

## Faubourg Lafitte Resident Meeting Minutes: October 2012

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 6pm

Location: Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte Street

### Participants:

*Faubourg Lafitte Residents:* Marion Le Blanc, Diana Le Blanc, Mary Johnson, Ferdinand Handy Jr, Leslie Johnson, Jaunita Billzone, Sonya Johnson, Tayeisha Johnson, Debra Williams, Paralee Amison, Jessie Boyd, Joyce Giles, Emelda Paul, Andre Harris, Jennifer Harden, Roseattia Riley, Parrelletta Carter, Tonya Vicks, Gilda Blanton,

*Providence Community Housing:* Andeanecia Morris,

*Enterprise Community Partners:* Brandon Dugham

*Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center:* Austin Shea

*McCormack Baron Ragan:* Angela Valdery

*USA Fire & Burglar Alarm:* Chris Gunderson

*Meeting convened at 6:04pm*

### Opening Prayer

*Mary Johnson, Faubourg Lafitte Resident*

### Resident Council

*Mary Johnson, Faubourg Lafitte Resident*

- The Tenant's Association and Board of Directors are forming now.
- We have already held a few meetings and plan to approve the bylaws at the next meeting on October 17.
- If you would like to find out how to participate please contact Austin Shea

### Basic Safety Information

*Chris Gunderson, USA Fire & Burglar Alarm*

- Burglary
  - Neighborhood Watch programs are a great way to deter burglars.
  - It only takes one minute to break into a home and a burglar will spend only 15 minutes in a house.
  - Be sure you lock doors when you are home as well as when you are not.
  - When you are not home leave a light on so it looks like you are home.
- Identity Theft
  - Most cases of Identity theft is not discovered until the victim is denied a loan or experiences some other negative effect.
  - A good way to prevent identity theft is to shed your junk mail before you throw it away
- Fire
  - Most people believe that during a fire, getting as close to the floor as possible is the best thing to do.

- In fact, most modern technology emits poisonous fumes when burning. These fumes rise only 18 in of the ground.
- 18 inches to 4 feet above the ground is the safest place to breathe during a fire.
- If you would like to purchase an alarm system, you can contact Chris to discuss prices.

### Property Management Updates

*Angela Valdery, McCormack Baron Ragan*

- Next Friday every resident will receive a notice of some policies that we will begin enforcing more consistently.
- You must let management know when you have guests that stay over night at your unit.
- There have been some issues involving some residents' guests recently. You are responsible for your guests and their actions.
- If you do not have a parking decal, you must come to the office to get one.
  - There are no reserved spaces.
- You may not store your bikes in the closet with the boilers. Those closets should remain clear and locked.
- You should not be storing motor bikes inside the building. Especially gas powered motorbikes because the gas fumes can be dangerous.
- Residents should not have barbecue grills at their units.
- If you have a pet you need to let management know. If maintenance comes into your unit and is bitten, you can be evicted.
- Residents should not be gathering on stoops or in public walk ways as it is a safety hazard. If you are gathering outside please be mindful of your neighbors and keep the noise level down.
- Open containers of alcohol are also not permitted in common areas.
- Guns are not allowed in any units.
- Q: what if my gun is registered?
  - A: It does not matter. HANO does not allow any guns in any units. That is a violation of your lease and you will be evicted
- Q: when are all of these rules going into effect?
  - A: They have always been in effect; we are starting to enforce them now. All of these rules are in the lease that you signed. It is important that you all read your lease very carefully.
- Because some residents have been giving out their key codes to non-residents, you will now be using swipe cards to enter your building.

### Playground and Tennis Court Update

*Brandon Dugham, Enterprise Homes*

- Construction has begun on the playground.
- We have installed the plumbing for the water fountains and laid the concrete.
- The equipment and rubber top should arrive and be installed by next week.

- The playground should be completed by the end of the month
- It will be open from 8am until dark (about 6:30 in the winter and about 8:30 in the summer) every night.
- The tennis program will be starting this Saturday.
- The program is open to children ages 5-17.
- It will be taught by Alan Green, the head coach of Xavier.
- All equipment will be provided

#### Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center Updates

##### *Andreanecia Morris, Providence Community Housing*

- Austin Shea will be working as the Community Outreach Assistant. He is the one sticking flyers in your door.
- He will be working to establish a Resident Association Board of Directors.
- The Resident Association will be taking over the resident meetings in November, once the bylaws are approved.
- The Initial Board of Directors has been chosen already. They are
  - Andre Harris – President
  - Mary Johnson – Vice President
  - Emelda Paul – Secretary
  - Ferdinand Handy – Chaplin
- If you would like to be part of the board you can run when we have the first formal elections sometime in the spring.
- We will be participating in The Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a party in front of STNC with food, music, and fun!
- Children will not be allowed to come without adult supervision.
- The after school program is going very well. We have over 60 children enrolled.
- When the children arrive they do a solid hour of homework before they learn through art, dancing, and music. All of the artists here are artist teachers. For example, last month an Architect was here teaching them how math relates to the buildings around them.
- The after school program will be holding a pageant in December to showcase everything they have learned during the program. Please come out and support them.
- We are going ahead with the Neighborhood Watch program, so be sure to get involved with that program.
- Wealth Development classes are starting again this month. These classes can serve as community service hours for anyone who needs these hours.
- Soon, children under 15 will be allowed into the computer lab without parental supervision. We will be hiring a temporary computer lab monitor to supervise.
- Q: Is it true that Zumba will be discontinued?
  - A: Yes. It was being managed poorly and there was not a sufficient turnout. We will be offering another exercise program in its place.

*Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm*