

Faubourg Lafitte Resident Meeting: May 2012

Date & time: Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 6 pm

Location: Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte Street

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 6 pm

Participants:

Faubourg Lafitte residents: Shirley Waters, Glenda Waters, Cherie Waters, Dianne Alfred, Cortina Smith, Natascha Williams, Lisa DeSilva, Emelda Paul, Yolanda Harris, Debra Flores, Marion Jacobs, Ethan Ellestad, Angelina Darsey, Juanita Billizone, Tayeisha Johnson, Sheryl Preston, Beryl Thomas, Sonya Johnson, Sarah Goodman, Doretha Bryant, Trenise Bryant, Paralee Amison, Kavonne Mison, Gloria Blanchard, Ferdianand Handy, Jr., Andre Harris, Leslie Johnson, L. Preston, Mary Johnson, Willie Williams

Providence Community Housing: Andreanecia Morris, Maggie Tishman

Enterprise Community Partners: Brandon Dughman

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: D'Ana Smith, Rebekah Simon

Tulane Community Health Center: Dana Keren, Chodie Gabor

Foundation for Louisiana: Ethan Ellestad

Councilmember Guidry's office: Sherri Wilder

Minutes:

Opening Prayer

Led by Mary Johnson

- Meeting convened at 6:12 pm.

Citizens' Guides to Land Use and Urban Design

Ethan Ellestad, Foundation for Louisiana

- These Citizens' Guides were compiled by the Foundation for Louisiana.
- They explain what a land-use map is (a map that shows what can go where) and how to make your neighborhood look how you want it to look.
- The Urban Design guide might help you if you're interested in the Wheatley building.

Txt4Health

Cleveland Spears, Spears Consulting (for Louisiana Public Health Institute)

- Text the word "health" to 300400 and then you answer some questions and it will tell you if you're at risk for diabetes. There is no charge to enroll; your standard text messaging rates will apply.
- Won't send more than 3-4 text messages a week and that's only if you are in the high-risk category
- Only for New Orleans residents so you have to put in your New Orleans zipcode.

- Everyone had the opportunity to enroll in Txt4Health via their cell phones.

TUHC

Dana Keren, TUHC

- We have officially moved to our new location at Orleans and Broad from N. Rampart Street
- Question: Can I switch from another doctor?
Answer: Yes! You just have to call ahead of time to switch over your medical records.
- TUHC also hosts a walking group that meets on Saturday mornings at City Park and computer literacy classes at Orleans and Broad.

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center Updates

Andreanecia Morris, Providence Community Housing

- Sojourner Truth is going to be hosting a kids' summer camp. We will be holding an info session next week. There will be 30 slots available on a first come, first served basis. The camp will last 8 weeks, 9 am-3 pm, Monday through Friday. There will be a small fee associated with it(exact amount to be determined). It will include field trips and daily activities. It will be open to children ages 6-12.
- Question: Will there be job opportunities for older youth?
Answer: The camp provider is bringing their own staff; counselors will be college students. However, they will have Job I assistants, and youth 14-18 can apply for these positions.
- Question: What about children ages 13-15?
Answer: We don't currently have a camp available for them but children 14 and older they can apply for a Job I position.

D'Ana Smith, STNC

- Last restorative circle is next Wednesday at 7 pm. Find out about plans going forward after summer break.
- The last Girl Scout meeting is May 12, this Saturday.
- Our senior program is Monday-Wednesday from 11-2.
- We are still offering our lifestyle classes.
- One of our residents, 23 months old, has a very rare cancer. He is going to Texas for surgery and they need blood. Please give blood if you can.

Wealth Development

Claudette Austin, STNC

- We have Moneywise financial literacy classes on Wednesdays, 11-1 pm.
- There are info session on the first and third Tuesday of the month.
- On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, 2-4 pm, there is a resume and online job seeking course.

- On the fourth Thursday of every month, there is a jobseekers' round table, where we discuss the challenges to finding employment as well as soft-skills training and what to say on interviews.
- Our earned benefits program makes sure you're receiving every state and federal benefit you're entitled too. We can help you enroll in a prescription assistance program to help reduce your co-pays, and we can add your earned income credit to your regular paycheck (rather than receiving one lump sum with your tax return).
- Appointments preferred but you can walk in too, any day of the week.

Resident of the month

Claudette Austin, STNC

- Congratulations to Ms. L. Preston. This young lady is very active in the community. Volunteers for many activities and completed Moneywi\$e classes.

Councilmember Guidry's office

Sherri Wilder, Councilmember Guidry's office

- \$9 million for street lights
- Mid-City Market is opening soon. Healthy food and places to shop.
- Question: Still concerned about buses.
- Call our office 658-1010

Mother's Day celebration!

- There was a raffle for mothers. Two \$20 Wal-Mart gift cards were given as prizes.
- Gifts were given to all mothers.
- The Mother's Day celebration, including dinner and DJ, followed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.