



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS NEW ORLEANS

Education and Recreation Working Team Meeting 1

May 21, 2012, 6pm-7pm

Sojourner Truth Community Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Agenda

I. Introductions

II. Overview

III. Who's At the Table

IV. Working Team Process

V. Action Items

Highlights from April 19th

Strategies for Community Involvement

VI. Presentations

NORDC – Summer Camps & Programs

VII. Closing

Next Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting Notes

What is CNI (Choice Neighborhood Initiative)?

- Providing choices to community members about how the neighborhood develops and options for education and jobs in the neighborhoods.
- Stakeholders can weigh in on developments, projects and services throughout the neighborhood.
 - Funding from HUD for the redevelopment of Iberville will be used in the Iberville and across the entire project area
- Leveraging investments from HUD to increase the access to services and housing in the project area



- Where are the gaps in services and how can this group address those gaps
- With an organized coalition we can address any lack of services or investment in the area
- CNI is about people, housing and neighborhoods and the projects, programs and services that fall under these three categories. The “neighborhood” is defined by the project boundaries which are St. Bernard to Tulane and Rampart to Claiborne.
- We want to build consensus across the project area so we can leverage all the projects and programs to improve the community.
 - We want to build a coalition of stakeholders in the footprint

Who are the stakeholders here today?

- Urban Strategies
- NPN
- Providence
- Neighborhood Engagement Office- City of New Orleans
- Total Community Action

Who are the stakeholders we need to include in the coalition?

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| ● NORDC | ● Youth Empowerment Project |
| ● Park & Parkways | ● HIKE |
| ● NOLA pond | ● St. Peter Claiborne- LDM |
| ● The Partnership for Youth Development | ● Micah |
| ● School Representatives | ● Corpus Christi |
| ● Booster Clubs | ● Friends of Craig and/or Craig Advisory Council |
| ● Residents | ● Friends of Lafitte Corridor |
| ● Rebuilding Together | |

General Comments:

- What is the purpose of this group?
- How would we deal with groups who want to get a park in their neighborhood? If NORDC is part of the coalition can we move a park through the process in a different way than the typical group?
- No, all applications for City services and programs will move through the City process the normal way



- This is a group of citizens and non-profits coming together to leverage resources to meet actionable items identified by the group.
- We need to reach out to more citizens.
- The CNI Engagement Team is reaching out to people so they can know more about the project and get involved.

NORDC Updated from Vic Richards:

- Lehman pool is opening on June 4
- Treme Center is under renovations which include:
 - The pool is being completely dug out and a new pool is being built
 - Partnership with Red Cross to provide swim training
 - Working to include swim practice into the curriculum of surrounding schools
 - Swim teams
 - Water aerobics
 - A new music hall and dance floor is being built
 - Possible computer center
- Lafitte Corridor will have ball fields and booster offices
- Summer camp at Craig School for children age 5-12 (100 spots still available)

Urban Strategies:

- Open to entire CNI project area:
 - Adult education services
 - NOPLAY
 - Construction Training Program
- Iberville services:
 - Case Management
 - Workforce Services
 - Financial Education
 - Summer Camps
- Hiring an education liaison
 - Advocate for parents and students
 - Advise parents on pipeline services
 - Apply for Promise Neighborhoods Grant

Providence:



- Summer camp at Sojourner Truth
 - 30 spots- 5-12 age group
- Teen Camps
- Programming for tennis courts
- Computer classes
- Exercise classes

Meeting Action Items:

- Contact more stakeholders
- Send contact list