

**NSA New Orleans Advisory Task Force
Delegates Meeting
September 10, 2009**

Minutes

Delegates in Attendance: Maj. Gen. David Mize, Clayton White, Ben Johnson, Kara Renne, and John Koch.

Other Attendees: Belinda Little-Wood, Executive Director; Nora Ann Winbush, Program Assistant Chris LaRue, URS; Steve Villavaso; Clarence Bickam, Councilwoman Cynthia Willard-Lewis's office; Eric Strachan, Councilwoman Jackie Clarkson's office; Peter Hamilton, Deputy City Attorney; Jessica Venagas, Unity; Kelly Longwell, Council for Unity; Col. William Davis, MARFORRES; Howard Myrick, MARFORRES; Amy Carbonette, MARFORRES; Capt. Bill Garrett, Program Manager NSA BRAC; Cyrena Eitler, Program Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment; and Jeanette Musil, Program Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment.

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 of the meetings for December 8, 2008, January 23, 2009, and March 11, 2009 were presented for adoption. A motion was made by Clayton White to adopt all minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Maj. Gen. David Mize and approved unanimously.

Recap of Progress: Ms. Little-Wood provided a summary of activities to date, including the most recent public meetings as requested by Councilwoman Cynthia Willard-Lewis. She also presents copies of legislation pending both in the Senate (Bill) and House of Representatives (HR 645). She indicated that both bills had significant impact of the NSA New Orleans "EastBank" Reuse Plan and encouraged the Board to review and support.

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.

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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.

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.

General Mize requested that the Executive Summary of the plan outline in more detail the variety of uses proposed. The staff and URS assured the Board that the revision would be made and forwarded to the Board.

Action Item: A motion was made by Ben Johnson to approve the plan as presented and submit it for signature by the Mayor and submitted to the Department of Defense and Housing and Urban Development. The motion was seconded by Kara Renne and it passed unanimously.

Homeless Service Provide Submission: Ms. Little-Wood provided an overview of the Homeless Service Provider submission as prepared by staff with the assistance of outside counsel, Kutak Rock. A copy of the submission is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Action Item: After some discussion, Clayton White made a motion to approve the Homeless Service Provider submission as presented and submit it to the Department of Defense and Housing and Urban Development. The motion was seconded by John Koch and was passed unanimously.

Legally Binding Agreement: Ms. Little-Wood provided a summary of the draft of the legally binding agreement between the City of New Orleans and Unity of Greater New Orleans. This agreement had been drafted by outside counsel, Kutak Rock, and the Deputy City Attorney, Peter Hamilton. During discussion of the agreement, Gen. Mize suggested that a timeline

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should be incorporated into the document that would and incentive to Unity to perform on the agreement without undue delays. The Staff and Deputy City Attorney, Peter Hamilton indicated that phrasing outlining a deadline would be incorporated into the document.

Action Item: A motion was made by John Koch to approve the draft of the legally binding agreement with the stipulation that a timeline be incorporated and that the agreement be submitted to the City Attorney's Office to obtain a legal opinion regarding the enforceability under Louisiana law. The agreement would then be included in the submission to the Department of Defense and Housing and Urban Development. The motion was seconded by Gen. Mize and was passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Ms. Little-Wood thanked the Board and all the participants in the planning process for their diligence in getting the Reuse Plan completed. She indicated the Staff was already working on the transition from a planning LRA to an implementation LRA. As a part of that transition, the staff would be relocating its office to the NSA New Orleans Eastbank facility as early as October 1. With no more business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Little-Wood
Executive Director
NSA New Orleans Advisory Task Force