupied.
- Question: What if former residents want to live in a part of the site not yet under construction? Answer: They are welcome to do so but will have to wait until those buildings are completed. This would be a riskier move because there might be a waiting list of former residents that applied to live in the Phase I part of the development. Even if residents choose to wait to live in one of the areas of the site closer to Claiborne, they should apply now, and if assigned to one of the units currently under construction, they can choose whether to accept the assignment or not.
- Question: How many units are in Phase I? Answer: 134. They will be ready for people to move in starting in December. Providence/Enterprise will start the next Phase shortly, with the first of those units available some time between March and June of 2011. Some of Phase II may not be affordable. The 100-unit senior building will start some time next spring. More family units will be on the other side of Johnson St. later on.
- Between former residents who both apply at the same time, families who have lived in Lafitte longest will be given priority.
- There will be at least 376 affordable rental units on the site and an additional 192 on scattered sites in surrounding neighborhoods. There will be a total of 517 affordable rental and other units on the site. They will be 812 units in total, including affordable and market rental and homeownership on and off site.
- Question: How many units are for seniors? Answer: They can move wherever they want. 29 of the 134 currently under construction will be equipped with wheelchairs ramps, railings, etc. Seniors will have a “double option.” They can live in any of the units, but there will also be 100-unit building designed specially for seniors.
- Question: What will happen to former residents’ portability vouchers when they move back into Lafitte? Answers: Residents will have to turn in their portable vouchers when they move back into Lafitte.
- Question: Will residents in the off-site units being paying the same rent? Answer: The same rent formula will apply to the units across the street. They will pay the same amount whether they move into the on- or off-site units.
- Question: Will we know how much we have to pay in rent? Answer: Yes. You will know up front how much who will have to pay.
- Question: Do residents have to pay a deposit when they move in? Answer: Yes, \$200.
- Question: Will Providence/Enterprise/Interstate send residents a written notice prior to move in so that they can give their current landlords 30 days’ notice? Answer: Yes.
- Question: After Katrina, people who said they weren’t coming back to Lafitte were given their deposit back, but those who said they did want to come back didn’t get it back. What happened to the original deposit? Why do we have to make another deposit? Answer: Enterprise has asked HANO that question. If and when they get an answer, they will communicate it to residents.

- Question: Can residents see the units before they move in? Answer: Yes. Residents can see the units before they move in. If they do not want to move there, they will not be required to.
- Question: Can residents see a floor plan with measurements? Answer: Yes. Michele will supply a sample floor plan based on how many bedrooms residents need. Lafitte will eventually have a website and brochures that will include floor plans.
- Question: The wood has been getting wet in the rain. Will this warp it? Answer: The contractor has convinced us that they have complied with best practices. When a building is constructed, there is no way to avoid some of the wood getting wet, but we are assured that all units are structurally sound. When completed, both walls and windows will be able to withstand up to 130 mph winds.
- Question: Will there be porches for upstairs units? Answer: Some but not all units will have porches.
- Question: Why aren't they going back up with bricks like in Atlanta? Answer: It would have been difficult to include the size of units that we wanted and some of the amenities that we included. Providence and Enterprise are building what former residents encouraged them to build based on charrettes conducted in 2006.

#### IV. Do-Wap Agency

##### W. Anthony Patton:

- The Do-Wap Agency is a connectivity and outreach firm.
- They are conducting a survey of former Lafitte residents and current Tremé residents to determine the image that the community would like to project. They have already interviewed 26 former Lafitte residents, as well as other community stakeholders.

#### III. Naming of the community

##### Malcolm Schwarzenbach:

- Would like community input as to the name.
- There will be a box in the lobby of Sojourner Truth where residents can put specific names you want or don't, or just general suggestions for the name.

#### VIII. Adjournment