



## August 2022 Broadmoor Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

**7:00-7:02: Welcome from Justin Boone, BIA Board President**

**7:03:-7:05 Introduction of Agenda**

- 7:00 pm: Welcome & General Announcements from BIA Board President Justin Boone
- 7:11 pm: Bobbie Smith for Judge of Municipal and Traffic Court
- 7:13 pm: Derek Russ for Division D of the Traffic and Municipal Court
- 7:15 pm: Pastor Gregory Manning for Public Service Commissioner District 3
- 7:17 pm: Councilmember Lesli Harris Update
- 7:45 pm: BIA Social Services Presentation by Nyia Pulliam
- 7:50 pm: Questions, comments, and announcements
- 8:00 pm: Meeting Adjournment

**7:05 - 7:11 pm: General Announcements from Justin Boone, BIA Board President**

- Justin Boone, BIA Board President welcomed residents and provided brief updates.
- Justin Boone, BIA Board President announced Marcel Urman is no longer Executive Director of the Broadmoor Improvement Association. Justin Boone, BIA Board President will serve as Interim Director and Residents will be provided with updates on when the Executive Director search will begin.
- Emergency Legal Responders provided a free Community Cornerstone Clinic on Monday, August 8, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Broadmoor Arts & Wellness Center. Residents were able to receive direct assistance for survivors on the most common and challenging legal issues that arise after a disaster. As a result,

these clinics promote individual recovery, family stability, and community development.

- Repair Cafe is a community event where locals bring in their "Broken but beloved items" to get fixed by other locals who are "Repair Coaches" at Nola's second Repair Cafe at Broadmoor Arts & Wellness Center on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 9 am to 10:30 am. Fill out this form to participate in the next repair cafe: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW5Y636>
- Residents were encouraged to Join the Broadmoor Improvement Association Community Care Team by joining the Community Engagement & Advocacy Coordinator by emailing [communications@broadmoorimprovement.com](mailto:communications@broadmoorimprovement.com) to volunteer at our Food Pantry Garden, Food Forest, Rain Garden, and Fine Arts & Wellness Trail.

**7:11- 7:13 pm: Bobbie Smith for Judge Municipal and Traffic Court Division E**

- Attorney Bobbie Smith shared his qualifications and interest in running for the Judge for Traffic and Municipal Court Division E. He concluded by handing out his leaflets to in-person attendees and shared his website <https://www.bobbieforjudge.com/>. Residents can learn more about his campaign visiting his website and/or emailing [info@bobbieforjudge.com](mailto:info@bobbieforjudge.com)

**7:13- 7:15 pm: Derek Russ for Judge of Municipal and Traffic Court Division D**

- Derek Russ shared his qualifications for Judge of Municipal and Traffic Court Division D. He concluded by handing out his leaflets to in-person attendees.
- Residents can learn more about his campaign visiting his website: <https://www.derekrussforus.com> and/or emailing [info@derekrussforus.com](mailto:info@derekrussforus.com)

**7:15 - 7:17 pm: Pastor Gregory Manning for Public Service Commissioner District 3**

- Pastor Manning shared his qualifications and interest in running for the Public Service Commissioner District 3 position. Residents can learn more about his campaign by visiting his website <https://www.manningforchange.com> and/or emailing [info@manningforchange.com](mailto:info@manningforchange.com)

**7:45 pm: Councilmember Lesli Harris Update**

- [CM Harris shared her 2nd District B Townhall recording can be found on her Facebook](#) guest speakers included NOPD Captains, Katie Baudouin Orleans Parish School Board - District 5, State Representative Royce Duplessis - District 93, American Red Cross, NOLA Ready, and Celeste Sparks of The Department of Safety & Permits.

- A few months back, CM Joe Giarusso III and CM Harris authored an ordinance to take back some of the money the Department of Safety & Permits and Department of Public Works received. CM Harris credits the change in leadership to Joseph Threat, Deputy Chief Resilience Officer of the City of New Orleans to hold the funds. CM Harris shared that she, Joseph Threat, and contractors will walk through Broadmoor and Mid City. CM Harris has confidence Joseph Threat will motivate the contractors to show progress and complete their projects. CM Harris encourages residents to walk with them to view infrastructure project delays and issues. A resident raises their hand and states they would like to walk with them. CM Harris advises residents to wear closed toe flat shoes and to bring water.
- A resident asked “If the contracts are available for the public to see?” CM Harris answers “The next Public Works meeting will be August 25, 2022 10:00 am inside of the City Council Chamber with a livestream option for residents. Joseph Threat and the contractors will be in attendance at this meeting. Residents are welcome to attend and submit public comments online. As far as the contracts, the city of New Orleans Legal Department has them and are the ones who can enforce a penalty. What I do not want to see if progress holds up because of litigation. Residents are welcome to attend the upcoming Public Works meeting.”
- A resident asked “Is there one project manager or multiple over the different areas?” CM Harris answers “There is no single project manager. What happens if certain streets would have one project manager then on the corner of a certain street there may be a different project manager. There can be different contractors and different project managers at the city level.” One single contractor can handle this work. I am pushing for some sort of online tool that identifies the contractors, the different projects, and the timeline of each project. Where is the hold up and who do I contact? I do not think that is unreasonable and I will continue to address this issue. There was talk of basic signage identifying who is the contractor of each project but I have not seen that implemented yet. I am transparent about the issues and problems in the way Road Work is happening in New Orleans.
- An attendee asks “At your town hall meeting on Aug 8, 2022 , you stated you stopped the project because of rebidding in the Marlyville - Fontainebleau area. When will the rebidding start and can out-of -state people come in and bid on the project? When is the deadline for these bids” CM Harris states “It does not have to be a local contractor. I do not know the specific answers to those questions. I am not a Roadwork person, but I would be happy to connect with you.
- An attendee states “What brings down morale is the number of barricades and obstacles are everywhere. Is it possible to have a moratorium on any new

projects?” CM Harris “The rescoping and rebidding will focus on current projects before starting new ones.”

- An attendee shares he has been in the city a long time and the community a long time. They appreciate fixing streets because they need to be fixed. On Claiborne and S Broad, they have seen infrastructure work being done which took about two years or more with consistency. When can we find out how the contractor is and the timeline of completion? We want transparency and for them to come and talk to us? CM Harris states I agree that is why we are doing these walking tours to have them talking to neighbors and see the issues. If you have time, I encourage you to attend the Broadmoor walking tour so they can hear from you. They need to hear from you. The Department of Public Works is putting down temporary asphalt so residents can traverse roads while they figure out the underlying problems.”
- An attendee states what everyone wants is transparency, especially individuals who may not be able to attend the walk through. Where will the information be available to the public? It would ease our concerns to receive information. CM Harris shares she is pushing for a dashboard. [The Department of Public Works](#) has social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- CM Harris informs residents they can reach out to her office and her office will encourage DPW to continue providing updates via their channels. Residents can also sign up for her newsletter. Her contact information is 504-658-1020 and [Lesli.Harris@nola.gov](mailto:Lesli.Harris@nola.gov)
- A resident asks “If Entergy knows every customer they bill, why does everyone have to apply to qualify for the \$150 credit?” Is the council planning to challenge that?” CM Harris replies “There are requirements that just came out and I have to review them to read who exactly qualifies for the credit. My office is taking an initiative because we understand not everyone has access to the internet, or meet at the Allie Mae Williams Multi-Service Center 2020 Jackson Ave Unit 139, New Orleans, LA 70113 from 10 am - 4 pm on August 17, 2022.”
- A resident shared their concern about doubles to dorms housing popping up in Broadmoor. They asked if there was some sort of resource that can help mitigate this issue. CM Harris stated she would point residents to Elizabeth D. Holman, Director of Land Use who works with CM Joseph Giarusso III on this double to dorm issues. She can be reached at her email address [Elizabeth.Holman@nola.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Holman@nola.gov) for resources. Whenever there is a land use issue, we work closely with neighbors to find out if it is something they can live with. We have to work that tightrope between development and neighborhoods.

### **7:45 pm: BIA Social Services Presentation by Nyia Pulliam**

- **Nyia Pulliam** BIA Lead Social Worker introduced the BIA Social Services Team which consists of herself, and two social work interns Will Ingram and Laura Decuir.
- Current case management services available include SNAP sign up, The Food Pantry, Workforce Development, and Utility Assistance.
- SNAP sign up occurs at Rosa F. Keller Library and Community Center, 4300 S. Broad St. Mondays, 2pm-4pm by appointment and walk-in.
- Food Pantry Monthly food pantry operated at Broadmoor Community Church at 2021 S. Dupre St., on Mondays 10 am-12 pm and Wednesdays 1pm - 3:30 pm
- Workforce Development Resume writing, job referrals, & computer assistance, available by appointment and walk-in.
- Utility Assistance is available to Broadmoor residents only, a \$50 yearly assistance with a utility bill of their choice.
- The BIA's goal is to respond to requests within a 24 hour time frame. We are still able to do walk in's and appointments by phone. Residents can submit a case management request online.
- Broadmoor Boutique is a no-to-low-cost clothing closet for individuals who are unhoused or have limited income. The Broadmoor Boutique is open Monday-Thursday from 9am- 5pm. The Boutique is run by volunteers and desk ambassadors. The boutique is currently accepting donations of male sized clothing.

### **8:13- 8:00 pm: Meeting Adjournment**

- The September Neighborhood Meeting will be September 19, 2022 inside of the Multipurpose Room of the Broadmoor Arts & Wellness Center from 7 pm - 8 pm.
- Residents can sign up the bi-weekly newsletter and periodic updates from the Broadmoor Improvement Association by emailing [communications@broadmoorimprovement.com](mailto:communications@broadmoorimprovement.com)
- Justin Boone adjourned the meeting.