

**Steering Committee Meeting  
March 16, 2010  
Vacherie Court House Annex**

Minutes

**Members Present:**

Debra Bartley  
Terry Borne  
Tommy Bourgeois  
Dianne Brathwaite  
Kevin Criddle  
Kathleen Favorite  
Elyse Garon  
Blaise Gravois  
Ozane Gravois  
Michael Guillot  
Libby Hotard  
Zeb Mayhew  
Lois Moore  
Michelle Octave  
D'ara Pillette  
Nick Steib

**Member Absent:**

Clara Mae Harris  
Chad Weidert  
David Zeringue

**Other Present**

Dale Hymel, St. James Parish President  
Charles Ketchens, Councilman  
James Brazan, Councilman  
Ralph Patin, Jr., Councilman  
Jason Amato, Councilman  
Ken Brass, Councilman  
Danny St. Pierre, Planning Commission Member  
Austin Dennis, Planning Commission Member  
Arthur Matherne, Planning Commission Member  
Eugene Roussel, Planning Commission Member  
Nicole Scott, Planning Commission Member  
Ricky Roussel, Public  
Matthew Zeringue, Public  
Michael Calabro, Public  
Paul Beier, Public  
Darlene Garon, Public

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00pm at the Vacherie Courthouse Annex.

The first item on the agenda was Introductions. K. Belanger welcomed the group and introduced SCPDC staff and elected officials. D. Hymel explained the importance of the committee.

Next on the agenda was Committee Ground Rules. S. Caesar explained the importance of good attendance. There are nineteen members on the committee and a quorum of 10 required present to vote. She explained the meeting will alternate from one side of the river to the other each month. She advised members of the public to fill out comment cards with any comments or questions they may have. These will be addressed later on the agenda. She encouraged everyone to participate while respecting others opinions. She gave details to the members about their binders.

Item three on the agenda is Power Point Presentation. S. Caesar presented the presentation. She made everyone aware of what will happen while gathering information about the plan.

Next on the agenda is Nominations and Election of Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chair. S. Caesar and K. Belanger elaborated on the importance for the Committee to have a Chair and Vice Chair. K. Belanger made the motion to postpone the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair until the beginning of the next meeting.

Item five on the agenda was Open Discussion-Questions. With no items at this time to discuss, the committee moved on to the next item on the agenda.

The next meeting was set for April 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Location will be announced in a notice.

Someone asked how many other parishes have this plan. K. Belanger stated, Terrebonne, Assumption and St. John all have a plan already. St. Charles is working on its plan now and we are now working with St. James.

Questions arose about the process of the plan. K. Belanger advised that the plan will be presented to the Steering Committee who will ultimately adopt the final plan. The St. James Parish Council has entrusted this committee to adopt the plan. The Steering Committee will hand the council a blue print and SCPDC will help you derive that blue print.

K. Belanger spoke of zoning and at what point it fits in with the steering committee.

L. Marretta made the board aware that they are the outreach and was chosen because of their geographic location and your ability to touch people. He stressed the importance of inviting your neighbors, businessman and friends to these meeting so that we can get the input from everyone.

K. Belanger stated that plans should be revisited every two to three years because things do change.

Discussion ensued regarding the requirements of the committee and the location of the meeting.