

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Homebuilding Plan for Tremé/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

Date 6:00-8:00, April 13, 2011
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Next Meeting 6:00-8:00, May 11, 2011
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Participants:

Dianne Alfred
Paralee Amison
George Arceneaux
Alvin Banks
Trinice Blunt
Harold Brown
Trenise Bryant
Barbara Carter
Paulette Clay
Keith Dalmas
Shirley Daufauchard
Sidney Daufauchard
Pauline Wilken

Angelina Drisey
Janette Expose
Alex Heath
Ola James
Leslie Johnson
Mary Johnson
Warren Johnson
Terry Jordan
Bernice King
Sherri Lawson
Catherine Lewis
Bertha Lively
Natascha Williams

Bessie Nogess
Emelda Paul
L. Pleasant
Rochelle Roberts
Debbie Robinson
Lachia Rodriguez
Janice Sandifer
Beryl Thomas
Lekiksha Thompson
Shante Torregano
Monica Wells
Charita White

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: Carol Carter, Emelda Paul, Rebekah Simon

Providence/Enterprise: Matt Morrin, Andreanecia Morris, Maggie Tishman, Michelle Whetten, Terri North, Christine Madigan

Interstate Realty Management: Michelle Matthews

Urban Design Associates: Nicole Swerhun, Ray Guindros

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

- Led by Emelda Paul.

II. Re-occupancy & Resident Property Management Responsibilities

Matt Morrin:

- 50 of the first 143 units have residents in them now. In the next one to two months, we will be entirely leased up. We want to be sure that we lease these up with as many Lafitte residents as possible. We are starting to run out of applications from former Lafitte residents. There is a waiting list for one bedrooms. If you are interesting in 2, 3 or 4 bedroom or know someone who is, please let us know
- We have started construction on the next 142 apartments (phase 2). The first will be complete in 9 months and all of them will be complete in a year from now.

- Urban Design Associates, who helped with the design of Faubourg Lafitte in 2006, have come down to determine how good a job we did in hearing what residents wanted Lafitte to look like back in 2006. We will be doing a series of interviews.
- We are finally ready to get the Oral History Project started with the help of the Lafitte Residents Council.
- Will attend to the lack of street lights and cable on Magic Street.

Michelle Matthew:

- There are many 2- and 3-bedroom units still available.
- If you are getting cable installed, please remember to have the technician come during Interstate's business hours. If technicians come after 5 pm or on the weekends, they won't be able to get in because Interstate has the key.
- Interstate will not be responsible for water plants. Residents should take it upon themselves to water them.
- Please take the initiative to wipe down your doors, as well as the front and back doors of the buildings.
- You cannot keep bikes in the hall. Elderly and disabled residents live in some of these units and bikes obstruct their path.
- By now everyone who has moved into Lafitte should have the lights on in their names. Everyone that signs the lease has to put the lights in their name.
- Catholic Charities has a new database that they're using. For the residents that are living in Lafitte now, you can expect a call from the Catholic Charities staff and they will update your information. This will help get more funding for activities in the community.
- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 16, at 12:30 at STNC for kids 14 and under.
- Michelle passed out a survey to see what sort of activities residents would like to see at the center.
- Computer class will start in July for residents. Residents will have to sign up.
- If you have any updated contact info, please inform Michelle at the office.
- No one paid the \$300 pet deposit, but there are two dogs on the site. Those with pets need to pay the \$300 pet deposit.
- Ms Paul: We're going to start the Lafitte Development Appreciation dinners to celebrate those that kept the place clean.
- Residents are concerned about the lack of bike racks and activities for children. STNC has activities every Saturday. Lemann Pool reopened in 2009; it should open for this year's season soon.

III. Design charrette follow-up meetings

Ray Guindros and Nicole Swerhun:

- Came down for a week-long charrette in September of 2006 and in October they went to Houston to meet with residents living there.
- Have returned now to get residents' and stakeholders' feedback on the design now that some of the site is done and residents are living there.

IV. Security

Kevin Johnson from First Choice Security:

- If we see you hanging out, we'll ask you who are and what apartment you live in and we'll make sure you're a tenant. We'll arrest people who aren't residents as trespassers.
- You should call Mr. Johnson if there is anything suspicious happening: 504-344-4028. Even if you're not sure about what you're seeing, call. We will answer 24 hours and day, 7 days a week.
- Residents will be allowed to sit on their balconies and even have a beer but everyone needs to be respectful of their neighbors.
- Quality of Life Officer Timothy Johnson will be coming to the next Residents Council meeting.
- You are responsible for your visitors. If your visitor creates mischief, your residence will get in trouble.

V. Lafitte Greenway

Maggie Tishman:

- City plans a 3-mile linear park right next to Lafitte. They have just signed the contract with the design team.
- You can expect charrettes like those that UDA hosted for Faubourg Lafitte. You should start thinking now about what you want to see on the site, like the playspace mentioned earlier.
- Hike the Lafitte Corridor is happening this weekend on Saturday at 10 am starting at Armstrong Park. There will be free lunch and activities.

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned and dinner served.

VII. Important dates

- Hike the Lafitte Greenway: Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 10 am
- Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 6 pm