

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,
NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL,
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
GREATER NEW ORLEANS FOUNDATION
AND
NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage in the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mayor C. Ray Nagin, New Orleans City Council, City Planning Commission, Greater New Orleans Foundation and New Orleans Community Support Foundation are in agreement to advance a single city-wide recovery and rebuilding planning process for the City of New Orleans, referred to as the Unified New Orleans Neighborhood Recovery Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Unified New Orleans Neighborhood Recovery Plan planning process will be coordinated by the Community Support Organization, a newly established public/private collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the planning process will be designed to provide timely and detailed information and resources to all citizens of New Orleans who seek answers to questions regarding recovery and rebuilding efforts; and

WHEREAS, the central goal of the planning process will be to create the Unified New Orleans Neighborhood Recovery Plan – which will consist of a comprehensive infrastructure

plan and recovery plans for all of New Orleans' neighborhoods -- as required by the Louisiana Recovery Authority as a pre-requisite to certain funding.

WHEREAS, the Unified New Orleans Neighborhood Recovery Plan will then be reviewed by the City Planning Commission, submitted to the City Council and Mayor C. Ray Nagin for approval, and forwarded to the Louisiana Recovery Authority for a final review and request for recovery funding for implementation by the appropriate governmental agencies. Public hearings will be held at the City Planning and City Council levels as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Unified New Orleans Neighborhood Recovery Plan, city-wide planning process will be funded through private donations, including initial grants of \$1 million from the Greater New Orleans Foundation, and \$3.5 million from the Rockefeller Foundation. New Orleans Community Support Foundation will solicit additional funding from other local and national donors.

BACKGROUND

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Mayor C. Ray Nagin created the Bring New Orleans Back Commission to assist in the developing of a master plan to rebuild the city culturally, socially, economically and uniquely for every citizen in the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Thereafter, the City Council passed Motion Numbers M-05-591 and M-05-592 on December 15, 2005, providing that the City begin a neighborhood planning process for certain neighborhoods; and this process was extended on February 16, 2006 by Motion Number M-06-64 to include all of the City of New Orleans in order to address the revitalization needs of the City in a comprehensive fashion. As a result, the Council retained Lambert Advisory, LC to manage the planning process, in coordination with other agencies.

In addition, the Louisiana Recovery Authority was created in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco to plan for the recovery and rebuilding of Louisiana. The Authority is working with Governor Blanco to plan for Louisiana's future, coordinate across jurisdictions, support community recovery and resurgence, and ensure integrity and effectiveness. Working in collaboration with local, state and federal agencies, the Authority is also addressing short-term recovery needs while simultaneously guiding the long-term planning process.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Community Support Organization (CSO) is an Advisory Committee of the New Orleans Community Support Foundation. The CSO is a nine-member advisory committee that will oversee and monitor the planning efforts. The nine members of the CSO will include one representative appointed by Mayor C. Ray Nagin, one by the City Council President, one by the City Planning Commission, one by the Greater New Orleans Foundation, and five citizens selected one each from the five council districts.

The CSO will oversee and monitor the planning efforts as follows:

1. Facilitate the identification and coordination of Neighborhood Planning Teams. Neighborhoods will be able to choose their own planning team from the pool of planners identified through the Request for Qualifications issued by the New Orleans Community Support Foundation in June 2006. If they have been previously been involved in planning efforts with teams assembled by Lambert Advisory, LC, they may continue to do so, and/or may request that those teams be supplemented by planners

identified through the Request for Qualifications. If a neighborhood needs assistance in making a selection, resources will be made available to assist them in their selection. For those neighborhoods that have not been involved with teams assembled by Lambert Advisory, LC, the CSO will consult with neighborhoods to devise appropriate planning teams consisting of planners identified by the Request for Qualifications.

2. Direct the allocation of resources to assure that Neighborhood plans will be prepared with consistent, adequate, and equitable resources to assure the city of a comprehensive and balanced recovery and rebuilding plan.
3. Identify the infrastructure requirements to assure that they relate to the neighborhood plans and become part of the Unified New Orleans Neighborhood Recovery Plan.
4. Monitor and coordinate the neighborhood planning and recovery and rebuilding planning process which includes but is not limited to the work currently underway by Lambert Advisory, LC. Lambert Advisory, LC will continue its work in the neighborhoods where the services/work product is substantially underway as determined through consultation between the CSO, the neighborhoods, and the City Council appointee. Any remaining work not started, incomplete and/or partially underway by Lambert Advisory, LC will be considered for inclusion in the planning process. The City Council appointee will ensure that all work products produced by Lambert Advisory, LC will be provided in a timely manner to the CSO and that Lambert Advisory, LC will participate in a cooperative and professional manner.
5. Encourage and coordinate any additional voluntary and philanthropic assistance offered to the city to assure coordination into the Unified New Orleans Neighborhood Recovery Plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE, MODIFICATIONS AND TERMINATION

This MOU is effective upon the date the last party signs below. Any modification or amendment of this MOU must be coordinated in advance between all parties and confirmed in writing. The foregoing correctly sets forth our understanding of the Unified Neighborhood Recovery Plan. It is not a legally binding contract to that effect, but does express the intent of the parties as to how the process is to proceed.

Administration of this MOU:

The City shall:

Provide administration of the MOU through

C. Ray Nagin
Mayor

The New Orleans City Council shall:

Provide administration of the MOU through

Oliver M. Thomas, Jr.
Council President

The City Planning Commission shall:

Provide administration of the MOU through

Timothy H. Jackson
Chairman

The Greater New Orleans Foundation:

Provide administration of the MOU through

Gregory Ben Johnson
President

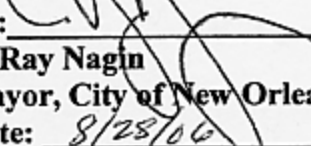
The New Orleans Community Support Foundation:

Provide administration of the MOU through


Wayne J. Lee
Chairman

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, through their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement.

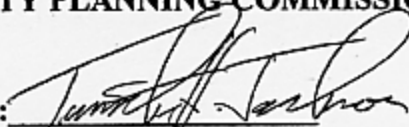
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

By: 
C. Ray Nagin
Mayor, City of New Orleans
Date: 8/28/06

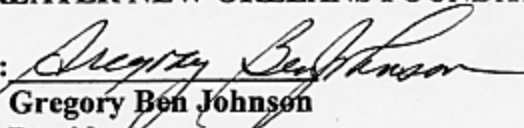
NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL:

By: 
Oliver Thomas, Jr.
President
Date: 8/28/06

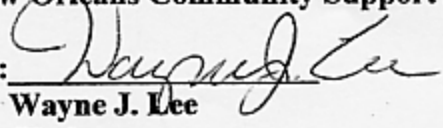
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By: 
Timothy H. Jackson
Chairman
Date: 7/25/2006

GREATER NEW ORLEANS FOUNDATION

By: 
Gregory Ben Johnson
President
Date: 8/26/06

New Orleans Community Support Foundation

By: 
Wayne J. Lee
Chairman
Date: 8/28/06

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


Law Department

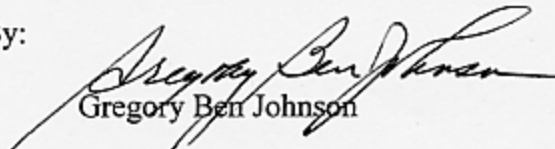
**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT
TO
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
RE UNIFIED NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD RECOVERY PLAN**

It is our hope that in some way the approval processes by the City Planning Commission and the New Orleans City Council can be fast tracked provided we can all be satisfied that there has been sufficient public input prior to these approvals. We ask the other partners to the Memorandum of Understanding to let us know how we can assist in achieving our mutual interest in moving the entire process to as prompt a resolution as possible.

August 28th, 2006.

GREATER NEW ORLEANS FOUNDATION

By:


Gregory Ben Johnson



August 24, 2006

The Honorable Cynthia Hedge-Morrell
Councilmember, District D
City of New Orleans
1300 Perdido Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

Dear Councilmember Hedge-Morrell:

Pursuant to our meeting this morning, we have identified the neighborhoods that Lambert Advisory is in the process of completing plans for submission to the City. As our baseline, we are working in Planning Districts identified by the City Planning Commission. Within the district boundaries, we are performing recovery planning in neighborhoods that were damaged by flooding (defined as two feet or more of water). Listed below are those neighborhoods that have been identified by City Planning and based upon the September 1st, 2005 flood limit images, received damage from flooding.

Planning District 2 – Central City, Milan

Planning District 3 – Hollygrove, Dixon, Leonidas (Partial Neighborhood Flooding), Marlyville-Fountainbleu, Freret, Audubon (Partial Neighborhood Flooding);

Planning District 4 – Bayou St. John, Tremé/Lafitte, 7th Ward, Fairgrounds, St. Bernard Area, Mid City, Tulane/Gravier, BW Cooper, Gert Town;

Planning District 5 - Lakeview, West End, Navarre, City Park, Lakeshore, Lake Vista, Lakewood;

Planning District 6 - Filmore, St. Anthony, Milneburg, Pontchartrain Park, Gentilly Woods, Gentilly Terrace, Dillard, Lake Terrace (Partial Neighborhood Flooding), Lake Oaks (Partial Neighborhood Flooding);

Planning District 7 – St. Claude, St. Roch, Desire Area, Florida Area;

Planning District 8 – Lower 9th Ward, Holy Cross (Partial Neighborhood Flooding);

Planning District 9 – Little Woods, Pine Village, West Lake Forest, Plum Orchard, Read Boulevard East, Read Boulevard West;

Planning District 10 – Village de l'est;

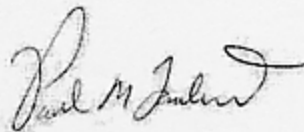
Planning District 11 – Viavant, Venetian Isles;

Within the City Planning defined district and neighborhood geographic boundaries (developed in the 1970's) there are also numerous associations and neighborhood groups that self-identify as neighborhoods within the planning commission defined districts and neighborhoods. To that extent, as long as the neighborhoods met the criteria of flooding and fell within a planning district in which we worked, our report will reflect their participation in the recovery process. In most cases, the self-identified neighborhoods versus those identified by the Planning Commission doubled the number of groups we worked with and the boundaries of the neighborhoods even changed. For example, Planning District 9 has six neighborhoods as defined by City Planning, in actuality, our planners worked with over 20 neighborhoods, all within the District 9 boundaries.

Although Broadmoor qualified, by flood definition, to participate in our process, the neighborhood has decided to develop their neighborhood recovery plan outside of our planning process. The Broadmoor neighborhood falls within Planning District 3. Therefore rather than submit to the City forty-nine (49) recovery plans, we will be submitting forty-eight (48) plans for City Council review and approval.

If you have any additional questions or need clarification on any of this information, please feel free to contact me at 305-860-3715 or 305-439-1027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Lambert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "L".

Paul Lambert
Managing Principal
Lambert Advisory