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Re: Lafitte Greenway Steering Advisory Committee

May 27, 2008

Dear Ms. Rodriguez,

In August, 2007, the City Council authorized the creation of the Lafitte Greenway Steering Advisory Committee (LGSAC), to which it assigned the task of providing “advice and counsel” on matters pertaining to the planning and implementation of the Lafitte Greenway. With approval of the final Council-appointed Committee member now in progress, this Committee is poised to begin its work.

As envisioned in the Ordinance authorizing its creation, LGSAC will work closely with the Planning Advisory Committee, and, it is hoped, City Planning Commission staff as planning and implementation of the Greenway moves forward. Matters pertaining to the Greenway that may require the attention of the CPC may include:

- Consideration of Greenway trail alignment options
- Proposed changes in land use in the Greenway corridor
- Relocation and redevelopment of City-owned facilities located in the Greenway corridor
- Development of land use planning and urban design tools to promote “trail-oriented development” consistent with the principles of the Unified New Orleans Plan vision for the Lafitte Corridor
- Review of development proposals in areas adjoining the Greenway path.

At this time, the Office of Recovery Development Administration is preparing to issue a Request for Proposals for the development of a Lafitte Greenway Implementation Plan and a Lafitte Corridor Revitalization Plan. It is our hope that the City Planning Commission, ORDA staff and consultants, and the LGSAC will develop a close working relationship to ensure that the development of these planning and implementation tools

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proceeds in a timely manner and with active participation and input from Corridor-area residents and stakeholders.

The Lafitte Greenway Steering Advisory Committee is scheduled to hold its first public meeting on Friday, June 13, at 9 am, at the offices of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, 2322 Canal St. I am eager, as I am sure are all of the Committee members, to begin our work together in making the Lafitte Greenway a reality. It is my firm belief that with proper planning, cooperation and community input, the Lafitte Greenway will make a major contribution to the City's recovery efforts, and will offer an improved quality of life for generations of New Orleanians to come.

Attached for your reference is a list of the LGSAC appointees.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Hon. C Ray Nagin, Arnie Fielkow, Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson, James A Carter, Stacy Head, Shelley Midura, Dr. Edward Blakely, Robert Mendoza, Ron Pursell

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