

HRA General Membership Meeting October 19, 2010 Minutes

The second HRA general membership meeting of 2010 was held October 19, 2010, at 6:00—8:00 pm at the city's Randal T. Moore facility with 35—40 people in attendance. President Teresa Edgerton called the meeting to order and presented a treasurer's report, gave a brief update on HRA activities in 2010, including upcoming events and invited attendees to sign-up to assist with these events. A copy of the HRA update is attached to these minutes.

Brochures and written materials of interest were made available for attendees.

Jean Sayres from the Shreveport Historic Commission Study Group passed out a draft of the proposed ordinance and requested that participants read the material and notify HRA or the study committee of their comments, opinions or suggestions.

HRA Board Member Liz Swaine introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Larrissa Brown, a chief planner with Goody Clancy, the consulting firm that is spearheading the development of a Master Plan for Shreveport. Dr. Brown presented a slide show that highlighted the revitalization efforts contained in the plan. She also had a handout for each attendee.

Dr. Brown explained the suggestions for development of the downtown and waterfront area, which are adjacent to the Highland neighborhood. The Master Plan emphasizes creative uses for historic structures and instigation of a demolition delay ordinance for historic buildings and development, development of a detailed plan for Cross Bayou among other priorities.

Dr. Brown also provided specific ideas about the following general topics"

- Historic preservation, arts and culture
- Economic development
- Housing and revitalization—comments included development of a renter's code and a comprehensive and coordinated system to eliminate urban blight while preserving neighborhoods and core areas of the city
- Green initiatives
- Infrastructure and other public systems
- Implementation and financing the Master Plan initiatives

After the formal presentation, participants were invited to visit informally while enjoying cake and coffee.