



July 2022 Broadmoor Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

7:00-7:05: Welcome from Justin Boone, BIA Board President

7:05:-7:13 Introduction of Agenda

- 7:00 pm: Welcome & General Announcements from BIA Board President Justin Boone
- 7:05 pm: State Representative Royce Duplessis - District 93
- 7:10 pm: State Representative Mandie Landry - District 91
- 7:15 pm: Ready Nola Hurricane Preparedness
- 7:45 pm: Questions, comments, and announcements
- 7:50 pm: RTA Hurricane Evacuation
- 8:00 pm: Meeting Adjournment

7:13 - 7:18 pm: General Announcements from Natori Green, BIA Community Engagement & Advocacy Coordinator

- Natori Green, BIA Community Engagement & Advocacy Coordinator welcomed residents and provided brief updates.
- The Parenting Center at Children's Hospital in partnership with the Broadmoor Improvement Association presented the following parenting classes: Active Parenting on June 23, 2022, Impact of Parent-Child Relationship on June 30, 2022, and Challenging Behavior on July 7, 2022. All classes were FREE and held from 4:45-5:45 pm at the Rosa F. Keller Library, 4300 S. Broad Street. While parents attended classes... children were invited to participate in arts & crafts with Little Rainbows Nola from 4:30-6 pm. They were dropped off at the

Broadmoor Arts & Wellness Center, 3900 General Taylor (Multi-Purpose Room).
The BIA provided snacks for the children.

- The week of July 4th, Broadmoor Lead Social Worker Nyia Pulliam & Community Engagement Coordinator Natori Green spoke to Disaster Resilience Leadership Tulane Students & Ochsner Medical Students about our food access efforts in Broadmoor.
- The Broadmoor Improvement Association thanked Claire Schmit, Issa Zorrilla, and Jasmine Rodriguez for participating in the Summer 2022 Internship from June 27, 2022 - July 16, 2022. Interns took part in public service and gained experience in our community through their area of interest which included Home Improvement, Fashion, Flood Mitigation, and Horticulture.
- 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"! Sit in the community with your coach and learn the Art of Repair. Join Nola's first Repair Cafe at Broadmoor Community Center Friday, July 22th from 3 to 5 pm. Fill out this form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW5Y636>
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7:17- 7:32 pm: State Representative Royce Duplessis - District 93

- State Representative Royce Duplessis - District 93 thanked the Broadmoor Improvement Association for all that it does. He remarked on the neighborhood's reputation and The BIA's resilience during Hurricane Katrina. He then introduced himself explaining how the district he represents does not include Broadmoor but the district he wants to represent does include Broadmoor. State Representative Duplessis is running for District 5 State Senator.
- Elected in 2018, State Representative Duplessis shared his background and achievements. He lamented how he wants to be a voice for equity and change. He spoke about how he has led on those issues. He mentioned how he has not run from the issue of crime and invests smarter to deal with the criminal justice system and public safety starting with education, economic opportunities, mental health, behavioral health, and trauma identification. Infrastructure at the state level included having three billion dollars to spend, roughly 300 million is being allocated across the state for infrastructure improvements. 71 million was allocated to the New Orleans Sewage and Water Board which was a big win for the city.
- State Representative Duplessis was involved in the decision-making process of a new state house district. An accomplishment no other area in the state was able to claim. Focusing on results is where he stated he stood. He appreciated the opportunity to tell residents about him and is interested in hearing from residents.

Qualifying for the Senate Seat is this week of Jul 18, 2022, and the election is Nov 8, 2022

- A resident asked, “What is his proudest achievement as a State Representative this past session?” State Representative Duplessis answers Juvenile justice is something he has spent a lot of time working on. No solitary confinement policies or laws were in place in juvenile facilities. A legislative auditor did solitary confinement in juvenile facilities study in 2021 and no laws on the books. State Representative Duplessis passed a bill to limit and restrict the use of solitary confinement in juvenile facilities. In the future, there is a lot he wants to achieve like home-ruled charters to set their policies like paid leave and other policies.
- An attendee recently retired from the sheriff's office asked “Have you had a chance to meet with the new sheriff?” State Representative Duplessis answers “Yes, we have spoken a few times on some things.” He congratulated the attendee on their retirement. He concluded by handing out his business cards to in-person attendees and sharing his email address for residents to get in touch with him by emailing duplessisr@legis.la.gov

7:32- 8:00 pm: NOLA Ready Hurricane Preparedness by Delaney Perkins , Community Resilience VISTA

- DP shared the NOLA-ready pamphlets that were brought to the Broadmoor Arts & Wellness Center for residents.
- DP shared that NOLA Ready is a public engagement branch of the city of New Orleans department of homeland security.
- 2022 is an above-average season overall. DP shared what the city of New Orleans will do and what residents can do to be prepared for this Hurricane season, especially during the peak which is between August and September. Hurricane Season started Jun 1, 2022, and will end in November.
- There are five categories of Hurricanes the categories help to gauge the potential severity of the damage. The weather hazards that can potentially happen include damaging winds, flooding, tornadoes, and coastal flooding. New Orleans is considered one of the rainiest cities in America.
- There is a pre-storm and post-storm evacuation plan and emergency resource centers (ERCs) and shelters. Hurricane plans connect residents to central services and keep them out of harm's way and residents will not be turned away regardless of their status or lack of identification. Pre-storm evacuation is when a city issues a mandatory city-assisted evacuation plan. If you can not evacuate on your own the city can help by providing free transportation out of harm's way. Mandatory Evacuation requires coordination with the State, National Guard, and surrounding parishes. Post-storm evacuation is when there is significant damage

and the city conducts an evaluation. Local transit will assist residents in making their way to a centralized evacuation location.

- Emergency resource centers (ERCs) primary function is to provide the public with access to central utilities, climate-controlled environments, community resources, and current information typically run out of community centers or recreation centers that are spread across neighborhoods when needed most. The city will send residents to regional shelters depending on the population during an evacuation.
- Personal preparedness includes [Protecting their home or business with flood insurance](#). Call 1-800-427-4661 to find an agent. Renters can [protect their belongings with content coverage](#). Homeowners should make sure their policy covers wind damage too.
- Residents are advised to remember three things: Stay connected, make a plan and gather many supplies.
- City-assisted evacuation provides free transportation out of harm's way. Text EVACNOLA to 77295 if you might need to use City-assisted evacuation.
- DP shares the difference between a Hurricane Watch and Hurricane Warning. A hurricane watch is issued when a tropical cyclone containing winds of at least 74 MPH poses a possible threat, generally within 48 hours. A watch does not mean hurricane conditions will occur, only that these conditions are possible. A warning means that hurricane conditions are expected whereas a watch means that conditions are possible.
- DP recommends that all residents add medical information to Smart911, especially if they have a disability, rely on electricity-dependent medical equipment, or if you have mobility needs. [Smart911](#) provides customized alerts and resources that may be available during all types of emergencies, including hurricane evacuations, extended power outages, flood events, and more.
- DP shares the difference between a mandatory evacuation and a voluntary evacuation. A mandatory evacuation is a civil order from your city or county meant to proactively save lives during a natural disaster or emergency. A voluntary evacuation is a type of evacuation where people choose to move from a perceived area of danger to an area of safety either on their own or under the direction of the government.
- Contraflow means everyone is trying to leave at the same time and there is a high level of traffic.
- Gather supplies if you decide to shelter in place and stock up on non-perishable items and unplug appliances.
- After a storm, residents are encouraged to listen to city and state officials and not go into flood waters and observe curfews.

- Remember the 20/20/20 rule, be 20 feet away from your house, take 20 minutes to cool down and invest \$20 in a carbon monoxide detector.
- Use flashlights, keep generators outside, and pick a small number of people to communicate with until you are in an area with proper cell phone service.
- The NOLA Ready Volunteer Corps helps build a culture of preparedness and resilience, supporting first responders, community partners, and residents in disaster response and recovery efforts. NOLA Ready Corps volunteers are part of a team working to meet residents' needs before, during, and after emergencies. NOLA Ready Corps volunteers can receive training in hurricane preparedness, City-Assisted Evacuation, shelter operations, pet evacuation and shelter, flood recovery, and more. The NOLA Ready Volunteer Corps is managed by the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Sign up today by visiting <https://ready.nola.gov/volunteering/>
- An attendee asked, "When will contraflow begin?" DP replied, "72 hours out we want to evacuate citizens, and the closer to the 12-hour mark we want no one on the road." Justin Boone adds "In 72-hour period, once you hit the 48-hour mark depending on the size of the storm if there are impacts close to Grand Isle the Homeland Security gets a notification that the Hurricane is impacting local land which then shortens that timeframe even faster. 72 - 54 hours when that decision of contraflow has to be made by the Governor of Louisiana and Governor of Mississippi. If it is hitting Lake Charles then the Governor of Texas would be involved.
- An attendee asks a question about city-assisted drain cleaning. DP replies "There is an Adopt A Basin program as well as they can contact 311."
- DP was thanked for sharing Hurricane Preparedness information with residents.

8:00- 8:13 pm: RTA Hurricane Preparedness Craig Toomey, Director of Emergency Management

- RTA is the primary means of emergency transportation for the City of New Orleans assisted evacuation for folks with special needs and the general population. Residents are encouraged to come up with their hurricane plan and prepare for a possible evacuation with city assistance or their modes of transportation. The RTA city-assisted evacuation drop-off locations include the Smoothie King center located at 1501 Dave Dixon Dr., New Orleans, LA 70113, and state shelters. When a mandatory evacuation is announced, the Smoothie King Center has six hours to set up, 80% of RTA buses will divert from their primary route and start dropping people off at Poydras and LaSalle. Transit services will pick up people with mobility issues or certain disabilities. [Each person can bring 1 carry-on-sized bag with supplies for a go bag.](#) Medical

devices, diaper bags, and other necessary personal items will not be counted in the one-bag rule, so bring those too.

- Pets 20 pounds or less can be placed in a carrier and pet owners are encouraged to bring their pets medicine and supplies, take a photo of their pet, and have identification like collars. Two buses will be used for a large pet over 20 pounds transportation with a determined location. LASPCA will be partner in that effort. Pets should have an ID collar, leash, medications, and a carrier. Your pet will be taken to an animal shelter near where you're sheltered. [Read more about pets.](#)
- There are 17 evacuation spots. Near Broadmoor, the locations are in Central City, Palmer Park, and Warren Easton High School to get everyone to the Smoothie King Center which will put people on state buses that will take them to shelters.
- Residents are encouraged to try to find out the status of their home before returning to limit having to evacuate again due to not having power, water, or other amenities.
- Post-Hurricane, RTA buses will act as cooling stations should there be infrastructure issues. The city has done a lot of work with Entergy to strengthen infrastructure post, Hurricane Ida. The city is looking at 50 options for shelters which will not be revealed before or after the storm depending on if any of those locations receive damage. Communication will be shared quickly. The return location after a hurricane will be the New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal (UPT) 1001 Loyola Ave., New Orleans, LA 70113. There will be 6 or 7 buses dedicated to going to different areas of the city to drop off residents depending on where they leave. Paratransit will drop residents off at their homes.
- CT is thanked for speaking to residents about RTA's plan.

8:13- 8:16pm: Meeting Adjournment

- The August Neighborhood Meeting will be July 15, 2022 inside of the Multipurpose Room of the Broadmoor Arts & Wellness Center.
- JB shared The BIA is an emergency response organization and will be on the ground in the immediate hours after a hurricane. The BIA partners with the City of New Orleans. Remember Broadmoor is here for you from the board to the staff and many volunteers before and after the storm.
- 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.

