

**Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Improvement Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**November 11, 2009**

- President Dan Falk started the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
- Accept October meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report (Kim Shaefer)  
\$4,006.68 in bank, we will buy 2 more GT&GIA signs  
Membership dues are \$20 a year. The membership year begins in January. If you join during the last 3 months of the year, your membership will run till the end of next year.
- Cynthia Hedge Morrell -  
The Neighborhood Conservation District ordinance finally passed. The boundaries are Elysian Fields, Filmore, Peoples Avenue, and Gentilly Blvd. If any house asks for a demolition permit, the request must come before the Neighborhood Conservation District Committee. We have one member of that committee.  
Milne Boy's Home meeting at Dillard University - There is \$7 million in state money allocated for it, but since there has been so much delay, it now has a very low priority with the State Bonding Commission. A Science and Math school is possible. Right now, the Caretaker's cottage, the chapel and the wash-room are being torn down. Any future planning will involve the following 3 neighborhoods: GT&G, Milneburg, and Seabrook.
- Dan Falk -- Gentilly Terrace and Gardens "Beacon of Hope"
  - Blight Survey (Jesse Yoste)
    - 150 "Blighted" properties
    - Double check the condition of the properties
    - Send letters to owners giving them 30 days to respond (fix or ask for help). A few were returned as undeliverable.
    - We next will work with code enforcement to bring them into compliance
- **Dan Falk -- Master Plan**  
We had a meeting with the staff of the City Planning Commission Oct 23 (Lisa Kamuf, Kelly Butler, Nik Richard, Dan Falk) CPC vote pushed back to January, Council vote after new council takes office (most likely)
  - **Land Use Map.** is in present Master Plan document.  
Problem -- Mixed-Use Medium Density is defined as density that is medium. No numeric values to define the density.  
Elysian Fields/Gentilly Blvd is listed as Mixed Use, Medium Density  
Elysian Fields/Filmore is listed as Neighborhood Commercial  
Elysian Fields/Robert E. Lee is listed as Mixed Use, Low Density
  - new comprehensive **Zoning Map** will be done next year by Goody Clancy in conjunction

with another firm

**Land Use Map** will have the force of law. Council can still change zoning to something inconsistent with Land Use Map, the opposition can sue in court to stop it.

State law says that Zoning can only be created and changed by a legislative body, not an appointed commission.

- Dan Falk -- Transit Plan for Gentilly - Streetcars in our future?

Canal St. streetcar cost \$160 mil (80/20 split with Feds, last project) Elysian Fields would be a 50/50 split and would cost the city \$80 million.

Feds have competition - Criteria: Trip Generators: schools, medical facilities, recreation

Walkability, Housing 15+ units per acre, Mixed Use zoning (retail/residential)

Our **Land Use Map** doesn't have enough density to support it. Too many single family homes.

- Dan Falk -- Submerged Roads Program in Gentilly (no side streets will be done, only streets deemed to be evacuation routes.)

Starting in late 2009 and taking 14 months to complete all projects:

- Leon C. Simon Dr.
    - London Ave. Canal to Elysian Fields Ave.
  - Filmore Ave.
    - St. Bernard Ave. to Elysian Fields Ave.
  - Mirabeau Ave.
    - St. Bernard Ave. to Elysian Fields Ave.
  - Paris Ave
    - I-610 to Mirabeau Ave.
  - Elysian Fields Ave.
    - Lakeshore Dr. to Gentilly Blvd.
  - St. Bernard Ave.
    - I-610 to Filmore Ave.
- Lia Yoste -- Hike for KaTREEena tree planting in January 23rd
  - Kim Schaefer -- Holiday Door Decorating Contest
    - Open to all Gentilly Terrace & Gardens residents
    - Entry fee \$10 per door      Entry deadline Wednesday, December 9
    - To enter, turn in entry form with cash or check made out to GT&GIA
    - at Gentilly Terrace & Gardens Improvement Association meetings

- mail or deliver to 3431 Gentilly Blvd, NOLA 70122

Judging will be held on the evening of Wednesday, December 16

Prizes given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place doors

For more information, contact Kim Schaefer

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- Old Business -

- Other Business -

Kim Schaefer - The next Gentilly Market will be held Saturday, Dec 5th in the afternoon.

- Next meeting - December 9, 2009

- Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm