

**Steering Committee Meeting
April 12, 2010**

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
Michelle Octave
D'ara Pillette
Nick Steib
Clara Mae Harris
Chad Weidert

Member Absent:

David Zeringue
Lois Moore

Others present are listed on the sign in sheet.

K. Belanger opened the meeting with the first item on the agenda, introductions at 6:08 pm. He introduced staff and elected officials. He explained they would select the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at tonight's meeting. He explained that these meetings do not mean there will be zoning. This committee is put together to see what needs you all will have in the next five, ten, fifteen years. You all as steering committee members, the public, and us as professions planners will derive a consensual plan for what we believe you will need to grow with the trends that we see in the population for economic development, infrastructure needs and all the other areas of interest we are going to explore. The interest of the meeting tonight is to get the final design of the power point presentation which we will give to the public.

K. Belanger introduced the staff members present.

The meeting was then turned over to S. Caesar who called roll.

It was motioned by M. Guillot, seconded B. Gravois to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

S. Caesar went over the committee ground rules.

S. Caesar announced that the floor was open for nominations for the Chairman of the Steering Committee. T. Borne nominated B. Gravois. D. Brathwaite was also nominated.

E. Garon entered the meeting.

S. Caesar closed the nominations for Chairman. The Committee voted by show of hands. B. Gravois received 10 votes while, D. Brathwaite received 7 votes. B. Gravois was elected Chairman of the Steering Committee.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman. It was unanimously agreed upon that D. Brathwaite would be Vice-Chairman of the Steering Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the Power Point Presentation for the Kick-Off Meetings.

I Miestchovich entered the meeting. K. Belanger introduced him. I. Miestchovich gave a brief introduction of himself and interest in the group.

Some changes were suggested to the slides of the Power Point Presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the Focus Groups. K. Belanger explained the Focus Groups to the Committee. He explained that the interest is to get everyone of the parish involved in planning for the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2010 at 6:00 pm at 5th Ward Elementary School.

The Steering Committee will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month.

The East Bank Kick-Off Meeting will be on May 17, 2010 at Lutchter High School and The West Bank Kick-Off Meeting will be on May 24, 2010 at St. James High School.

Questions were asked by the public and answered by SCPDC staff members.

Councilman Malbrough, Jr. thanked everyone for being there and made some suggestions to the Committee.

K. Belanger explained the difference between the steering committee and the focus group.

Discussion ensued regarding the absences of the members and how to handle these absences.

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 pm.