



**1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: October 14, 2006  
 Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.  
 Recorded By: EDSA Project Team  
 Meeting Type: District Meeting  
 Meeting Materials: PowerPoint presentation  
 Presentation size maps  
 Sign in sheets  
 Survey form  
 Comment cards

**Background**

On October 14, 2006, a meeting was held with District 5 of the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP) Project. Fifty residents attended this meeting. The consultant started the meeting with a few opening remarks and thanked the residents for their attendance. Using a PowerPoint presentation, the consultant team reviewed the following:

**Presentation**

- Introduction
  - District Team
  - The Planning Process
- Distinct Elements of UNOP from other Planning Efforts
  - Realistic appraisal of flood protection and hazard risk (Citywide)
  - Focus on recovery projects
  - Formal submission of projects to the LRA for funding
  - Focus on both flooded and dry neighborhoods
- Synopsis of Previous Planning Efforts in the District
  - District 5 Lambert Plans
  - West End Redevelopment Plan
  - City Park Improvement Concepts
- Review Implementation Process to Meet District Needs
  - Discussion of District 5 Needs, Vision and Goals
  - Additional Needs, Goals and Community Visioning Input

**Group Facilitation and Discussion**

After reviewing the presentation, the residents were given the opportunity to identify self-help initiatives. Below is a summary of this discussion. Also identified were concerns and issues residents want the UNOP to address.

- What initiatives is District 5 currently working on as far as initiatives?
  1. Block Captain Survey – infrastructure, utility and house problems, have documented houses with overgrown yards, etc.
  2. Good Neighbor Program
  3. Block Captain Program
    - 400 Block Captains
    - Regular 13-15 point survey of their block
    - Updated weekly and distributed by email to City departments
    - District 5 residents can find out who their block captain on the Lakeview website ([www.lakeviewcivic.org](http://www.lakeviewcivic.org))
    - This information has been available since April
  4. Types of Changes
    - Flooded cars were gone quickly
    - Leaking catch basin was fixed
    - Hydrant sare not leaking any more
  5. District 5 gets a better response form the City because they are organized.
  6. Department of Public Works Director suggested the surveys document pre and post Katrina infrastructure issues in order to measure change.
  7. The residents' participation in survey tasks is important to FEMA recognition, residents hope this is true.
- Where are they having difficulties?
  1. Tried to start a Main Street Program by writing a grant, but was not approved.
    - Disheartening
    - Hoping to expand business district down Harrison and include four principles of Main Street Organization
    - Want to do Main Street event
    - Artist painting, electrical box program
- District 5 does believe they get a lot of help from the State or Federal.
- DMV has been neglected by the State
- Feel they should not be penalized for being proactive – not a good incentive.
- Resident Question: What is their incentive to keep coming to the UNOP meetings? We need to see a few examples that show the City cares such as fixing street signs, lighting, etc.
- Residents do things the government will not, on state or local level.
- Residents need a state or local level indication of reward the neighborhood isdoing such a great job on their own. There's \$134,000.000 in Lambert Plan Projects to be considered.
- How much longer will this process take? When do we get to see built repairs, streets, etc.?
- The reason why residents do not come back to the meetings is because of slowness of the process.
- We must get the population comfortable with this quality of life in order to get them to come back and support commercial.
- We must do what it takes to assure that quality of life conveniences are reinstated.

- Investors will not come if the population does not increase. People will not come back if the infrastructure is not fixed.
- The City has to bring back money generators.
- Out of 11,000 properties, about 12% of Lakeview is reoccupied.
- What is District 5's voice on the commission that will be doing the prioritization? Who represents District 5 as an advocate for why FEMA repairs are late, wrong, and loud? Why is District 5 not getting what they are paying for?
- Pressure needs to be put on C. O. E. to do the job right. See your congressman.
- A major impediment for people not coming back is potential for 3 to 4 times higher property taxes in the future. Property tax bills will not be affordable for retirees and fixed income residents.
- We need a "Rebuild New Orleans" assessment freeze.
- The Post Office will not come back because of the population.
- The high school is closed even though at least 1,000 kids live in the neighborhood.
- Senior housing is needed for those that cannot rebuild.
- LRA – What do we want the monies to do?
  - District 5 wants LRA to hand money to homeowners
- Residents want to see what other sources of money exists besides LRA
- How do they leverage potential LRA funds for other funding methods?
- District 5 is hoping to adopt an initiative that involves LRA selling properties to people within the neighborhood, within the same block or near. The "Lot Next Door" program has not been adopted yet.
- LRA purchase disposition is a major issue. What is happening with LRA properties? Nothing in writing says that the LRA property has to be listed and resold.
- Rules need to be put in place before LRA auction/sales. Rules such as redevelopment deadlines, timeframes, permit requirements in 30 days, etc.
- LRA may be turning acquire land over to the City for distribution.
- An effective marketing plan may bring people back.
- Insurance and utility costs have skyrocketed. This is prohibitive for people returning.
- Neighbors supporting neighbors is a good feeling in the districts – noteworthy.
- They must be careful not to fall into a "bad neighborhood" feeling.
- Could you get LRA members to come to the meetings? This will help to answer questions.
- Can you get a residential contractor license and get money to LRA faster?
- City Park Master Plan - \$115,000,000 of new facility and \$43,000,000 in damages
- Where are the displaced residents?

**Comment Cards**

- Parkview should be with the mid-city district.
- Its neighborhood association is St. John.
- I hope this doesn't mean our streets won't be repaired because Lakeview needs more help.
- Maybe the pioneer spirit and courage needs to be talked up.
- The meeting was very well organized. I enjoyed hearing everyone's concerns.
- The meeting was interesting and informative.

After Action Review Results		
3 Positive Outcomes	Your Concerns	Suggestions for Improvement
Ideas/Concepts	Return of population	Bring LRA to meetings
Economic Development	No clear plan	Need breaks during meetings
People waiting to rebuild	LRA information	We need help implementing
Planners were able to hear our concerns	Infrastructure, fire houses and police	Make decisions and be consistent
We learned from each other	education	Help people come back to Lakeview
Allowing comments and questions	Things are moving too slowly	Don't punish the middle class that had insurance and paid their bills on time
Information being shared	Insurance rates	Communication needs to be forthcoming from all levels of government
Raised awareness	No answers from LRA	Communicate meeting date and time
An honest discussion	Housing, LRA properties	
Better understanding of problems and process	No financial help coming any time soon	
Lakeview is ahead of the curve	We need a post office, school, and senior housing	
Goals are being prioritized	Will I be able to afford future property taxes	
A few blocks on my street has been demolished	Levees and future insurance costs	
	This will be an academic exercise and no real progress will be made	
	Pumping during heavy rain	
	Need a grocery store	
	High real estate taxes	
	My street will not be repair	
	Abandoned houses	
	City and UNOP will drag their feet in assisting Lakeview	
	Missing street sign	
	Move forward quickly on street and pothole problems	



**2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: November 11, 2006  
 Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
 Recorded By: Project Team  
 Meeting Type: District Meeting  
 Meeting Materials: PowerPoint presentation  
 Presentation size maps  
 Sign in sheets  
 Survey form

**Meeting Format**

District 5 stakeholders have organized themselves into a number of sub-committees to represent key areas of the recovery process. As part of the District-wide meeting format, time was allocated to committee chairpersons to provide an update on the progress of their work. The committee presentations reflected positive trends in the District 5 recovery process, especially in the areas of houses being repaired, families that have returned to their homes, and business operations that have reopened. EDSA Team data regarding businesses that had reopened was provided to the committee chairpersons and formatted for their use. EDSA Team members used a PowerPoint presentation to convey:

- Information on repopulation forecasts for D5 in comparison to the City of New Orleans, (Information provided from the Citywide team)
- Flood protection initiatives that will impact D5 (Information provided from the Citywide team), and
- A range of potential recovery/rebuilding initiatives and projects that have been generated through previous D5 planning processes.

The initiatives and potential projects were categorized on the basis of three scenario options:

- Status quo/Repair - based on the availability of only current state/federal funding levels and current levels of flood protection.
- Rehabilitate - based on moderate increases in state/federal funding levels and additional flood protection.
- Revision - based on ample increases in state/federal/other funding levels and an accelerated rate of upgrading flood protection.

In an effort to generate discussion, the following questions were presented:

- If population within the district does not occur at the pace that residents hope for, what should the District's approach be regarding:
  - Local input on neighborhood redevelopment efforts
  - Disposition of vacant and abandoned structures and parcels
- If the repopulation within the District does not occur at the pace that residents hope for, what minimum type of retail and services, businesses, are necessary to support the community?

**Discussion**

In general, District 5 residents felt strongly that they had a vested interest in the disposition of vacant and abandoned structures/parcels and redevelopment efforts resulting from the reuse of these properties. Residents expressed concern about the impact of redevelopment as it related to design, density, and affordability. Most residents seem to understand the correlation between repopulation and the return of retail stores and service providers to the District. The discussion questions helped residents to address the importance of focusing on the types of goods and services that would be most important if the District does not repopulate as rapidly as everyone hopes. The prioritization of retail services featured grocery store, drug store, day care facility and schools.

**Outcomes**

There was a great exchange of ideas and approaches regarding how to get involved in the disposition of vacant houses and lots. District 5 community leaders would like to assume a strong advocacy role in how their community is rebuilt. The discussion questions were well received and helped District 5 residents better understand some of the difficult decisions that they face in helping the EDSA Team plan for the rebuilding of their community. Resident leadership would like to seize the opportunities presented through Katrina as a basis to apply innovative approaches to redevelopment and community involvement.

**Presentation**

**A. Update on Citywide Information Being Developed**

- Unique Characteristics of District 5
- Population – Future Situation
- Hurricane/Flood Protection - Implications for City's Recovery
- Congress' Post-Katrina Direction to USACE
- City Wide Info - Strategies for managing hurricane/flood risk
- UNOP's comprehensive, integrated approach to Recovery Financing
- LRA's Recovery Plan and Project Criteria
- LRA Accepted New Orleans City Council Report
- Key Initiatives for Incremental Recovery
- Reordering Key Initiatives for Incremental Recovery

**B. Review Preliminary Scenario Building Approach**

- Status Quo Scenario - Rebuild
- Moderate Public Investment Scenario – Rehabilitate
- Ample Public Investment Scenario – Revision

**C. Possible Scenarios Discussion Topics**

Discussion Question 1

If the repopulation within the district does not occur at the pace that residents hope for, what should the district's approach be regarding:

- Local input on neighborhood redevelopment efforts
- Disposition of vacant and abandoned structures and parcels

Disposition of property that is acquired voluntarily/in-voluntarily by the Louisiana Recovery Authority:

- I like the "Lot Next Door" program
- Residents of D5 should have the first option or acquire any D5 property taken into inventory by the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA)
- There should be guidelines established for how residents develop property after it has been acquired from the LRA
- Concerns about enforcing zoning
  - One option is to form a district level advisory committee to guide zoning practices
- How will residents be informed about rezoning and request for zoning variances on property acquired in D5 from LRA?
- There should be a D5 Advisory Committee established to work with the LRA or the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)
- Current D5 residents need to be open to new residents moving into District and not exclusively to existing residents
- Current moratorium on doubles (duplexes) is lifted to so this type of property could be developed on new vacant lots?
- Current moratorium on the development of doubles should be continued since property owner will be permitted to rebuild a duplex if one already existed on a lot prior to Katrina. The current moratorium sets a limit at 35%
- Population is needed in D5 (in the event pre-Katrina residents do not return) to support commercial and retail rebuilding and recovery. This might be a reason to promote building of more Duplexes? Development of "Granny Apt." on Single Family lots?
- Discourage housing for low income families. What about housing for teachers, policemen, etc. who don't have higher incomes?
- Concern about rising rent prices.
- Review processes need to be expedited.
- Height restriction of 40 ft. is recommended.
- A district policy for removal of structures should be created.
- The disposition of Katrina damaged property that is not repaired and re-occupied should include a series of options before it goes into the LRA inventory:
  - Neighbor next door
  - D5 residents
  - General public
  - LRA
- Removal of houses that will not be renovated and that are not boarded
- What is the best way to work with non-residents but who are property owners, or residents who are tenants?
- Maintaining the family atmosphere of D5 is an important consideration in the recovery and rebuilding process
- The uncertainty and slow pace of the LRA process is a big issue
- Should D5 consider the formation of a non-profit development corp. as a mechanism to work with LRA/NORA:
  - Capacity
  - Board structure
  - Mission

- Is part of the D5 Zoning Committee's work to give the community some protection against incompatible rebuilding
- More concern that the land not go into public control
- Residents who would like to rebuild are having difficulty determining their rebuilding budget because of unanswered questions related to taxes, energy cost, insurance rates, etc.
- Should there be a community land bank established as a way to hold D5 property that is not rebuilt?
- What happens when land value begins to rise and exceeds LRA current buyout potential?
- Property owned by the elderly may be at higher potential of not being rebuilt, especially with the increased buyout funding available for homeowners over the age of 65. The provision will potentially increase the amount of inventory held by the LRA
- Repopulation will depend a large majority on LRA funding and it will take some time to see that
- Other pots may exist for funding and those need to be explored
- Concern how elderly will rebuild and renters will come back

Discussion Question 2

If the repopulation within the district does not occur at the pace that residents hope for, what minimum types of retail and services businesses are necessary to support the community?

Business/Services Needed:

- Grocery Store
- Drug
- Day Care
- Schools
- Gas Station
- Health Care District
- Senior Center
- Post Office
- Middle School/High School
- Library
- Consolidating public facilities including community center, health centers, education
- Golf course at City Park
- Playground – is it back?
- How can businesses be motivated to come back on line?
- Can Public transportation be introduced, but not a big bus?

**D. After Action Review**

1. Please list 3 positive outcomes.

- The residents were able to voice their concerns.
- There was a wealth of information presented.

- Informed about 12/2 meeting.
- Some hope that the make-up of the neighborhood will not change too much.
- Got our input.
- New ideas.
- Discussion about unclaimed property (abandoned).
- Well-organized presentation.
- Enough time for participation.
- Rebuild Lakeview with residents.
- Rebuild the Robert E. Lee and West End intersection.
- Rebuild West End Park & Marina.
- Highest use of funds available.
- Speedier rebuilding.

2. What are your concerns?

- Bringing Hynes back to Lakeview for the 2007-2008 school year.
- How long is the old Lakeview School going to be allowed to deteriorate and when are the grass and weeds going to be cut? Is the N.O. school board exempt from taking care of its property? It's been a disgrace for many years.
- We are still talking but nothing done. I am still deciding what to do – insurance, utilities, levees – everyone talking – nothing done.
- Not making specific efforts to obtain non-government funding.
- That we will not have enough participation from Lakeview and District 5.
- Security.
- Lakeview continues to have the majority of property owners that are residents and not investors.

3. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

- Teach speakers how to use handheld mikes.
- Keep politicians out.
- Not a babysitting site.
- Form group to contact other funding sources.
- These meetings, especially the December 2nd one, need to be advertised better and explained to the public as to the importance of their participation. Surely there is money available to place radio and TV ads. Go on the local TV early morning programs and have news reporters do features on the importance.
- Continue to clean and demolish where needed.
- Responsive City government.

**3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: December 16, 2006  
 Meeting Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 Recorded By: Project Team  
 Meeting Type: District Meeting  
 Meeting Materials: PowerPoint presentation  
 Presentation size maps  
 Sign in sheets

**Background**

On December 16, 2006, a third public meeting was held with District 5 residents regarding the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP) Project. The consultant started the meeting with a few opening remarks and thanked the residents for their attendance. Using a PowerPoint presentation, the consultant team reviewed the following information:

- Flood Protection
- Community Congress II Results
- City-wide Policy Framework
- Recovery Financing
- Developing Draft Plan
- Population and Re-population
- Implementation Strategies
- Discussion Questions

**Presentation**

**A. Flood Protection and Risk Assessment**

- D5 Flood Depth Analysis
- D 5 Elevation Analysis – Risk Assessment
  - Green areas = Low Risk / Yellow-Orange = Medium Risk / Red = High Risk
  - Citywide Elevation Analysis

**B. Community Congress Results (Presentation and handout summarizing results)**

**C. City-wide Policy Framework**

- UNOP is a strong advocate for Category 5 protection and comprehensive coastal restoration.
  - Price tag, design considerations, congressional support, and implementation timetable are all unknowns.
  - If project were authorized today, implementation would probably take many, many years.
  - Additional flood mitigation measures are needed in the interim

Self-Directed – Flood Protection

- Self-Directed flood protection in New Orleans can take several forms:
  - Elevating structures
  - “Hardening” infrastructure and key facilities against future storms
  - Accommodating additional population in less vulnerable areas
  - Moving out of the most vulnerable, flood prone areas
- The UNOP Citywide Team supports a combination of all of these approaches.
- Elevating structures entails stringent enforcement of FEMA elevation requirements at a minimum (BFE or +3 above existing grade – whichever is greater)
- More stringent local requirements may be adopted in the lowest areas
- In addition to Road Home funds and FEMA funds, additional financial assistance may be provided as an incentive to homeowners to cover the cost of elevating a home

Hardening Infrastructure

- Emphasis is on the rapid recovery of services and utilities after a storm event
- Key facilities (schools, civic buildings, pump stations, hospitals) should be retrofitted to facilitate their rapid recovery from flood events
- Other measures, such as burying telephone and power lines are also being examined
- There is some underutilized land in higher areas of New Orleans
- Parking lots
- Abandoned buildings
- Vacant lots
- “Brownfield” sites
- Through infrastructure investment and land use regulations, additional residents can be accommodated
- New development must be sensitive to the character and architectural context of surrounding neighborhoods
- Responds to the direction provided by residents at Community Congress
- Encourage people to re-locate to safer areas
- Encourage clustering of residents in response to smaller population; would counteract “Jack-o-Lantern” effect
- Would cluster key infrastructure and public investment in a strategic fashion

- Preserves personal choice and individual property rights
- Premium purchase prices, beyond pre-Katrina property values, may be offered to those in most vulnerable communities. This is considered a prerequisite for this time of program.
- Choice to sell would be purely voluntary; freedom of choice is preserved
- Quality, baseline public services will be offered in all areas
- Premium infrastructure investments would be concentrated in less vulnerable areas

**D. Recovery Financing**

- Allocation of Recovery Funds in Orleans Parish

**E. Developing Draft Plan**

- Flood Protection System
- D5 Developing Draft Plan – Examples of Raised Houses

**F. Population and Re-population**

- Population – Planning District Population
- Current planning district population estimates are based on utility usage
- Recently available data allows for tracking utility accounts and population over time
- To account for seasonal differences in utility usage, slightly different methodology has been used for most recent population estimates
- Neighborhood Reoccupation
- Repopulation Projections
- Retail Demand Analysis
- Looked at reoccupation of District by neighborhood
- Applied average spending per household to estimate demand
- Inventoried operating businesses in the District and estimated building size
- Compared demand to average spending PSF (100% capture rate)
- Results is maximum supportable square footage for District 5
- Retail Opportunities

**G. Implementation Strategies**

- Harrison Avenue
- Institute a rehabilitation grant/matching loan program for property/business owners
- Create a public/private partnership to provide short-term rent/inventory assistance to businesses, reducing operating costs until local population increases
- Reopen Hynes Elementary and Middle Schools

- Perform a detailed retail market analysis to identify actual retail demand needs as incentive for retailers to return
- Enable an increased density on Harrison Avenue for mixed-use developments (ground floor retail/office; upper floors office/residential)
- Robert E. Lee/West End Boulevard
- Replace garden-style apartments and low-lying residential properties with high-rise condominium properties on stilts and parking at grade level (10-12 feet)
- Incorporate commercial users (restaurants) into new development
- Continue to clear and rehabilitate the two marinas
- Public/private partnership with owners of Robert E. Lee shopping complex to rehabilitate
  - Future potential to do mixed-use facility
- Improve signage and way-finding to and around marina
- Increase publicly-accessible fishing/recreation amenities
- Neighborhood Redevelopment
- Work with LRA to develop District CDC to control reuse/conservation of acquired properties
  - Set priority to households interested in replacing/rehabbing house
  - Second opportunity should go to adjacent property owners
- Enact regulations that new development must be at least sea level, using blending techniques for ground floor
- Provide incentives for rehabbing owners to raise house above FEMA minimum standards
- Work with historic preservationists to ensure designated houses/areas maintain character and integrity

### Discussion Questions

- Is City Park a possible location for development in select locations (e.g., elderly housing, community facilities)?
- Under what conditions would you consider participating in a voluntary buyout program?
- What are the post-UNOP steps and priorities?
- Community Development Corporation
- Advocacy for funding of public investments
- Strategic plan for business recruitment and retention
- District marketing program

### Discussion Questions Comments – Post UNOP Steps & Priorities

- Build upon strong neighborhood associations:
- Schools on-line reinforced recovery
- Will business return & stimulate further recovery?
- Consider Taxing District for business development?
- How many properties may go to LRA vs. open market?
- How to address enforcement of zoning violations? Can D5 be involved?
- Enforcement Committee – introduce design standards
- High costs discourages building higher – 130K to build 8' higher vs. 40K?

- FEMA level should be adequate unless of levee break
- Levees will become secondary when new pump stations come on-line
- Seawall should be considered as part of the overall system
- Resources from LRA should stay in D5
- Build additional space above flood level using LRA funds
- Can D5 use its tax dollars for improvements in the district?
- Consider the districts or bid?
- Special taxing district for additional services?
- Business / sewage & water / streets – Concern for rising house & utility costs
- Preserve housing values & security? Lighting is needed
- Concern for vagrants in abandoned homes
- Housing on JFK? Elderly, not high-rise
- Consider other options in Lakeview – Control by D5 is needed
- Condos for self-sufficient elderly
- Support elderly near Fleur de Lis & Robert E. Lee; JFK – may be too remote for elderly?
- Business and 2 units on Harrison? (above)
- Program for first-time homebuyers
- How else can City park be revitalized?
- Community Center
- Consider broader historic district in D5? Could slow down recovery
- South Lakeview Historic District enacted
- Consideration for additional properties for inclusion
- Elderly housing on I-10 (high ground)
- Multi-housing not to exceed 16 units/acre
- Provide high-quality, mixed-income housing
- Great concern about Section 8 scattered housing site

**4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 12, 2007  
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 Recorded By: Project Team  
 Meeting Type: District Meeting #4 / District 5  
 Meeting Materials: PowerPoint presentation  
 Presentation size maps  
 Sign in sheets

**Background**

On January 12, 2006, the final public meeting was held with District 5 residents. The consultant gave a few opening remarks and used a PowerPoint presentation to review the following information:

**Citywide Plan Schedule**

- Community Congress III: Saturday, January 20
- Final Citywide Plan: January 29
- City Planning Commission (CPC) receives final plan: January 30
- CPC Public Hearings: February 5 and 12
- City Council will review CPC’s recommendation and hold hearings, if required.

**Agenda**

- District and Citywide Plan Schedule Update
- The UNOP Plans: Recovery & Community Improvement Projects
- Review of District 5 Plan Development
- Physical Analysis and Assessment
- Community Participation Process
- Summary of Key Recommended Projects
- Next Steps: Moving Forward toward Implementation

**Presentation**

**The UNOP Plans**

Projects Developed in the UNOP Plans

- Projects are characterized as either “Recovery” or “Community Improvement” Projects
- Both Recovery and Community Improvement Projects are classified by thematic sector
- Examples of sectors are:
  - Hurricane/ Flood Protection

- Housing
- Transportation
- Community Facilities
- Economic Development

Recovery Projects Identification

- Recovery Projects focus on essentials for restoring services, infrastructure, and quality of life to pre-Katrina levels, at a minimum
- Recovery Projects classified as High, Medium, and Low Priority based on:
  - Community support
  - Project cost
  - Technical feasibility
  - Implementation timeframe
  - Overall importance to the recovery

Examples of Recovery Projects:

- Essential street repairs
- Park facility repairs
- Renovation of school buildings
- Sewage and water system repairs
- Repairs to community and cultural facilities

Community Improvement Projects Identification

- Community Improvement Projects are more broadly defined and aim to improve the community well beyond pre-Katrina conditions, but are not necessarily linked to Katrina damage

Example Community Improvement Projects:

- New parks and cultural facilities
- New transit infrastructure

District Plans – City Wide Plan

- All District Recovery and Community Improvement projects are currently being incorporated into the Citywide Plan
- Citywide Plan will define the framework and strategies for project implementation and investment over the next 5+ years
- Citywide Plan will identify potential funding strategies and sources
- Citywide Plan will suggest policies and “best practices” for implementation that also reflects input from the District Plan process

**Key Projects and Initiatives**

Housing Initiatives

- Create a District-based Community Development Corporation that interfaces with NORA and consistently represents District and neighborhood interests at a grass-roots level.

- Adopt proposed Lake Area Zoning Districts that have been submitted to the City Planning Office
- Develop and administer incentive-based voluntary buyout program for home sites at lowest elevations
- Develop and administer incentive-based program to elevate homes in areas of lowest topography
- Prepare District 5 “Pattern Book” to address residential standards

Transportation and Transit Initiatives

- Improve pedestrian & bicycle access to City Park, New basin Canal and Lakeshore Drive.
- RTA System – bus stop renovation for all district bus stops
- Repair/rehabilitate tertiary/local streets – paving, curbs, lighting, signals, signage
- City Park Avenue traffic calming measures

Infrastructure and Public Works

- Repair/improve storm drainage structures within District 5
- Sewer & water rehabilitation
- Rehabilitation of Lakeview Sewer & Water Board Pump stations

Education / Healthcare

- Provide incentives/infrastructure to facilitate development of 1-2 new community medical clinics

Hurricane / Flood Protection

- Lake Pontchartrain Seawall repairs
- Detailed Flood Mitigation Study
- Secondary Internal Levee Flood Protection Study

Historic Preservation

- Placement of City Park on the National Register of Historic Places
- Historic District Boundaries Study

**Next Steps: Beyond UNOP**

Citywide Plan: Beyond UNOP

- UNOP plans and suggested projects (District and Citywide) will provide a guide for City's new Office of Recovery Management
- Office will coordinate recovery management for all City agencies
- Office will also coordinate with other local, state and federal agencies involved in recovery
- UNOP plans and suggested projects will be a guide for all public agencies involved in recovery (school district, utilities, etc.)
- UNOP plans and suggested projects will be a guide for elected officials as they make investment decisions, such as the mayor and city council
- City Council recently established a Recovery Committee
- UNOP plans and suggested projects will be a guide for the City Planning Commission in future planning and review of development projects

- Updates to City's Master Plan
- Updates to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance
- District plans will endure as a formal record of community's will and vision
- District plans will guide City's Recovery Management Office and other agencies as implementation proceeds
- District plans can be used as 'score card' to monitor recovery progress and fulfillment of community goals
- District plans can be used to attract additional funding: private, non-profit, and foundation support
- District plans can guide neighborhood councils, community development corporations (CDC's), and other community organizations

**Flip Chart Notes**

Discussion / Concerns:

- Robert E. Lee – South between West End & Canal Blvd.
- Proposed zoning change from low-density residential to mixed-use
- Part of Lake area zoning districts proposal
- Orleans Avenue – should be added to primary collector streets
- Magnolia Garden Bridge – designation of historic significance
- RTA – Former proposed plans are inappropriate including restroom/coffee shop
- Concern – local streets repair should be higher on priority list
- Maintenance – potholes are a big concern – repairs needed
- Lighthouse reconstruction – on HP list
- Lakeview School – elderly housing

If \$10M were available for D5 how should the money be spent?

- Infrastructure – utilities, streets, etc.
- Police & Fire
- Lobbying for more funding
- Fund CDC
- Hynes & Lakeview High Schools
- Harrison Avenue business corridor
- West End Park & restaurants
- City Park

**Comment Cards**

- Polk St. and Brooks are used as thoroughfares from Metairie to and from I-610. Can we at least have stop signs to slow the traffic and signs that read “Not a through street”
- The City New Orleans Library Administration Lance Overy, Acting Director in a meeting with me and Jim Amda on 1/11/07 has no plans to return to Smith Library. They are presently looking for a place (free) to place a 24x36 modular in the D5 area possibly serving Gentilly as well. They are operating on a reduced budget. They did not offer much hope for another library in

D5. How can we help them come back?

- 2 items – Sue Spillbury #21 Crane 710-0133
- I would like to participate in developing a plan for Lakeview School as a historic property, or Lakeview retirement village.
- Influence zoning to protect winter solstice solar access for 50's house next to new, higher structures.
- Under housing section EDSA Summary Matrix project H3. Please consider adding Lake Vista multi-family site, as a potential re-development as Elderly Housing. This could also include re-development of the Lake Vista Community Center site as well.
- NORA dumping ground for LRA properties? Each District can have input into the design of owner occupied and rental housing. Ideas are being discussed.
- City Park has the potential to be the economic engine that would lead to the recovery of the District. Let's fund it properly!
- S and WB have not participated in the UNOP process. They need to be brought into the process (by force, if necessary.)
- West End Park- re-developed. Thank everyone for their hard work.
- Do not build lower-income housing where Kennedy High School is located.
- Investigate the possibility of establishing a local police station.
- Comment on rezoning South side of Robert E. Lee between Canal Blvd and West End.
- You guys have done a terrific job trying to make sense of all this mess. Thank you.
- Thanks to everyone for their effort and hard work.
- Restore the library it serves the region not just District 5, add Oilesis Ave. to list of primacy collector streets (T1)

**After Action Review**

1. Please list 3 positive outcomes.

- Seeing other points of view
- Changes to plan were made by suggestions of audience
- Brings people together to solidify action
- Community involvement
- Consensus on priorities
- New Vision
- We have a plan
- Good turnout of passionate citizens
- Unified approach to make own neighborhood even better
- Previous input seems incorporated
- Priorities seem appropriate
- Saw several new faces that were not at previous meetings. People are interested, just too busy. But we heard from them tonight.
- The synopsis looks good. Concise and it covers a lot.
- Knowledge
- Input
- Dynamics of group

2. What are your concerns?

- There will not be enough money for essential needs (street repair, drainage, etc)
- Despite all the meetings, what the neighborhoods want will not be addressed.
- Funding will not be available for genuine hurricane protection (like in the Netherlands)
- Self interest will trump City-wide and community concerns
- Citywide community iterates
- Not enough money to do much of anything. Lakecove Drive needs to be fixed
- Concerned about people of power at city and state levels trying to redirect recovery money out of flood zone. The stress from being in our situation is overwhelming and the recovery delays are killing too many folks.
- What we said we wanted seems to be twisted around a little bit to try to fit the "money bags." I'm a bit worried that we will not get "exactly" what we wanted, but anything will be an improvement.
- Slow pace
- Money to rebuild

3. Do you have suggestions for improvement?

- When the implementation of the plan actually begins, someone should make regular visits to each district to hear complaints as it progresses.
- Great job
- Please avoid ambiguous terms in Community Congress III
- It's good. Please submit it so we can move on to the next phase, the money.
- Not really - great job!