



May 2022 Broadmoor Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

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

7:02:-7:03 Introduction of Agenda

- Welcome & General Announcements from Justin Boone, BIA Board President
- SoilSHOP Presentation by Health Communications Specialist Eman Williams. M.S.P.H, M.A
- Questions, Concerns, and Announcements from Broadmoor Residents
- Meeting Adjournment

7:03 - 7:15: Welcome & General Announcements from Justin Boone, BIA Board President

- Justin Boone, BIA Board President welcomes residents and provides brief updates.
- The extensive search for Executive Director has resulted in an offer being extended to Marcel Urman. The nex Executive Director will start officially in June and attend next month's Neighborhood Meeting.
- June 1st is the start of Hurricane Season. Justin Boone encourages residents to be weather aware and make plans. He informs residents that the BIA is a first responder in times of disasters and works with HomeLand Security and their volunteer team. The BIA will be on the ground and being very proactive to ask for donations and get the resources needed for Hurricane season. June will have the Homeland security team to talk about Hurricane preparedness and how the City and BIA will be coordinated together. The Pantry has generators ready to go and the Tool Lending Library has been launched with an array of tools for residents to use especially after a natural disaster.
- Residents can engage with the BIA through board service by reaching out to justin.boone@broadmoorimprovement.com

- Give Nola Day raised \$695 for the BIA through generous donations. Justin Boone thanks everyone who donated and if they missed Give Nola Day, they can donate <https://www.broadmoorimprovement.com/donate>
- Delivery Drivers are needed at the Broadmoor Food Pantry. [Residents can sign up by clicking here.](#)
- Broadmoor Boutique is seeking gently to new men sized clothing donations.
- District B Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 21, 2022 from 9 am - 12 noon at Rosa F Keller Library organized by Councilmember Lesli Harris.
- Snap Assistance and Case Management is available on Mondays 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Rosa F Keller Library Schedule an appointment by calling 504-249-5130, ext. 7000
- Monday, May 30, 2022 The Arts & Wellness Center and Broadmoor Food Pantry is closed for Memorial Day
- The Broadmoor Improvement Association received a grant from the Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office to fund the design, production, and installation of educational signage at the Broadmoor Rain Garden located at 3601 General Taylor St, New Orleans, LA, 70125. A Day of Service will be hosted on Wednesday, Jun 1, 2022 at the Broadmoor Rain Garden to prepare the space for a new educational sign.

7:15- 7:25: SoilSHOP Presentation by Health Communications Specialist Eman Williams.
M.S.P.H, M.A

- SoilSHOP, a health and education lead screening project was just launched. The purpose is to prevent people from coming in contact with lead and arsenic while they are engaging in gardening and outdoor activities. The project is being piloted in New Orleans because childhood lead poisoning is an chronic issue in New Orleans due to older homes etc. This project wants to ensure the safety of gardeners and children playing outdoors. A lab has been hired to create soil test kits. The kits have instructions, a spoon, and some ziplock bags.
- When you receive the kit, you would take all the information out, follow the instructions, and collect your soil sample. Put it in an envelope with the postage paid for, seal your envelope and complete the form and mail it off. The lab will analyze the sample to test for lead or arsenic in your soil. The results will go to the Louisiana Health Department who will contact you and explain the results and also provide safety recommendations. If the levels are high then you will be connected with other community partners who can help with ridding your house of lead at potentially no cost.
- If there is a child 16 and under, you would be referred to the childhood lead program so children can be screened at proper ages.
- All information is available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to translate.
- A marketing research firm has been hired to convene specifically African American adults 25 - 70 years old focus groups.
- Eman Williams thanks residents for their time and asks if they have any questions.

- A resident asks “What is the price of the soil packets?” Williams replies “We are offering them at no cost and contact information is needed to keep track of who received one.”
- A resident asks “Is there an expiration date on this project?” Williams replies “There is funding until next year.”
- This is only for residential properties and tenants have to get permission from their landlord for the soil to be tested.
- A resident asks about remediation. Williams answers “Remediation would be income based but if you do not qualify for that we would recommend raising your garden beds and bringing in fresh soil. A State Health consultant was brought in to review the messaging to make sure the appropriate information was being shared.”

7:25- 7:27: Questions, Concerns, and Announcements from Broadmoor Residents

- Justin Boone asks if residents have questions. A resident states she has no questions. She enjoyed the meeting. No other resident has questions

7:28- 7:30: Meeting Adjournment

- A Day of Service will be hosted on Wednesday, Jun 1, 2022 at the Broadmoor Rain Garden to prepare the space for a new educational sign.
- Justin Boone states he looks forward to seeing everyone at the June Meeting, The rescheduled date due to Jun 20, 2022 being observed as a holiday. The June Neighborhood Meeting will be June 22, 2022.
- Residents can sign up the bi-weekly newsletter and periodic updates from the Broadmoor Improvement Association by emailing communications@broadmoorimprovement.com
- Justin Boone adjourned the meeting