

Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes

July 2010

Dan Falk, President of GT &GIA, started the meeting at 7:00

Kim Schafer, treasurer, reported that the organization has \$570.01 in the account.

- There was money put down (1/2 the cost) to purchase a 3rd neighborhood sign which will be placed on the corner of Franklin and Dreux Ave.
- The neighborhood will be receiving a reimbursement for the purchase of neighborhood watch signs--\$750.00

Guest, Jeff Kugler, —Red Cross Hurricane Preparedness

- Handed out hurricane guides and maps. The guide is the same as last year. He recommends putting it in your car for routes to evacuation.
- 211—State agency with a human being call center. Staffed 24/7 with trained personnel
- Contra-flow has changed since Gustav. It is extended farther North.
- City assisted evacuation—a program designed to help people who have no means of evacuating
- If people are on their own, they will be evacuated and brought to a shelter. Pets are allowed in a crate. Evacuees will be fed three meals a day, and brought back to the city.
- Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed.
 - important documents
 - extra cash
 - extra supply of medicine

Kelly Butler reported that:

- Brian Baldwin is the new contact person at Beacon of Hope. He can be contacted at: Baldwin@lakewoodbeacon.com
 - He will be helping us with our surveys and data collection
- The neighborhood surveying and blight management needs to be revisited. We have not had as much interest/participation. Keeping up with neighborhood blight has become an overwhelming task that will need to be revisited in September when we reconvene.

Lot-next-door purchasers of the property located at 4979 to state that they would like to demolish the property. There was a lively discussion that ensued about how the neighborhood should handle proposed demolitions of properties that contribute to the neighborhoods historical character.

Dan Falk reported that the Night out Against Crime will replace the August membership meeting.

St. Paul Homecoming Center is no longer a part of Beacon of Hope. It is still located in Gentilly and will remain so.

Temporary library is open—located in the same shopping center as the post office

Tina Matoyer—attended the meeting to state that she is employed in our Councilwoman's office as the new Constituent Services Liaison. She can be reached at:

504.658.1040

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Ms. Matoyer stated that the Odyssey House locating a facility in our neighborhood on Dreux Ave is not true; it is a rumor. Residents of the street stated that they have seen workers at the site who are residents of Odyssey House. There was a conversation about what can be done to make sure that it is not converted into a group home.