

Central City Community Profile

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Overview

Central City, often described as a neighborhood of shotgun houses, is known for its historic architecture. Historically it was a hub of African American businesses, particularly as a center for insurance, health care, and arts organizations. Many jazz greats grew up there. Today the area, specifically the Magnolia housing development, is known as the origin of the famous rapper Juvenile. The neighborhood also has many social aid and pleasure clubs, jazz parades, and Mardi Gras Indian tribes.

However, currently much of the area is suffering from economic blight, and the historic architecture is not all properly cared for. Post-Katrina much of the area was set aside as a planning district and about one third of the area was classified as an immediate opportunity area (light damage). Additionally, many of the community initiatives that existed pre-Katrina have returned and been joined by some new efforts.

The Boundaries of Central City are roughly Toledano Street/Louisiana Avenue to the Pontchartrain Expressway, and North Broad Street to Saint Charles Avenue¹



Central City Aerial Map

¹ Central City Renaissance Alliance Community Plan, Concordia LLC (Sept. 2004).

Vital Statistics

Planning District 2 Boundaries²: the wedge-shaped area extending upriver from the Pontchartrain Expressway to Napoleon Avenue, with the Mississippi River as its base and the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Toledano as its point. The district is made up of eight individual neighborhoods: Milan (11D), Touro (11E), Garden District (11F), Central City/Magnolia (12A), Irish Channel (13B), St. Thomas Area/Lower Garden District (13C), East Riverside (13E), St. Thomas Project (13F).



Map sources: New Orleans City Planning, MapInfo

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Planning District 2 Map

² Action Plan for New Orleans: The New American City. Bring Back New Orleans Commission (Jan. 2006): www.bringneworleansback.org

School Board District: 3

School Board Rep.: Jimmy Fahrenholtz

Municipal District: B

City Councilperson: Stacy Head

Wards: 1, 2, 10, and 11

Census Tracts: 67, 68, 79, 80, 84, 85, 86, 91, 93.91, 93.02, 92 94

Zip Codes: 70125, 70115, 70113, and 70130

Pre-Katrina Demographic Highlights³:

- Total Population 19,072
- Percentage black: 87.4%
- Percentage poor: 49.8%
- Percentage renter: 83.7%
- Percentage unemployed: 20.4%
- More detailed 2000 Census Data and Maps are available at www.gnocdc.org.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Census have initiated another round of surveying this summer in Orleans Parish and a few other impacted parishes. The results of this survey are expected to be released in August or September. See www.gnocdc.org for up to date information.

Flooding and Damage⁴

- Approximately 1/3 classified as immediate opportunity area (little/no damage)
- Approximately 2/3 classified as a planning district (deeply flooded/heavily damaged)
- 79.8% of the community's population suffered property damage

³Central City Neighborhood Snapshot. Greater New Orleans Data Center (2000): www.gnocdc.org/orleans/2/61/snapshot.html

⁴The Impact of Katrina: Race and Class in Storm-Damaged Neighborhoods, John R. Logan, Brown University: www.s4.brown.edu/Katrina/report.pdf

Educational Resources

Name: James Singleton Charter School	
Contact: Delwin Davis, Melrose D. Biagas	
Phone: 504-568-3466 (Davis), 504-568-3466 (Biagas), 504-581-2388	Email: info@dryadesymca.com
Address: 1924 Philip St, New Orleans, LA 70113	
Website: http://www.dryadesymca.com/	
Initiatives/Programs: grades K-9, RSD Charter, LA Comprehensive Curriculum -orange	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: Charter school started by Dryades YMCA, reopened Post-Katrina Nov. '05, focus on technology and low student teacher ratio	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Walter Cohen Senior High School (proposed for 2006-2007)	
Contact:	
Phone: 877-453-2721	Email:
Address: 3520 Dryades St. NOLA	
Website: www.nolapublicschools.net	
Initiatives/Programs: LA Comprehensive Curriculum - green	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Booker T. Washington High School (proposed for 2006-2007)	
Contact:	
Phone: 877-453-2721	Email:
Address: 2101 South Roman St.	
Website: www.nolapublicschools.net	
Initiatives/Programs: LA Comprehensive Curriculum - green	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: grades 9-12	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Sylvanie F. Williams Elementary School (proposed for 2006-2007)	
Contact:	
Phone: 877-453-2721	Email:
Address: 3127 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	
Website: www.nolapublicschools.net	
Initiatives/Programs: LA Comprehensive Curriculum - green	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: grades k-8	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Dryades Street YMCA	
Contact:	
Phone: (504)587-0903 (504)522-8811, (504)561-0606	Email: info@dryadesymca.com
Address: Dryades YMCA PO BOX 56217 New Orleans, LA 70156	
Website: www.dryadesymca.com/	
Initiatives/Programs: Jame Singleton Charter School, Day Care Center, 21st Century Learning Center: daily instruction in math, English and sciences, voters polling location,	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: The Dryades YMCA has served New Orleanians in Central City since 1905. The mission of the Dryades YMCA is “to help people develop character, competence and commitment.”	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: KidsmART	
Contact:	
Phone: 504-410-1990	Email: echo@kidsmart.org
Address: 1920 Clio St., NOLA, 70113	
Website: www.kidsmart.org/	
Initiatives/Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a nonprofit 501 c.3 organization, created to teach positive life skills to children through the performing and visual arts and the power of symbols • working with KIPP NOW (New Orleans West) in Houston • worked in three central city schools as well as other NOPS schools Pre-Katrina • Now works in Guste Elementary and the Woodson Learning Academy in Central City, as well as the St. John the Baptist Community Center 	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Martin Luther King Jr. Head Start	
Contact:	
Phone: 504-524-0391	Email:
Address: 1401 Simon Bolivar	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs:	
Volunteer needs: Not in need of any volunteers right now. They are closing but will reopen in September and can be contacted then for more information.	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Maybe	

Name: Louise Head Start (near central city)	
Contact:	
Phone: 504-891-2871	Email:
Address: 1205 Louisiana Ave., NOLA	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs:	
Volunteer needs: closing soon but will reopen in Sept.	
Other information: under Catholic Charities	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

Name: Leslie Early Head Start (near central city)	
Contact: Suzy Foucher	
Phone: 504-522-2725	Email:
Address: 2126 Constance St., NOLA	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: ages 6 wks to 3 years	
Volunteer needs: closing soon but will reopen in Sept.	
Other information: under Catholic Charities	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

Name: Total Community Action Head Start Center	
Contact:	
Phone: 504-524-1281	Email:
Address: 1629 Simon Bolivar Ave., NOLA 10113	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs:	
Volunteer needs: closing soon, but will reopen in Sept.	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Maybe	

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Organizational/Social Resources

Name: Café Reconcile	
Contact: Craig	
Phone: 504-568-1157	Email: admin@cafereconcile.com
Address: 1631 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd	
Website: www.cafereconcile.com/	
Initiatives/Programs: This friendly Central City outpost is home to both good, cheap eats and the St. Regis Hospitality School, which provides job training for at-risk youth.	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Central City Economic Opportunity Corporation	
Contact: Priscilla Edwards	
Phone: 504-524-7463	Email: pedwards@centralcity.com
Address: 2020 Jackson Ave., NOLA 70113	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: Head Start, Central City Senior Center, Multimedia, Commodities, Accounting	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: worked with the Levy Rosenblum Inst. (see Tulane in the Community)	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: St. John the Baptist Community Center	
Contact:	
Phone: (504) 581-4987	Email:
Address: 1920 Clio Street at the corner of Oretha Castle Haley	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: medical clinics, food bank, case managers	
Volunteer needs: yes	
Other information: under Catholic Charities	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

Name: Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	
Contact: Susan Lackey, volunteer services	
Phone: (504) 310-6960	Email: sslackey@archdiocese-no.org
Address: 1000 Howard Ave. New Orleans La 70113	
Website: www.catholiccharities-no.org	
Initiatives/Programs: Hurricane relief, child and family services, health, homeless, housing, hunger, immigration and refugee services, mental health, senior citizens and social justice	

Volunteer needs: see programs in Central City listed below
Other information: In Central City Catholic Charities manages St. John the Baptist Community Center, several Head Start programs (El Yoyo, Louise, and Leslie Early), a homeless shelter (Barrone St. Transitional Housing), and Helping Hands (gutting and cleaning houses for the elderly and disabled)
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes

Name: Central City Renaissance Alliance	
Contact: Sandra Reed, Kysha Brown, Audrey Browder	
Phone: 504-581-5301 (Audrey Browder)	Email: sjreedmc@aol.com , Kyshabrown@aol.com, sreed@dss.state.la.us., audreybrowder@cs.com
Address: Meetings are held in the auditorium of the Allie Mae Williams Community Center, 2020 Jackson Ave	
Website: Times and dates are posted at neworleansnetwork.org and listed on nola.com	
Initiatives/Programs: community planning initiative (commissioned by the City of New Orleans and the Ford Foundation) project run by Concordia a community based planning and design team. In order to direct the city in its delivery of services and resources in addressing community needs plus strengthen local leadership. Also the implementation arm of the Central City Partnership.	
Volunteer needs: People to make calls and pass out flier at community fliers, start a newsletter or a website.	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

Name: New Orleans Housing Resource Center	
Contact: Paul Baricos	
Phone: 527-0499	Email: paul@nolahrc.info
Address: 1832 Felicity St. NOLA	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: Workshops for home owners, law clinics, web workshops	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Young Leadership Council	
Contact: Geneva Marney (volunteer manager)	
Phone: 504-585-1500	Email: geneva@youngleadershipcouncil.org
Address: 1136 Baronne St. NOLA 70130	
Website: http://www.youngleadershipcouncil.org	
Initiatives/Programs: arts and culture, community service, economic development, leadership development, youth education, youth enrichment	

Volunteer needs:
Other information:
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:

Name: Hands On Network New Orleans	
Contact:	
Phone: 504-899-5589	Email: volunteer@handsonneworleans.org
Address: 2309 Dryades St. NOLA, 70113	
Website: www.handsonneworleans.org	
Initiatives/Programs: Since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Hands On New Orleans volunteers have been at work every day to assist in the cleaning and rebuilding of many of the city's sections.	
Volunteer needs: Volunteers are still desperately needed to aid the recovery process, and the civic action center in New Orleans will provide a starting point for those eager to make a difference.	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: UNITY for the Homeless	
Contact:	
Phone: 504-821-4496, 504-269-0184 (Lindy's Place)	Email: admin@unityforthehomeless.org
Address: 2407 Baronne Street New Orleans, LA 70113	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist low-income people to become re-housed and to help rebuild an inclusive New Orleans with jobs and affordable housing for all displaced people. Also, houses Lindy's Place, a nonprofit transitional home for homeless women. The eight month community living program includes mental and physical health care, mediations, and opportunities to pursue meaningful employment and education. 	
Volunteer needs: none at the moment	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Maybe	

Name: Baronne St. Transitional Housing	
Contact: Michelle Brown	
Phone: 504-269-9311	Email:
Address: 2407 Barrone St.	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: Homeless shelter for working families, also provides counseling and referrals.	

Volunteer needs:
Other information:
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes

Name: Unified NonProfits	
Contact: Lisa Kaichen	
Phone: 504-895-2361, 504-491-7190	Email: nonprofitscentral@yahoo.com
Address: 1824 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, NOLA	
Website: list serve- groups.yahoo.com/group/unifiednonprofits/	
Initiatives/Programs: A coalition of nonprofit leaders in the Greater New Orleans area, unified with one voice to support, lead, and fully participate in the recovery and rebuilding efforts following Katrina. They share information, network and collaborate.	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: First Emanuel Church	
Contact: Lisa Royal	
Phone: 504-524-8891	Email: mother_royal@yahoo.com
Address: 1829 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, LA.	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: Feed the Hungry every Tuesday from 11am-1pm, more programs coming	
Volunteer needs: people can help out serving food	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Maybe	

Name: Parkway Partners	
Contact: Joan Doyle (Volunteer Coordinator)	
Phone: (504) 620-2224 or 866-845-6541	Email: jdoyle@parkwaypartners.com jalbrecht@parkwaypartners.com
Address: 1137 Baronne St., New Orleans, LA 70113	
Website: www.parkwaypartners.com	
Initiatives/Programs: Market Gardens, School Gardens, Urban Tree Project, Gardening Seminars and Plant Sale, "Sow and Grow"	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Agenda for the Children

Contact: Judy Watts	
Phone: 504-586-8509, 1-800-486-1712	Email: information@agendaforthechildren.org
Address: 1720 St. Charles Ave. NOLA 70139, mailing address: PO Box 51837 NOLA 70151	
Website: www.agendaforthechildren.org	
Initiatives/Programs:	
Volunteer needs: Many volunteer opportunities	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

Name: Living Witness Church of God in Christ, Inc. Community Social Service	
Contact: Anthony Stewart	
Phone: (504) 524-2959	Email:
Address: 1528 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, NOLA 70113	
Website: www.LWCSS.org	
Initiatives/Programs: Learning Center (mentoring and training), Men's Program (drug rehab), Youth Program (after-school study, kids café).	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

Housing Resources

Name: Central City Housing Development Corporation	
Contact: Stanley Meyers	
Phone: 504-394-3514	Email: Ricki R. Meyers@aol.com
Address: 2020 Jackson Ave. NOLA 70113	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs:	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: In the same building as the Central City Economic Opportunity Corporation – see Organizational Resources	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Felicity Street Redevelopment Project	
Contact:	
Phone: 504-581-3701	Email: fsrp@felicitystreet.org
Address: 1136 Baronne St. NOLA 70113	
Website: www.felicitystreet.org	
Initiatives/Programs: Committed to revitalizing the Lower St. Charles Corridor. They operate a revolving fund for purchasing, stabilizing/renovating and marketing abandoned houses, work to strengthen residents' voices in the public process, encourage a dynamic mix of residents, sponsor community events, and promote interest in neighborhood history and revitalization.	
Volunteer needs: none right now	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Not right now	

Name: First Evangelist Housing and Community Development	
Contact: Beth Johnson, property manager	
Phone: (504) 523-8256	Email: fehcdc@bellsouth.net
Address: 2826 Martin Luther King JR. New Orleans, LA	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: A 501(c) (3) faith-based organization founded to create affordable and low-income homes to address issues of homelessness and blighted properties.	
Volunteer needs: book keeper, accountant, proposal writer, researcher to look into blighted housing for purchase	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: YES –ASAP	

Economic Resources

Name: Hope Community Credit Union	
Contact: Lanette Colin, branch manager	
Phone: 504-581-4673	Email:
Address: 1726 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70113	
Website: www.hopecu.org/AboutHOPE/Branch.htm	
Initiatives/Programs: HOPE provides affordable financial services, such as checking and savings accounts, loans, and financial literacy workshops, that help low-wealth individuals, families, and communities secure their futures.	
Volunteer needs: Finance students	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

Name: Oretha Castle Haley Blvd Merchants and Business Association	
Contact:	
Phone:	Email: k.laborde@att.net
Address: 1614B Oretha Castle Haley Blvd	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: A neighborhood improvement association.	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: Meetings hosted by the Ashe Cultural Arts Center	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Health Resources

Name: Central City Mental Health Center	
Contact: Dr. Arnold James	
Phone: (504)568-6650, (504) 568-6650	Email:
Address: 2221 Philip St New Orleans, LA 70113	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: Programs in mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities.	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: Limited space at the moment	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Synergy Center-Better Living	
Contact: Jamie, clinical director	
Phone: (504) 581-4333	Email:
Address: 2223 Carondelet St New Orleans, LA 70130	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: Partial hospitalization for the mentally ill and geriatric patients. Services include pick-up and drop-off, therapy and food.	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

(Nearby)

Name: New Orleans Adolescent Hospital – Audubon Neighborhood	
Contact:	
Phone: 504-897-3400, (504) 897-4616	Email:
Address: 210 State, New Orleans, LA 70118	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs: Psychiatric programs for adolescent, serves people from all neighborhoods.	
Volunteer needs: visiting with patients, etc.	
Other information: used to be located in central city, and is connected to the Central City Mental Health Center	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: Yes	

Name: Charity Hospital	
Contact:	
Phone: (504) 903-2856	Email:
Address: 1532 Tulane Ave New Orleans, LA 70112	
Website:	
Initiatives/Programs:	

Volunteer needs:
Other information:
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:

Name: Tulane University Hospital	
Contact:	
Phone: (504) 988-5231	Email:
Address: 1415 Tulane Ave New Orleans, LA 70112	
Website: www.tuhc.com	
Initiatives/Programs:	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information:	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Cultural Resources

Name: Ashe Cultural Arts Center	
Contact: Carol Bebelle	
Phone: (504) 569-9070,	Email: cbebelle@gmail.com,
Address: 1712 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113	
Website: www.ashecac.org/	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives/Programs: A community-based center for ReBuild New Orleans activities • A strong advocate for culture, community and justice principles in the ReBuild New Orleans effort • A leader in the strategy to re-populate the Central City community with it's former residents, and other like-minded neighbors who will work with us to establish a community that respects the values of diversity, justice, cultural fabric, strong families, strong educational resources, youth development, and a robust economy available to all • A producer and presenter of multi-disciplinary cultural art works throughout the New Orleans Diaspora (Katrina evacuee locations) that inform and guide the consciousness of community, public policymakers, and business leaders about ReBuild New Orleans issues; and • Support and assistance for New Orleans artists and culture bearers in their efforts to resume their lives and careers 	
Volunteer needs:	
Other information: Office of SL has sent volunteers there in the past	
Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:	

Name: Arts Council of New Orleans	
Contact: Barbara Workman	
Phone: (504) 523-1465	Email: bworkman@artscouncilofneworleans.org mail@artscouncilofneworleans.org
Address: 225 Baronne St. Suite 1712 NOLA 70112	
Website: www.artscouncilofneworleans.org	
Initiatives/Programs: New Orleans Fresh Art Festival, Louisiana Art Works, Grants, Public Art, Entergy Arts Business Center	
Volunteer needs: They need volunteers for the Fresh Art Festival in October, but are so short staffed that they do not feel that they can accommodate interns at this time.	
Other information: The official arts agency for the City of New Orleans, the Arts Council works in partnership with city government to meet the needs of the community based on three guiding principles: supporting the rich and diverse cultures that define this city, acting as an advocate for the cultural community, and promoting the arts as a business and a means of economic development.	

Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: **No**

Name: Barrister's Gallery and Zeitgeist Theater

Contact:

Phone: 504-525-2767, 504-525-6246

Email:

Address: 1724 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd

Website: www.barristersgallery.com/

Initiatives/Programs: Art gallery and theaters.

Volunteer needs: none

Other information:

Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site: **No**

Name: Neighborhood Gallery

Contact: Sandra Berry

Phone: 504-524-8800

Email:

Address: 1410 Oretha Castle Haley New Orleans, LA 70113

Website: 207.57.21.36/gallery/index.html

Initiatives/Programs:

Volunteer needs:

Other information:

Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:

Name: 3 Ring Circus Arts Education Center

Contact:

Phone: 504-569-2700

Email:

info@3ringcircusproductions.com

Address: 1638 Clio Street NOLA

Website: www.3ringcircusproductions.com/ or www.3rep.com

Initiatives/Programs: productions, cross cultural artist exchange, art in the community, art workshops for kids and adults, theater, music and film

Volunteer needs:

Other information:

Potential SL/CBR/Internship Site:

Communitywide Initiatives

UNO Center for International Non-Profit Leadership:

<http://www.cupa.uno.edu/>

Pat Evans works through the College of Urban and Public Affairs and Metropolitan College to provide training in non-profit management to community members. The Center was working specifically in Central City and Treme.

Enterprise Corporation of the Delta

www.ecd.org

This initiative works with Hope Community Credit Union in partnership with Ashe Cultural Center to open an office on Oretha Castle Hayley. They have also just opened an office with the Episcopal Archdiocese on 7th Street. The initiative supports small business and economic development in Central City. It is now also working on hurricane relief support.

“Making it Happen”

www.neworleansmakingithappen.com

Event hosted by Ashe, Concordia, and the New Orleans Foundation to encourage networking and innovative rebuilding efforts. Event was intended to facilitate further development of new projects. Website tracks the ongoing development of these projects.

Neighborhood Networks—HUD Initiative

www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=la&topic=offices

Contact: Dipo Mosadomi

Central City Action Plan (2005)

secure.cityofno.com/resources/portal49/2005%20Action%20Plan%20Final%20Revision%2030805.doc

Central City Partnership

A collaborative effort that aims to identify, develop and implement strategies to rebuild; create opportunities to share and involve the community; build partnerships to find solutions and develop resources; and empower residents with knowledge and skill.

Monthly meetings are held at 2020 Jackson Ave, NOLA 70113

Contact: Audrey Browder, audreybrowder@cs.com, 504-581-5301

Central City Renaissance Alliance

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Contacts: Sandra Reed (sjreedmc@aol.com), Kysha Brown (Kyshabrown@aol.com), Audrey Browder (audreybrowder@cs.com)

Tulane's History in the Community:

National Center for the Urban Community at Tulane and Xavier Universities:

www.ncuc.tulane.edu

Projects included Campus Affiliates Program (CAP) at CJ Peet housing development, VITA tax services and Earned Income Tax Initiative, multiple research projects completed by Tulane faculty.

Office of Service Learning:

<http://www.tulane.edu/%7EServLrng/main.shtml>

Service Learning classes have been placed in Central City organizations like Ashe Cultural Center, the Neighborhood Gallery, Café Reconcile, and Crocker Elementary School. The office originated out of funding from the NCUCTXU.

Tulane's Freeman School of Business, Levy Rosenblum Institute

<http://www.freeman.tulane.edu/lri/default.htm>

“Business Redevelopment and Implementation Plan for Oretha C. Haley Boulevard,” a cooperative effort with First Commerce Community Development Corporation and the Central City Economic Opportunity Corporation. The plan was sponsored by the City of New Orleans for \$20,000 in June of 1997.

Outreach New Orleans:

www.studentaffairs.tulane.edu

Sites at Ashe Cultural Center, Dreyedes YMCA (However buses left from Xavier/Dillard sites NOT Tulane site).

Community in the Media

Pre-Katrina

- Blake. *Blake Ponchartrain, New Orleans Know-it-all.* Gambit Weekly. 4/19/05: www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/2005-04-19/blake.html
COMMUNITY HISTORY
- LeGardeur, Lili. *Completing the Picture: As the arts get squeezed out of local public schools, private organizations are trying to fill in the blanks. But without a strong mandate from New Orleans Public Schools, is it enough to build the artists -- and audiences -- of the future?* Gambit Weekly. 05/25/04: www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/2004-05-25/news_feat.html
CULTURE, EDUCATION, ASHE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, KIDSMART
- Simmons, David Lee. *Culture Shocks: If you want to canvass the city for art and theater, here are 10 places to start.* Gambit Weekly. 8/12/03: www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/2003-08-12/feat8.html
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- Johnson, Allen. *Scuttlebutt.* Gambit Weekly. 5/27/03: www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/2003-05-27/news_scut.html
COMMUNITY FORUM, NAGIN
- DuBos, Clancy. *Politics.* Gambit Weekly. 2/12/02: www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/2002-02-12/politics.html
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- Roahen, Sara. *Soul Kitchen: Café Reconcile puts more than daily specials on the table. They serve up dreams.* Gambit Weekly. 10/30/01: www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/2001-10-30/news_feat.html
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- Etheridge, Frank. *Drug Bust: A pharmacy denies a patient his federally assisted AIDS medication, and accusations fly between local medical agencies.* The Gambit. 7/24/01: www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/2001-07-24/news_feat2.html
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Post-Katrina

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Summary/Recommendations

Major Issues in the Community⁵

- Disinvestment, represented by blighted, vacant, and abandoned properties;
- Concentrations of poverty and crime in and around public housing developments
- Proliferation of certain types of problematic uses (bars, package liquor stores) while there is an absence of needed stores and services (quality grocery stores, repair and personal services);
- Increase in nonconforming uses due to the lack of enforcement of the existing regulations;
- Lack of recreation and green space, bike paths;
- Inadequate after-school and mentoring programs for youth.

Major Strengths of the Community

- A rich cultural history;
- Less prone to flooding than many other neighborhoods due to a higher elevation;
- A variety of community resources (educational, organizational/social, housing, economic and cultural);
- A strong basis for collaboration between various organizations (Central City Partnership, Unified Nonprofits, etc.)

Recommendations

- It is recommended that service learning program development in Central City be seriously considered because this neighborhood connects Tulane's campus to the Central Business District/French Quarter, popular student destinations.
- That Tulane's Center for Public Service (CPS) develops cross-sector initiatives in Central City, in order to holistically address community issues as well as capitalize on existing collaborations.
- That CPS establishes a physical presence in the community by stationing a staff member at Nonprofit Central on O.C. Haley Blvd.
- That CPS continues to research the needs of various organizations within Central City as well as Tulane's past involvement in the neighborhood.

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