

# RECORD OF DISCUSSION

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

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**Date** 6:00-8:00, November 9, 2011  
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

**Next Meeting** 6:00-8:00, December 7, 2011  
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

### Participants:

Marion LeBlanc  
Diana LeBlanc  
Sidney Daufauchard  
Shirley Daufauchard  
Joyce Giles  
Emelda Paul  
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Palette Clay  
Lynn Billizson  
Prale Ampson  
Bertha Lively  
Angelina Daisey  
Shirley Waters  
Susan Norwood  
Glenda Waters

Warren Johnson  
Jammie Webster  
Ernestine Howard  
Pennina White  
Cynthia Magraff  
Bernice King  
Andre Harris  
Jennifer Harden  
Ferdinand Handy Jr.  
Beryl Thomas  
Ola James  
Mary M. Johnson  
Trina Black  
Lesley Johnson  
Keycia Havard

Trinice Blunt  
Charles Evans  
Arrinica Riley  
Sherri Lawson  
Joshua Hales  
Jovonte Buchanan  
Terry Jordan  
Toccara Bocage  
Sheil Condoll  
Lynnel Miles  
Alisia Anderson  
Natascha Williams  
Kavonne Amison

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: Carol Carter, Myra Fields, Rebekah Simon, D'Ana Smith, Sombra Williams

Providence/Enterprise: Matt Morrin, Maggie Tishman, Andreanecia Morris, Terri North

Interstate: Derek Middlestad

Oral History Project: Bethany Rogers, Royce Osborn, Rachel Breunlin

*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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## I. Opening prayer

- Meeting commenced at 6:08 pm.
- Opening pray led by Emelda Paul.

## II. Oral History Project

Bethany Rogers, Royce Osborn, Rachel Breunlin:

- This team will be completing an oral history.
- They will be interviewing people living at Lafitte or who have lived at Lafitte as well as people who live or own businesses in the surrounding neighborhood.
- They will create a film, a book, an exhibition, and an event at Sojourner Truth, all about Lafitte.
- The team's previous work includes an oral history of the bricklayers of Lafitte, *The Combination* (book about Lafitte written by Ashley Nelson), and *All on a Mardi Gras Day* (a documentary film about black Mardi Gras).

- They will be convening an advisory committee. Ms. Paul, Maggie Tishman, Matt Morrin will be part, and they are looking for 4 current or soon-to-be residents of Lafitte to join as well. If you are interested, please let them know.

## II. Oral History Project

Derrick Mittelstaedt (Interstate):

- Interstate will now be accepting application for Phase II. Former residents can begin applying on November 16. Letters were sent out to former residents today and a notice will be placed in the newspaper. As long we have your updated information, you will get a letter from us. We will also call former residents. If you applied in the first phase, you will have to re-apply but you will be first in line as the units become available. It's the same application process as last time but the applications expire after 120 days, so the old ones are no longer valid and you will have to fill them out again. You can apply at Sojourner Truth from 9 am to 5 pm. The application process may take some time, so plan accordingly.
- We have been having parking issues. Residents are going to have to hang a tag on your car in order to park in the lots onsite. If you have a car, you will have to register the car at Interstate's office. The security company will have a list of tags and which car they match to, so if there is a car parked with a tag that doesn't belong to it, security will know and the car will be towed. Only residents are allowed to park in the parking lots. If vehicles are sitting there for days at a time, they will be towed.
- You cannot have someone who is not on the lease staying at your apartment.
- Housekeeping inspections are being done to make sure that everything is in compliance with the leasing agreement. It is a violation of your lease not to allow her into your unit. The lease also requires that you allow pest control to enter your unit.
- If you have any question, come see Derrick or Sharita.
- We are working on a transfer policy if you want to move from one unit to another. If you have a medical reason to move, you will need a note from your doctor in order to move units. There are no first or second floor units currently available. We will deal with these requests in the order they are received and in order of urgency.
- We are going to develop a screen door when reasonable accommodation needs to be in place. The doctor will need to confirm that you need a screen door.
- Loitering is a problem. A gathering of 5 or more people is considered loitering. Loitering is also blocking people's access to a public right of way (the sidewalk or the street). Children can bike ride on sidewalks as long as they don't interfere with pedestrians.
- Q: If I don't have a porch, where can I sit?  
A: You can bring a lawn chair out onto the grass and sit, as long as you're not on the sidewalk.  
Q: Security told me that that's a violation of the lease.  
A: We recently had a meeting to clarify this. You shouldn't have a problem in the future. If this happens in the future, you should call Derrick who will make sure that they know it's not a violation of the lease.
- Q: Can kids play football in the streets?  
A: No, that is not allowed.

#### **IV. Evangelization**

Emelda Paul (STNC):

- Event last Saturday was a big success. The purpose was not to convert people but to let everyone know about resources available at St. Peter Claver, particularly for children.

#### **VII. STNC Updates**

Myra Fields (STNC):

- All seniors are encouraged to register for senior activities. You must come in and fill out an application.
- Bingo on Wednesdays. Computer lab, learning web classes going on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-11 am. And Tuesday and Thursday 2-4 pm.
- November 16, lifestyle class.
- November 14, enter students for educational focus group. 2-4 on Monday or 5-7 on Monday.
- Zumba classes every Monday and Wednesday 5 pm
- We will be closed November 24-26 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Octoberfest was a wonderful success.

#### **VII. STNC Updates**

Mary Johnson (Lafitte):

- Lifestyle program, not this Thursday but next Thursday for 11 am.

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Carol Carter (STNC):

- Carol will be leaving at the end of the month. Thanks the Lafitte residents for the past four years.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

#### **IX. Important dates**

- Next meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 6 pm