

Faubourg Lafitte Resident Meeting Minutes: August 2012

Date & time: Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 6pm

Location: Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte Street

Participants:

Faubourg Lafitte Residents: Marion Le Blanc, Diana Le Blanc, Daulette Clay, Darlene Ross, Jennifer Marden, Mary Johnson, Andre Harris, Ferdinand Handy Jr, Leslie Johnson, Jaunita Billizone, Susan Norwood, Tamika Muse, Dora Price, Susan Norwood, Sheila Condell, Trenise Bryant, Sonya Johnson, Telony Zeno, Tayeisha Johnson

Providence Community Housing: Andreanecia Morris, Sophie Harris

Enterprise Community Partners: Matt Morrin

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: D'Ana Smith

The Urban League: LaRita Flotte

McCormack Baron Ragan: Ronda Brown

Councilmember Guidry's Office: Sherri Wilder

Meeting convened at 6:03 pm

Opening Prayer

Mary Johnson, Faubourg Lafitte Resident

I am Engaged Campaign

LaRita E. Flotte, Urban League Parent Information Center

- Works at the Parent Information Center, helping parents to be more engaged. Work with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.
- The purpose of the I Am Engaged Campaign is to help parents be more involved in their children's education. We ask people to take pledges, for example 'I pledge to attend parent-teacher conferences.' Once you take a pledge you will get relevant information from the Urban League, for example how to help your children prepared for the LEAP test, and how to understand the LEAP score.
- The Urban League provides resources in one place, so parents don't have to fish around for information.
- If anyone would like to take the pledge or get on the mailing list, please contact LaRita.
- There may be a survey to see if Faubourg Lafitte residents would like to have a special workshop.
- The Urban League will be at Sojourner Truth on Friday for the school kick-off event, where they will have give-aways.

Development Updates

Matt Morrin, Enterprise Homes

- Starting construction on Johnson, Roman, and Derbigny in next 2 to 3 months.
- Moving forward on senior building, starting construction late 2012.

- We are planning to move forward with installing security cameras on the site. Probably in 1 to 2 months will sign a contract about that. Will give more information as we move closer to installation
- Q: When are the lights going to come on at Johnson between Magic and Lafitte?
- A: There are lights that have taken time for the city to get up and running, which will be up within 2 weeks. It has taken longer than expected to get them inspected, up and running. Around Roman where there aren't houses, those won't immediately go on.
- Q: What about the lights on Tonti. They are all on, except the one in front of my house?
- A: It may be broken. Bring the information to Matt, and we can figure out if the City or the contractor is responsible for.
- *Sherri Wilder from Councilwoman Guidry's office*: if you get the address, call 311. The mayor has made a commitment to get all of the lights in the city on by the end of the year.
- Q: On the single houses, why are there not storm shutter?
- A: Some have shutters and some do not. It was an architectural decision. Those that do not have shutters are still safe, because they have been highly rated to receive the impact of something that has been blown by a hurricane.

Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center Updates

Andreanecia Morris, Providence Community Housing

- This Friday we are having a back to school event. Will have food, fun, music, and school supply give-away. Friday from 6-8pm, hopefully outside.
- Tulane will be coming back in September to do flu shots. They are using resources from the health center to do the flu shots, so you will have to provide some paperwork, insurance, etc. We will give you and update closer to the date.
- We are doing a job training program. When you complete it, they will guarantee employment. You must be drug free and 18 or older. Some of it is hard labor, hard construction work.
- We are starting an after-school program starting the 1st week after Labor Day. 3-4 days per week, will have homework assistance and recreational activities. We are still working on the time, but looking at 4:30 to 6:30. Ages 6-13.
- We are looking into doing something different for the older kids, likely starting in January. If you have any ideas, come talk to Andreanecia, D'ana, Claudette, Matt, or Sophie.
- There will be a tennis program. A tennis pro will come in to teach tennis basics.

Property Management Updates

Dora, McCormack Baron Ragan

- There were no questions or updates.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm