

**Gentilly Terrace & Gardens Improvement Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 2009**

- President Dan Falk started the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
- Treasurer's Report: Kim Schaefer reported that there is \$4,518.00 in the account. She stated that there are books, fans and magnets still available. We will be selling them at Gentilly's Marketplace and festival.
- Dan Falk stated that we will be rescheduling our Beacon of Hope grand opening
- Beacon of Hope's volunteer trainer, Randy, spoke about how to make the best volunteer committee for our neighborhood and stated that he is ready to assist us as soon as we put together our volunteer committee.
- Milissa Orzelek, also from the Beacon of Hope, presented the results of the neighborhood survey.
  - Milissa spoke about organizing the blight committee. The requirements for this committee include positions:
    - (1) Person to go through tax assessor's site and identify property owners
    - (2) Outreach person to contact owners
    - (3) Track code enforcement hearings and alerts neighbors to hearings
  - Peter Ventress spoke about a meeting he attended in which the LRA is considering extending the rebuilding timeframe for those (for two more years) who chose option 1 in the Road Home Program.
    - Residents are urged to contact state legislature about the 2 year extension
- Cynthia Hedge-Morrell stated that the reason for the extension is because the LRA-ICF did not do the figures right from the beginning by penalizing property owners 30-40% who were not required to have flood insurance
  - there are 3500 homeowners in N.O. that have not closed yet with Road Home.
  - JP and Jared Brossett have objected the extension
  - In order to get the extension you have to explain what you did with the money
  - If you have receipts you can compare what it cost to repair your home against what they gave you
- 311 complaints—if you don't get a response from them call the councilwoman's office

- Dan Falk asked Ms. Hedge-Morrell about Gentilly's Conservation District—she says in it is legal now
- Encourages residents to contact council office (all of the council persons) to keep garbage collecting company in District D
- Voting precincts may to return to the school—call Arthur's Morrell's office who will then let the councilwoman know if you are in favor of this
- 4446 Arts another 71 days will get fined as of Nov 11<sup>th</sup>
  
- Dan Falk stated that Gentilly Fest volunteers are still needed. We will be in charge of the drink booth. 6-8 people per shift. Deadline for notifying volunteer availability is Oct. 1. Let Dan know if you would like to volunteer
- Dan Falk stated that -Hike for Katreena led tree planting scheduled for this fall has been delayed to January 23 due to low donations
  - Leah Yoste has forms that can be filled out now for this
  - If you've already signed up you don't need to do it again
  - Need neighborhood volunteers to help with planting
  
- Anne Keifer from the DA's office spoke to the membership about the office's plan to prosecute for contractor fraud and stated that citizens should call the office if they have anything to report.

#### New Business:

Kim Schaeffer asked everyone to consider a holiday door decorating contest. This was done last year and could be a good fundraiser.