

District Four Community Advisory Panel
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2008

The meeting was held at the Quality Inn and Suites on Cities Service Highway from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Present were: Harry Ladas, Harry Ladas Junior, Randy Broussard, Tom Boggan, John Hamilton, Chris Duncan, Walter Watts, Troy Rizzuto, Marvin Paggen, Marc Daigle, Marcalina Daigle, Ray Richard, Charolette Hewitt, Les Farnum, Steven Reas, Jocelyn Raimer, David Palmer.

The meeting was open with prayer. Snacks were provided in celebration of the CAP's third anniversary.

Council member Nancy Tower facilitated the meeting and provided a brief update on the history of the CAP and the activities they have been undertaken since coming into existence in August of 2005.

The group then discussed the proposed Environmental Committee and the fact that the City Council chose not to create it. While the reasoning was not understood, the group agreed that a committee, to study the issues proposed, would be beneficial for the city. As a result, they decided to create a sub-committee to address the issues that would have otherwise been addressed by the environmental committee. The details of this committee's make up and priorities will be discussed at a later meeting.

The next major issue for consideration was the proposed by-law changes. At the July meeting, the panel suggested that the CAP become open to citizens across the entire city. The suggestion was made for two main reasons: 1) Citizens from throughout the City have been attending meetings without the opportunity for much input under the current by-laws. 2) The issues that the CAP members have been addressing have become city-wide issues and allow for broader input.

The panel had much discussion on this topic, but eventually agreed that the Panel should become city wide – with the following changes:

- 1) Need a third party facilitator so that it's not "Nancy Tower's" meeting.
- 2) Need a new name that doesn't mention any districts (we need to be more inclusive)
- 3) Need the input and assistance of other council members – Chris Duncan has already agreed to pay for the meeting location in September.
- 4) Go back to monthly meetings (meetings had changed to bi-monthly).

The third party facilitator will be sought out by Nancy Tower, but there is some concern as to whether or not we'll find a good facilitator for free. There are some local citizens

who may be willing to volunteer their time for this cause, but that will have to be determined.

Members proposed a number of names, which need to be voted on at the September meeting. The names included:

- 1) Sulphur Community Team
- 2) Vision Sulphur
- 3) Sulphur Vision Team
- 4) Sulphur Community Advisory Panel.

The other council members as well as Police Jury members (with districts that reach into the city) and the city administration will continue to be invited to every meeting.

Monthly meetings will be held until such time as the panel chooses to change again.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 22 (a change from the planned date of September 16 – due to Hurricane Ike), from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn and Suites on Cities Service Highway.

The planned agenda includes:

- 1) Agree to proposed by-law changes and name change.
- 2) Drainage discussion – to include the reverse drainage problems and path forward
- 3) Begin study of Garbage Ordinance

This meeting is open to the public. Feel free to bring other interested citizens with you.

Submitted by: Nancy Tower