



Appendix C

Needs and Goals from Community Input

Specific Needs and Goals from Community Input by Neighborhood Sectors

The specific and general district needs and goals developed from weekly individual sector meetings, a joint sector steering committee meeting and District-wide Meeting #1. In order to organize, expedite and facilitate the exchange of information four (4) steering committees were formed. These committees are composed of approximately seventy-five (75) neighborhood representatives. At the meetings, we reviewed and discussed the previous planning efforts such as the “Lambert Plan” and the needs and goals organized roughly around thematic sectors provided by the UNOP City-wide team such as Housing, Infrastructure, Transportation, Economic Revitalization and Environmental Protection. The following appendix incorporates the short and long term needs and goals gathered from numerous meetings and in the homes and on the front porches of neighborhood leaders, phone calls with just “plain old folk,” and a never ending stream of emails.

SECTOR A: Dixon, East Carrollton, Hollygrove, Leonidas, Marlyville / Fontainebleau, Uptown Triangle / Black Pearl

SHORT TERM NEEDS

Hurricane protection

- Heighten the 17th Street Canal wall on the Orleans Parish side and ensure/educate residents of pumping capacities
- Heighten the Palmetto Canal walls
- Close Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO)

Assess and improve utilities

- Increase water pressure to protect structures and neighborhoods from fire
- Conduct a survey of subsurface gas lines
- Remove debris tangled in electrical wires
- Adopt Energy Conservation Codes

Medical care

- Promote school-based clinics that are federally funded through 3:30 funds
- Public medical care for individuals or families without insurance
- Renovate Incarnate Word Church and School as a community center with medical clinic

Drainage

Improve pumping station capacity, drainage flow, and storm drain creation to reduce street flooding particularly in these locations:

- Palmer Park, especially along Dublin Street
- Dante and Claiborne Ave.
- Claiborne and Carrollton
- Broadway in the Uptown Triangle
- Carrollton and Fern, Maple and Spruce
- 8200 block of Neron where there are no storm drains or ditches to drain water

Public Safety

- Construct a police station at the Carrollton and Claiborne intersection
- Promote community policing programs
- Upgrade firehouse department
- Install better street lighting throughout neighborhoods, specifically Palmer Park
- Provide pedestrian protection and transportation shelters along streetcar routes

Schools

- Integrated community social service programs with neighborhood schools
- Promote the expansion of the Priestley School for Architecture and Construction
- Provide childcare at neighborhood schools

Street Surfacing, Signals, Street Signs

- Rank streets by need to prioritize for paving
- Enforce weight restrictions on truck routes
- Install speed limit signs on neighborhood streets
- Install more stop signs to calm traffic

Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization

- Develop the intersection at Carrollton and Claiborne as a gateway to Uptown with a police station and neighborhood business services.
- Beautification and planning of Carrollton Corridor from Claiborne to Interstate 10
- Redevelop the Carrollton Shopping Center
- Promote local neighborhood business services and retail particularly along the Oak Street corridor, Earhart, Leonidas, Maple Street
- Promote neighborhood grocery stores
- Extend the St. Charles Streetcar line

Public Transit

- Develop a regional transit plan between Orleans and Jefferson parishes
- Utilize Earhart and or Claiborne as light rail corridors
- Higher frequency of services using smaller buses (shuttle)
- Extend the St. Charles Streetcar line to Canal Street

Housing Repair/Reconstruction

- Demolish buildings that pose a health hazard, salvage restorable building materials
- Restore historic buildings that do not pose health hazards
- Encourage historic design while utilizing flood resistant and energy efficient building materials and practices
- Provide affordability for home-buyers using creative financing strategies

LONG TERM NEEDS

Education Facilities

- Adequate mix and physical condition upgrades that are appropriate to the population
- Renovate Dunbar
- Revitalize Head Start

Community and Cultural Facilities

- Larger public library than Nix on Carrollton
- Open Dunbar Library to community
- Develop a Carrollton City Historic Museum
- Restoration of historic cemeteries
- Renovate Ashton Theater
- Renovate Bethune School as a community center, library and public playground
- Revitalize Carrollton Senior Center
- Implementation of a community-wide wireless service

Pocket Parks, Linear Parks, Recreation Centers and Bike Paths

- Upgrade Palmer Park just as green space without any commercial use
- Playgrounds for small children, tot lots
- Shared green space and playgrounds with schools
- Upgrade Conrad Playground
- Upgrade G.W. Carver Park near Uptown Square
- Upgrade Dreyfous play spot to a public playground with community facility
- Develop green space and parks for older adults
- Develop pocket parks
- Designate bike lanes on Claiborne Avenue
- Create walking/biking path or lane along Palmetto
- NORD Gymnasium on Palmetto

Parking

- Study alternate options for parking in dense areas
- Painted lines identifying parking lanes

Traffic congestion

- Study options to address traffic issues at Broadway and Leake

Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization

- Construction of a boat dock for the John James Audubon near River Bend or Oak Street (from the Riverfront Vision Plan)

Public transit

- St. Charles Streetcar line connect to the Canal Streetcar line
- Claiborne Avenue or Earhart Boulevard as a regional transit corridor

Neighborhood Gateways/Identification

- Jefferson to Orleans at Claiborne
- Historic Carrollton (Carrollton and Fig)
- Re-route entrance to neighborhood from Interstate 10 and Carrollton

Landscaping

- Replanting programs
- Street landscaping along Claiborne Avenue

Other Neighborhood Maintenance and Improvements

- Sidewalk repairs
- Beautification programs
- Removal of LP&L pipe at Airline Highway
- Culvert and cover Palmetto Canal

SECTOR B: Marlyville / Fontainebleau, Broadmoor, Freret, Audubon / University, Uptown

SHORT TERM NEEDS

1. Layered Hurricane Protection
2. Drainage
3. Street Re-Surfacing, Signals, Street Signs
4. Water pressure, Electricity, Gas
5. Police Force Effectiveness
6. Housing Repair / Reconstruction, and Pattern Books for Infill Construction
7. Elimination of Blighted Housing
8. Code Enforcement to address Nuisance Factors and Abandoned Properties
9. Affordable Housing (mixed-income settings)
10. Enforcement of Zoning and Permitting Requirements throughout the rebuilding
11. Pocket Parks, Linear Parks, Bike Paths

12. Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization
13. Social Services (hospitals/clinics, child care)
14. Re-Open Elementary School (Wilson)
15. Neighborhood Maintenance
16. Regulatory Zoning Overlay for Claiborne Avenue
17. Busses (frequency of service, coverage)

LONG TERM NEEDS

1. Education Facilities
2. Community Facilities
3. Street-directions/Traffic Flow
4. Neighborhood-oriented Bus Routes
5. Neighborhood Gateways/ Identification
6. Continued citizen involvement

SECTOR C: West Riverside, Uptown, Audubon / University

SHORT TERM NEEDS

Infrastructure

- Hurricane protection system (repaired & upgrades levees and pumps)
- Debris removal & garbage/recycling pick-up
- Street/sidewalk resurfacing
- Street lights/traffic signals
- Street signage
- Improved water pressure
- Upgraded gas lines
- Improved drainage (catch basins and drain lines)

Public Safety

- Attract & retain fireman and policeman
- Reopen closed fire stations
- Street lighting

Education/healthcare

- Restore/renovate existing facilities

Transportation

- St. Charles streetcar
- Nashville express line
- Reliable/frequent bus system

Housing

- Renovate/restore blighted and adjudicated properties
- More mixed-income housing

LONG TERM NEEDS

Infrastructure

- Bury overhead lines
- Replant trees
- Park/median maintenance program

Public Safety

- Additional investment in criminal justice system
- Additional police & fire presence/personnel

Education/healthcare

- Viable neighborhood schools
- Healthcare in close proximity to neighborhoods

Transportation

- Connect St. Charles streetcar to Canal streetcar
- Light rail on Claiborne Avenue
- Smaller scaled public buses/more frequent
- Create bike lanes

Housing

- Guidelines for demolition and renovation (historic preservation)
- Incentives for renovation/restoration rather than demolition

Community

- More childcare facilities
- Community activity centers for seniors
- Community activity centers for children
- Additional elderly housing facilities

Economic Generators

- Commercial revitalization of Freret Street, Claiborne Avenue and Earhart Boulevard
- Further development/improvements to Tchoupitoulas Street
- Attract new industry (wealth creation)

- Re-establishment of trade schools
- Connection to river through levee developments

GOALS

SECTOR B: Marlyville / Fontainebleau, Broadmoor, Freret, Audubon / University, Uptown

SHORT TERM GOALS

1. Reliable protection from flooding
2. Complete all post-Katrina cleanup (trash, debris)
3. Police efficiency/effectiveness
4. Regular delivery of city services for a functional neighborhood (including trash pickup, debris removal, utilities, public transit, emergency medical services, police protection, zoning/permitting enforcement, representation/involvement in neighborhood and city-wide planning)
5. Beautify the area with landscaping and buffering between residential and commercial
6. Revitalize neighborhood commercial corridors
7. Infrastructure repair (streets and sidewalks, signs, traffic lights, street lights, electrical, water, gas, sewer, storm drains). Coordinate scheduling to minimize number of times streets must be fixed
8. Full remediation of environmental contamination
9. Pedestrian amenities such as benches, crosswalks, trash receptacles
10. One-stop Community Centers

MID TO LONG TERM GOALS

1. Self-sufficiency via smart growth
2. Family-friendly, walkable neighborhoods
3. Green space within close walking distance of every home (1/4 mile)
4. Connectivity of neighborhoods in term of collaborative efforts among neighborhood organizations, and physical linkages (pedestrian corridors, bicycle paths, bus service)
5. Wireless service
6. Preserve and restore green canopy of trees

