

## Faubourg Lafitte Resident Meeting Minutes: September 2012

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Date & Time: Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6pm

Location: Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte Street

### Participants:

*Faubourg Lafitte Residents:* Marion Le Blanc, Diana Le Blanc, Paulette Clay, Mary Johnson, Ferdinand Handy Jr, Leslie Johnson, Jaunita Billizone, Sonya Johnson, Tayeisha Johnson, Natasha Williams, Sarah Goodman, Gloria BlanchardNicole Williams, Joyce Giles Emelda Paul, Terry Nogess

*Providence Community Housing:* Andreanecia Morris,

*Enterprise Community Partners:* Matt Morrin, Brandon Dugham

*Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center:* D'Ana Smith, Austin Shea

*Delgado Community College:* Joey Leherman

*McCormack Baron Ragan:* Rhonda Brown

*Councilmember Guirdy's Office:* Sherri Wilder

*Tulane Community Health Center:* Chodie Gabor, Sarah Eisenstein

*Young Audiences:* Suzannah Powell

*Meeting convened at 6:07pm*

### Opening Prayer

*Mary Johnson, Faubourg Lafitte Resident*

### Councilmember Guirdy's Office

*Sherri Wilder*

- The City Council called a special meeting with Entergy to question them on their response and procedures after Isaac.
- Councilmember Guirdy is also pressing the Department of Sanitation for ways they can expedite debris pickup.
- Youth Empowerment Project has opened a new GED program, New Orleans Providing Literacy to All Youth (NOPLAY). The program will operate Monday through Thursday from 11am to 3pm.
- NOPLAY has an open enrollment policy and is free to join. For more information visit [youthempowermentproject.org](http://youthempowermentproject.org) or call 504-658-9221
- There will be two day workshop on Oct. 20-21 for individuals aspiring to work behind the scenes in the film industry. It will only be open to 30 participants and people interested in applying should send a resume and cover letter to [workforce@novacvideo.org](mailto:workforce@novacvideo.org) no later than Oct. 5.

### Delgado Adult Education

*Joey Lehrman, Delgado Community College*

- Delgado is offering free GED prep courses. They have morning, afternoon, and evening classes in four locations across the city so they can work around any schedule.

- The next registration day will be held on Oct. 26 at their City Park location. For more information email [dccaep.faq@gmail.com](mailto:dccaep.faq@gmail.com) or call 54-671-5434

#### Tulane Health Update

*Chodie Gabor and Sarah Eisenstein, Tulane Community Health Center*

- The Health Center offers many services from primary care to special classes and operates on a sliding scale based on income.
- Flu season is coming up and it is very important for everyone, children and seniors especially, to get vaccinated every year.
- You can get the vaccination at the Health Center or most pharmacies. Visit [flunearyou.org](http://flunearyou.org) for a complete list of vaccination locations.
- The vaccinations are inexpensive and are covered by Medicaid.

#### Playground Update

*Brandon Dugham, Enterprise Homes*

- The playground will be located next to STNC and should be completed sometime in mid to late October.
- Q: Will it be closed at night?
  - A: It will have a gate around it but we have not decided what time it will be closed yet.

#### Development Updates

*Matt Morrin, Enterprise Homes*

- We will be starting construction on the buildings on Johnson, Roman, and Derbigny in next 2 to 3 months.
- We are moving forward on a three story senior building and will be starting construction early 2012.
- The street lights on roads exterior to the neighborhood are the responsibility of the city. If you see one of those not working you should call 311 to report it.
- The lights on the interior streets have all been inspected and approved by the city and we are just waiting for Entergy to turn them on. The storm has delayed this process but the lights should be on soon.

#### After School Program

*Suzannah Powell, Young Audiences*

- The after school program started this week and runs Monday through Wednesday from 4:45pm to 6:45pm.
- We offer 30 minutes of homework help then we teach African drums and African dance. We let the children choose what class they want to attend.
- We are going to start a journalism class soon. The children will write articles and assemble their own newspaper.
- The Architecture in Math program may also be started soon and would help children with their math homework while showing them how it relates to architecture.

- Suzannah is here early for the children who get out of school before the program begins.

### Property Management Updates

*Rhonda Brown, McCormack Baron Ragan*

- Some residents may have received notices regarding their rent recently. We are trying to clean up any discrepancies we have. If you would like to dispute these notices you need to sign a grievance form. Once we get the discrepancies cleared up we will respond to you in writing.
- We will be installing new signage outside the buildings and in the hallways very soon.
- Residents will be issued a parking decal for their cars. However, due to limited space we can only offer one decal per household. Households with more than one car will need to park one on the street. If you have guests they will need to come to the office to get a guest pass.
- Q: My aide comes by everyday. Will she need to get a guest pass every day?
  - A: Aides who visit on a regular basis can come by our office and get a permanent pass like the residents.
- We are moving forward with installing security cameras on the site. Currently, we are reviewing a few proposals from different companies. We will not know when the cameras will be installed until we choose a company to do business with, which will happen by mid October.
- Q: There are kids loitering outside my house at night keeping me awake. I called security but no one ever showed up.
  - A: Currently people are allowed to gather in groups of four or less but we are looking at changing that rule in the future. If people are being too loud you should call security but if security does not respond again you may reach Officer Williams at 416-8721.
- Q: There are a lot of grocery carts and garbage being left around the neighborhood. What can I do?
  - A: If you see anything like that please call the office to report it and we will take care of it.
- Q: The doors to my building have swelled because of the rain. Can we fix that?
  - A: Call the office to report these issues and we will send someone out to fix it.
- Some residents have not received orientations yet, so we are trying to start those in October and no later than November.
- The keypad system for the doors is going to be replaced sometime in the future because we found that when we lose power the doors also stop working and some residents are giving out the codes to non-residents.

### Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center Updates

*Andreanecia Morris, Providence Community Housing*

- Providence has taken over as the Community Service provider. Residents will now complete their community service hours by enrolling in one of the programs offered at STNC.

- Austin Shea will be working as the Community Outreach Assistant. He will be working to establish a Resident Association Board of Directors.

*Meeting adjourned 7:12 pm*