

**NSA New Orleans Advisory Task Force
Delegates Meeting
March 11, 2009**

Minutes

Delegates in Attendance: Maj. Gen. David Mize, Dr. Julie Jones, Joe Cocchiara, Kara Renne, and John Koch.

Other Attendees: Belinda Little-Wood, Executive Director; Nora Ann Winbush, Program Assistant; Tom Hunter, URS; Chris LaRue, URS; Steve Villavaso; Darryl Saizan; Eric Granderson, Councilman Fielkow's office; Jessica Venagas, Unity; and Abby Johnson, Unity.

Call to Order: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Belinda Little-Wood, Executive Director.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes for the previous meeting were not presented for adoption.

Recap of Progress: Ms. Little-Wood reiterated three (3) public meetings had been held at the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts. Additionally, the Board had held a working session December 8, 2008 to review the various plans. The next step in the process was to present the plan to the Mayor and the City Council for concurrence.

URS Corporation Presentation: Ms. Little-Wood introduced the planning team, URS, and the team presented a power point overview of the preferred plan. A copy of the presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The preferred plan suggested redeveloping all three existing structures. The development would be a mixed use development including the opportunities for retail, commercial, and possibly market rate residential. The plan outlined a myriad of potential uses including, but not limited to, neighborhood level retail, research and training technology center, neighborhood and potential cruise terminal parking, an emergency operation center and temporary hurricane shelter for special needs, and market rate residential. It is anticipated the plan should provide sufficient flexibility to meet the needs of the real estate market and financial market when the property becomes available for development.

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Furthermore, the accommodation of the homeless service provider with approximately two (2) acres of land in the northwest corner of the property, allows the LRA to fulfill its directive to assist the homeless service provider request. The request for land to develop permanent supportive housing meets the unmet needs of the homeless according to the Continuum of Care outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

Action Item: A motion was made by Dr. Julie Jones to approve the plan as presented and submit it for further review by the Mayor and City Council. The motion was seconded by Kara Renne and it passed unanimously.

Grant Term: Ms. Little-Wood outlined to the Board the current grant expires March 31, 2009. A request for an extension to September 30, 2009 would be requested by staff to the Office of Economic Adjustment.

Adjournment: With no more business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Little-Wood
Executive Director
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