



## January 2021 Broadmoor Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

### 7:00-7:01: Welcome from BIA Executive Director Sarah Pritchard

- Welcome & opening remarks from Sarah Pritchard, BIA Executive Director

### 7:01 - 7:02 Introduction of Agenda

- Announcement from Rep. Mandie Landry
- Announcement from NOLA Roadwork Dept.
- Presentation from Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI
- Announcement from Caitrin Gladow, Broadmoor Krewe of House Floats
- Questions and concerns from meeting attendees

### 7:02-7:07: Announcement from [Rep. Mandie Landry](#)

- [Representative Mandie Landry](#) of 91 legislative district and [Aimee Freeman](#) of 98 legislative district split the Broadmoor Area. There is no real defining line of each area.
- [Louisiana State Legislature](#) not in session and goes back into session in April
- Representatives at this time help with constituent services such as unemployment assistance.
- [Rep. Mandie Landry](#) states if you have been waiting longer than a few weeks to access state unemployment benefits, contact her office or [Rep. Aimee Freeman](#) for instructions for help on walking through common mistakes or trying to get someone from [Louisiana Workforce Development](#) to get in touch with you.
- She can also assist with [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#), and other state offices such as the Department of Transportation.
- If constituents want to reach her with state related questions, she can contact them on social media, by phone or by Zoom.
- Rep. Mandie Landry asks if there are any questions and there are no questions. Her email address is [vote@landry2019.com](mailto:vote@landry2019.com) feel free to reach out to her with any questions.

### 7:07 - 7:14: Announcement from [NOLA Roadwork Department](#)

- Nikki Polk, Outreach manager for the NOLA Road Work program. She is part of the communications and outreach team for the FEMA projects as well other roadway projects throughout the city.
- The Broadmoor Roadwork project began in December of 2020. There was a community board meeting in November 2020.
- Waterline installations and tie-ends in the area are being worked on and Residents in Broadmoor are getting a notification on Tuesday January 26, 2021 for an upcoming vale closure with regards to the new water lines that are going in.
- The focus right now is preparing the new water lines to go in the roundabout on Napoleon Ave and then paving will start for sidewalks and driveways.
- Residents can contact Nikki at the email address: [roadwork@nola.gov](mailto:roadwork@nola.gov) or 658-ROAD which is the NOLA Road Work hotline.
- A resident asks “What is the purpose of new water lines?” Nikki Polk answers “ NOLA Roadwork works in collaboration with a Sewage and Water Board Engineer and Public Works Engineer, which is why this project is called a joint infrastructure program. So, replacing the water lines is key to making sure there are no problems down the road and corrects roadway subsidence. We can not put a new roadway in an area where the road is subsided because the water lines are outdated to prevent water rupture.”
- A resident asks Nikki Polk to define “subsidence” a roadway that sinks and not at the proper level for drainage and she states the ground is sinking because the underground utilities are starting to fail.
- If residents can go to [roadwork.nola.gov/currentnews](http://roadwork.nola.gov/currentnews) with a monthly update on the Broadmoor Road Work project. Under the Projects tab, There is a presentation from the November 2020 community meeting with all of the contract information, boundaries and additional information.
- There are three ways to find information on [the.roadwork.nola.gov website](http://the.roadwork.nola.gov). Residents can find Roadwork information by typing in their address, neighborhood, or by project name on the homepage.

#### **7:14 - 7:53: Presentation from Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI**

- [The Moderna vaccine](#) allows our body to create a spike protein called an inogen which is a piece of a virus or bacteria something that a person’s body would recognize to build an immunity response.
- [Moderna Vaccine](#) will make our bodies produce the spike protein, push it out into the body stream and then people will have an immune response to it. The vaccine is very organic because it uses your body’s cellular ingredients to make the inogen.
- The chinese government publicized the genetic code for the virus within two or three weeks, they were able to pull out a part of the virus and replicate it as Mrna.
- [The Moderna Vaccine](#) has been named purposefully for Mrna into.
- The vaccine is given via a syringe and injected into your arm. The vaccine is taken in by the muscle cells of your arm and the lipid protein fuses with the muscle cell and then the Mrna goes inside of the cell. It then finds a ribosome and then makes a spiked protein.

Your body would then push it to the surface of the cell then gets into the blood system allowing antibodies to be made.

- The vaccine does not change DNA and the Mrna can not get into the cell nucleus to change DNA.
- This is the first vaccine ever where our bodies make the inogen after the inogen is made your body pushes it to the cell then your body creates antibodies. The antibodies are there if you happen to encounter the Coronavirus. The antibodies are geared toward the spike protein.
- The vaccine was created to create an inogen and immune response to the coronavirus.
- The vaccine has been given to over 23 million American and over 33 million people globally. It is an incredibly safe vaccine. We have only seen several anaphylactic responses to it usually because of allergy response. [The CDC](#) refers to anaphylactic responses as very rare. If you have a history of anaphylactic you should not take this vaccine and have a talk with your primary care provider or you can reach out to Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI.
- Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI introduces residents virtually to [Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett](#) who brought the vaccine to the forefront. He shares a quote by her which goes as follows “To be living in this moment, where I have the opportunity to do something that has eminent global importance is just a surreal moment for me.”
- Because we are in a global pandemic, it was easy to get people vaccinated and determine whether they have COVID-19. Typically in the past vaccine development and roll out has been slow because it makes a lot of money to produce. Usually vaccine makers budget out a very long process so as to not spend a lot of money at once. We are in the middle of a pandemic, [the Pfizer Vaccine](#) was largely funded by the German government and a collaboration by a German company called [BioNtech](#).
- [The Moderna Vaccine](#) was funded by the NRH.
- Both vaccines had an unlimited amount of funding and people and in the process there was a disease process that was undergoing and easy to register people. 75,000 people were tested and were able to show that the vaccines had a 95% efficacy rate against the coronavirus. That means if you get both vaccines in the window that is set for 21 days for [the Pfizer vaccine](#) and 28 days for [the Moderna vaccine](#) and you hypothetically get the coronavirus in a few months you would have a 95% chance of not getting infected.
- A resident asks “How do the antibodies that the Mrna make help our bodies defend us if we were to come in contact with coronavirus?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI answers “That is a great question, thanks for asking it. If you have the vaccine as indicated in order words receive the two doses in the time frames that are recommended the vaccine will be 95% effective at protecting against coronavirus. The measles vaccine and the HPV vaccine have worked as successfully as this vaccine.
- The varying strains of coronavirus change the spike protein in a way that makes it easier to affect a human body. All the variants have a 20 degree twist in the spike protein makes it fit into the receptor that can get into the body easier and quicker. It can also transmit as well.

- Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI recommends double masking everywhere you go or even triple masking for protection against the new strains. The new variations are incredibly infectious.
- Does the vaccine against [the new viral varieties of the coronavirus](#) and does the medicine work? “The vaccine works against the United Kingdom (UK) variant called B.1.1.7 and on Monday, January 25, 2021. An article came out that stated the Moderna Vaccine likely works against the South Africa variant called 1.351 and by definition the Brazil variant called P.1 since they are highly related. By March, there will be a huge uptick of the new variants pushing out the old variant of COVID-19 in populations of people who have not been vaccinated. The variants will become the dominant strand very soon. If you have a vaccinated population, the rates will be lower because we are dealing with a vaccinated population and I do want to make a point here that the CDC does make a point now of wearing a mask. The CDC would like for people to continue to wear masks, stay six feet apart, and avoid crowds. The CDC replaced hand washing with avoiding crowds. What we have learned is there are no cases that have been attributed to touching something or opening a door and then getting COVID-19 because you touched your mouth afterwards. I think it is still a good idea for us as an infectious disease doctor to wash hands as regularly as possible and to continue to sanitize. The CDC has stepped away from the notion of hand washing to the action of avoiding crowds.” answers Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI
- A resident asks “Is the vaccine helpful for people who have tested positive for coronavirus?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI replies “The vaccine should be given to people who have tested positive for the virus. Anyone who has tested positive should wait at least ninety days after you have been infected. The reason for that is that it is important because people who have tested positive for the virus, doctors do not know what their antibody response is and these vaccines give a very standard dose of a response of an antibody and it is enough to protect people from re-infection. Re-infections are rare but can potentially occur.
- A resident asks “What behaviours occur in the rapid spread of the United Kingdom (UK) variant called B.1.1.7?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI replies “It is not so much behaviors as it is more along the lines that the variant is a 20 degree twist in that spike protein made it so that it fits into the receptor of the cell. It gets into the body easier and becomes much more infectious. That will probably be the dominant strand in a couple months pushing out the previous strand.
- Sarah Pritchard BIA Executive Director asks “Are people who have been vaccinated, are able to transmit and spread the virus still?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI replies “I am going to say the answer is yes. We do not know 100%, which is why it is important for people to continue to wear masks. If you get the virus, you are going to take the virus up into your mouth, nares, into the nose or what have you and you still maybe able to transmit the virus to someone else even though it may not be into your system and you could be flushing the virus out within a couple days even if it has not completely gotten into you. I would assume even after you have been vaccinated that you can transmit the virus but we do not know for sure right now.”

- A resident asks about the anaphylactic reaction. “Has there been any pattern like if someone has an insect anaphylactic reaction vs antibiotic anaphylactic reaction or is it just in general?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI replies “ If you have a history of anaphylactic reactions, I would be very cautious. The CDC says if you had an anaphylactic reaction to a previous vaccine or any ingredients to a vaccine then you should not take it. If you have a history of anaphylactic reactions, speak with your physician or primary care provider. All the vaccine sites do have you wait about fifteen minutes after you have been given the vaccine, everyone also has an [EpiPen](#) in case of an anaphylactic reaction.
- A resident asks about the risk of ocular infections. “What is your stance as far as wearing glasses?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI replies “Are the cells that the virus infects found in the eye? The answer is yes, they can be found on the cornea on the eye. Is there a theoretical threat that residents could have an ocular infection. There was a very famous case at the beginning of the summer of 2020, by an ABC News Correspondent and epidemiologist who came to New Orleans on a flight before there was a mask mandate on flight who believes he was not wearing glasses but was wearing double masks who thinks he got the virus through his eyes. I personally think wearing glasses is enough. Needing safety goggles or face visors are necessary but they also do not hurt. I feel comfortable seeing patients wearing my glasses. The likelihood of getting the virus via ocular infection is very low. The other thing is I make sure that when I walk into a room, people are masked or people are not masked. I step out, wait about fifteen to twenty minutes then go back into the room.
- A resident asks “Are you able to share the slides you created?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI replies “Yes, I can do it along with my contact information if there are any more questions.”
- Sarah Pritchard BIA Executive Director asks “Can you share a little bit more about the City of New Orleans plans for the Covid-19 vaccine?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI replies “Yes, the issue with the city’s distribution of the vaccine is that it is really tied to the state which is actually tied to the federal government.”
- Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI states the flu from 1918 is still circulating today so when you get your flu vaccine with the strain from 1918 that obviously has mutated and it is not the same strain but it is still an H1N1 influenza strain. The coronavirus prior to 2019 was just a circulating cold virus, it was responsible for 3% of any annual common cold so the virus is very good at circulating among humans. So I have a feeling this virus is going to get a little hectic then settle down into the human population then circulate. Humans will then need regular vaccines, it is a little early to say but if i was to bet on it I would lean in that direction and not be surprised. Not only do we have this Mrna technology, we will be able to move quickly on these vaccines much quicker then we have ever moved before.”
- A resident asks the final question “What is the status of vaccine options for childrens?” Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI replies “Because I treat adults, I do not know what the pediatrician or children vaccine options are. I know that recent clinical trials have started for children as young as fourteen years old. As of right now, children are not

recommended to be vaccinated. Pfizer vaccine is for people 16 and up. Moderna vaccine is for people 18 and older.”

- Sarah Pritchard BIA Executive Director thanks Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI for providing residents with information. Sarah Pritchard expresses hope that residents take what they have learned and share it with their friends and family, especially the piece about the importance of continuing to wear a face mask, social distance and continuing to stay safe while we are still in the pandemic until we have enough people vaccinated.
- Residents can contact Dr. Mark Alain Dery, DO, MPH, FACOI by email [madery@mac.com](mailto:madery@mac.com) or by phone (504) 343 - 4914

### **7:53- 8:10: Announcement from Caitrin Gladow, Broadmoor Krewe of House Floats**

- There was a spike in people asking how to celebrate Mardi Gras safe. Her friend [Megan Boudreaux](#) came up with the idea of [Krewe of House Floats](#).
- [Krewe of House Floats - Broadmoor/Fontainebleau/Marlyville](#) is the official Facebook Page for the specific sub krewe of Broadmoor.
- There are several hundred neighborhoods who are a part of the [Krewe of House Floats - Broadmoor/Fontainebleau/Marlyville](#) group which provides a sense of community.
- The Krewe of House Floats partnered with the Broadmoor Improvement Association for a [Broadmoor Holiday Drive](#) from December 24, 2020 - January 4, 2021 to direct people to the Broadmoor Food Pantry in our neighborhood. Donations from The Krewe of House Floats totaled 454.2lbs worth of food.
- Caitrin mentioned that she would love to get neighbors involved in the community garden. There are people involved in community fridges.
- There is a community fridge in Broadmoor located at 5416 S Claiborne Ave new Orleans that is heavily trafficked by residents.
- What is the Krewe of House Floats and What will it do for our neighborhood? She answered that “The first thing the Krewe will not do is throw gathering which is rule number one.” If someone wanted to do a porch concert, they would need to apply for a permit and follow Phase One restrictions which can be difficult to do in our neighborhood as houses are close together. The idea is to kind and make everyone feel welcomed and included. Inclusivity is a really important thing. I am really glad to see the wide range of people and house themes on our [Krewe of House Floats - Broadmoor/Fontainebleau/Marlyville](#) Facebook Group. The Krewe wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to build community. I can honestly say there was about a four year period, where I barely went on Facebook ... There have been free workshops, and resource sharing. I have seen people sharing beads and I have seen others encouraging people to get involved with social action projects. What I have found is a really good sense of people wanting to connect and people wanting to do it safely. I have been horrified at reporters from out of town encouraging tourists to come to the city while I recognize that Hospitality is a huge amount of New Orleans economy as a parent and

as someone who is at high risk for a negative outcome from COVID-19. It scares me. So, this actually excites me, I can sit on my porch and delicately throw or lower with a pulley system Mardi Gras throws to people. “

- Caitrin Gladow asks if any residents have questions. BIA Executive Director Sarah Pritchard asks “How can people find out where the participating house floats are in the neighborhood?” Caitrin answers “On February 1, 2021 The Krewe of House Floats will be unveiling a map of house participating. In response to NOLA.com jumping the gun and releasing a map last week, that process has accelerated and a really finely detailed map will come out on February 1st” BIA Executive Director Sarah Pritchard states “The BIA will share the map on our social media and website when it comes out.”
- A resident asks about Mardi Gras throws. Caitrin Gladow replies “There are no set throw times because of the core mission of the Krewe of House Floats which is specifically to not encourage people to come and conjugate. If you want to signal a boost on social media saying this is the day I am giving out throws or create a google form and have people sign up. It will make it easier to manage. There are people who are retrofitting pipes or pulley systems for throws so it is less interaction.”
- The official throw of the Krewe of House Floats is a face mask.
- The official theme of [Krewe of House Floats - Broadmoor/Fontainebleau/Marlyville](#) is “Staycation All I’ve Ever Wanted” as a play on The Go-Go’s Vacation song. The idea is whatever a staycation would mean to you.”
- BIA Executive Director Sarah Pritchard thanks Caitrin Gladow for speaking.
- BIA Executive Director Sarah Pritchard mentions the BIA will be hosting a Diaper Drive in February and can connect with the Krewe of House Floats for support.

### **8:10 - 8:20: Community Announcements**

- BIA Executive Director Sarah Pritchard announces the February neighborhood meeting will be on Monday February 22, 2021 at 7 p.m. The meeting has been moved to avoid conflicting with Mardi Gras which is the third monday of the month. The meeting may be hosted in zoom and information can be found on our social media and website.
- Talva Burnett announces “There is a need for vaccine volunteers, because at some point there will be a wave when the city gets the number of vaccine doses needed for the general public. NOLA Ready has a program set up to train volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a vaccine volunteer can fill out the form at this [NOLA Ready link](#).
- Talva Burnett also announces Community Office hours for District B. Meet your Neighborhood Liaison Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10:30 am - 5:00 pm at Rosa Keller Library & Community Center (4300 S. Broad Ave.) Enter on Napoleon Ave. Residents can make appointments by calling 504 658 – 4933 or log on to [nola.gov/coh](#).
- BIA Executive Director Sarah Pritchard thanks everyone for attending the neighborhood meeting and tells them to have a safe and fun mardi gras!