

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Homebuilding Plan for Tremé/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

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

Next Meeting 6:00-8:00, August 10, 2011
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Participants:

Kavonne Amison
Parolee Amison
Alvin Banks
Lynn Billizson
Jessie Boyd
Harold Brown
Trenise Bryant
Barbara Carter
TeAnna Chennault
Florence Clark
Rita Clark
Sheila Condall
Keith Dalmis
Shirly Daufauchard
Sidney Daufauchard
Janette Expose
Samuel Gorb

Sheila Green
Aaron Green
Clyde Hudson
Felicia Johnson
Kevin Johnson
Mary Johnson
Warren Johnson
Ola Jones
Terry Jordan
Bernice King
Catherine Lewis
Odessia Lewis
Cynthia Magraff
Leah Poree
Emelda Paul
Chanell Preston
Harvey Reed

David Rayford
Terry Richards
Carl Richardson
Lachia Rodriguez
Dona Smith
Harry Stanley
Beryl Thomas
Tyril Thomas
Joni Washington
Dela Wells
Natascha Williams
Shantell Williams
Willie Williams
Bobby Wilson
Deborah Williams

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

Providence/Enterprise: Monica Gonzalez, Matt Morrin, Andreanecia Morris, Terri North, Michelle Whetten

NOPD: Sergeant Gavon Lewis, Office Jonathan Sam, Office LeJan Jackson

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. Introduction / Purpose

Matt Morrin (Enterprise):

- Safety is a top concern for us. Please call the NOPD, Interstate, or Enterprise—particularly if you do not see a change.
- Will work with Interstate to create parking stickers to better identify cars that belong in the parking courts and those that don't
- Worked with Entergy to get remaining streetlights working
- Additional shift for security company
- Additional police patrols
- Letter to all residents with contact numbers for First Choice, NOPD, Interstate.

III. Faubourg Lafitte Residential Patrols/Faubourg Lafitte Neighborhood Watch & Resident Safety

Officer LaVesseur (NOPD):

- Communication is key to moving forward.

Sgt Gary Lewis (NOPD):

- Iberville COPS substation commander
- Lafitte will become a part of their regular patrols. They are also investigating the possibility of establishing a substation office at Lafitte.

Sgt. Kenny Temple (NOPD):

- Handles nuisance calls. ktemple@nola.gov, 504.239.0325

Sgt. Stanley (HANO):

- HANO has a hotline for anonymous concerns, security or managerial.

IV. Re-occupancy and Resident Property Management Responsibilities

Rhonda Brown:

- Introduced herself

Sharita Curtis (Interstate):

- Announced parking permits and policy of patio furniture.

Owner (First Choice Security):

- Safety is his top concern. He wants the residents to engage via neighborhood watch.

V. STNC Updates

D'Ana Smith (STNC):

- Reviewed STNC Calendar of Events.

Computer Teacher (STNC)

- Learning Well Program overview

Carol Carter:

- More exercise classes (for everyone, not just seniors) coming soon

Q&A

Q: Alvin Banks (Former Resident)

The old Lafitte had defensible courtyards and the new individual buildings allow for too much access

A: Lafitte Team will investigate the cost of installing fencing between buildings.

Q: Harold Brown (Groundskeeper)

He doesn't have a uniform shirt and wanted to introduce himself to the residents so they would know who he was.

A: Ms. Paul offered to provide Mr. Brown with a Beautification Team shirt, but Lafitte Team will see that IRM provide their employee with a uniform shirt.

Q: How do you deal with other residents loitering on your porch?

A: Call First Choice, NOPD.

Q: Could the parking lot be better fenced to discourage using alleys as shortcut?

A: Trespassing signs will be deployed and fencing will be investigated.

Q: Will we get screen doors from management and if not could we buy our own?

A: It's being investigated, but there is a cost factor.

Q: Can you apply blinds to the balcony doors?

A: I don't know.

Q: Can patio door locks be improved?

A: Broken locks should be reported.

Q: Can chains be installed for additional security?

A: We can investigate.

Q: Door locks aren't functioning properly?

A: Session on door use should be conducted

Q: Is the curfew for children or adults?

A: Technically there is no curfew for adults, but First Choice has been enforcing a 10 PM curfew in response to the crime last week.

Q: Old repair requests have gone unaddressed: broken light fixture & missing screen to upstairs window.

A: Acknowledges that there was a problem, but they are still working to make sure that they're working.

Q: Will First Choice patrol only at night?

A: The original contract called for patrols from 6AM – 6 PM. That is being evaluated. Residents would prefer 24/7 security.

Q: Where do guests who do not fit into your unit when you have visitors?

A: IRM and Faubourg Lafitte will formulate a plan for addressing this and there should probably be advance notice to the management office.

Q: What about assessing a small fee to residents to fund security?

A: The developer cannot ask for that.

Q: Screen doors were mentioned three years ago, why weren't they incorporated?

A: Choices were made.

Q: Can we buy screen doors ourselves, but have the developer offer assistance in finding a discounted rate?

A: Next month, we will offer a decision on whether or not the team will provide screen doors.

Q: What should be done about children hanging out after curfew?

A: Call NOPD or First Choice and if they are in violation, they could be arrested.

Q: Is curfew violation a lease violation?

A: If someone is arrested, it is a One Strike violation.

Q: Asked about scattered site opportunities at Bienville?

A: Clarified that those are for sale.

Officer Temple:

- If you have children under 17 and they are out past the curfew and they are more than 300 ft from their home, they are in violation.

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned and dinner served.

IX. Important dates

- Next meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at 6 pm