

Gentilly Terrace & Gardens Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2009

- Neighborhood Vice President, Dan Falk, started the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
- There were approximately 25 people in attendance.

- Representatives from the St. Bernard spoke about the work they are starting in Gentilly. They have received 5 Road Home properties to start work on. They prioritize intergenerational living and are taking applications in Gentilly, addressing most desire situations first. They can be contacted at the following:

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- District 97 State Representative, Jarod Brossett, gave an update on the 2009 legislative session that ended in June.
 - Originally proposed cuts of \$218 million were voted down to just \$100 million
 - He recommends contacting the Governors office about the closing of the mental health hospital
 - He supports alternative site for cold storage facility currently being planned for bottom of Elysian Fields—would result in 200 trucks entering EF daily
 - His office is located in the Capital One building on Elysian Fields
 - Contact info
 - 504-284-4794
 - jbrossett@legis.state.la.us

- State Senator, JP Morrell, addressed a question about blight and some enabling legislation that would allow a resident to sue their next door neighbor—he promised to check into it and get back to us at the next meeting.

- President, Dan Falk, informed the membership about Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Google group. Email him and he will send you an invitation to join.

- Maria Tio reported that July's Marketplace sold 1,000 units of food and had approximately 600 attendees. She also has raffle tickets (25.00) for a Ford Mustang Coupe that was donated by the Ford dealership in Metairie. The Mustang will be auctioned of at the Gentilly Fest in October.
 - The Gentilly Fest needs volunteers to work the booths and help with set-up/tear-down

- A resident spoke about the incinerator being planned for Gentilly/N.O. East—they plan to take trash and convert it into energy. Public meetings have started on this issue.

- Kelly Butler reported there have not been any new activities on Druex/Painters St.
- Al and Jane Fandrich reported that the planting along St. Roch went very well
 - 140 trees were planted on St Roch
 - residents on Venus and Marigny Streets also received trees
 - they had 69 (Sat) and 70 (Sun) volunteers from the Human Resource Conference
 - They need help with watering, especially in this heat
 - Contact Al and Jane if you see trees that are at risk of dying
- Norm Whitley reported on the creation of a NORA 2 Committee for all of Gentilly
 - Road Home properties would be available to residents before being offered to a developer

Norm also reported that the GCIA Education Committee has been reconstituted to monitor and steer education in Gentilly.