

Meeting Notes
Scotlandville Comprehensive Community Development Plan Update
Advisory Working Group
August 17, 2020, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Attendees: Angela white, Dina Johnson, Judith Ned, Queen Muhammad Ali, Howard Davis, Pat LeDuff, Rinaldi Jacobs, T. Thomas, Dialo Bagayoko, Breanna Booker, Angelle Bradford

1. Introductions
2. Review of asset mapping
Reviewed the google map of improvements/ development in the last 15 years. Click on:
[Scotlandville Neighborhood Improvements](#)
3. Review of vision, big ideas, top survey issues and initial strategies / Identify additional strategies

Committee comments on the PPT presentation (attached):

- Need to focus on residential and neighborhood cleanup – have a problem with commercial businesses maintaining their sites. Issue with commercial business maintenance (Have not had any code enforcement)
- Businesses along Scotland, Harding and Scenic need to be pressed to clean up the businesses and sites.
- Currently in conversation with the City-Parish and Exxon about façade improvements,
- SU has a Neighborhood Developer Program that has been operating for roughly 2 years with over 200 graduates of the program – to help create developers
- Add Scenic Hwy as another on Main Street bullets
 - Review and revise the Main Street text
- Focus on walkable are corridors and what part of areas have code violations, etc.
- Maps: Look at boundaries. Update the labels on the map; show full Scotlandville map with the focus area insert
- In the last legislative session passed legislation for a university district – signed by governor – should get a copy of that and see how applies and can be used
- Reuse existing building through the Brownfield program
- Call out commercial business, specifically slumlords
- Need to build community capacity for neighborhood association
- Connect SU/Harding to the Plank Rd/Harding bus connection
- Not advocates for bike lane on Curtis Street (as shown on the adopted EBR Bike Plan), preferred Harding Blvd
- There are great environmental groups in NBR and on SU campus (Sierra Club and Green Army, etc.) that are all about the outdoors. Would love to loop them in when appropriate.
- University needs to do better on policing doing football - who is controlling parking, university activities, impact across street from campus
 - Need other programs during major event areas to give kids constructive activity

- Make sure university requires parade participants to be family oriented (PG rather than R-rated)
- Needs to have a safer community feel overall with parades so community can be involved
- Education strategies
 - Working on community wi-fi partnership with (BREC, Exxon, Library, etc.)
 - Parenting focus on education and food programs that connects to the church and nonprofits
- Working with the ag center on food security
- Slide 7 – opportunities on scenic – look at using the brownfield program on the old city national bank building
- Enforce code violations
- This language feels loosely abstract, not tangible or cohesive – needs to be more specific
- There are many equal opportunity issues – African American businesses need support
- Look for potential funding through brownfield remediation program
- Add bullet – home program - have programs to assist people to get into homes
- Need programs on “good neighbor” actions – what it takes to be a good neighbor and first-time homeowners’ program – have to do x hours of class, that includes how to be a good neighbor
- Need to build neighborhood association capacity to provide some of these services
- Use 72nd to connect to Plank Road
- Walking across the interstate is uncomfortable – need safe path and walk and bike over freeway
- Programming for nature programs should be provided with the university, to support education and science, biology, ag center, etc.
- Reimagine the zoo – incorporate those recommendations

4. Next Steps

- Meet on ~~August 31~~ September 14 at 5PM to get continued input on proposed strategies
- Review community survey to prioritize strategies