



River to Bayou

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Dear Neighbor:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development (CSED). The CSED owns the vacant lots at 2639 Caffin Avenue, 5620 Florida Avenue, 2636 and 2640 Lamanche Streets. The site is currently zoned as residential. In order for CSED to use the property as a visitor and learning center along with office space, its zoning must be changed to B-1 to accommodate a non-residential use. We are required to apply for approval to change the site's zoning designation. Our application must be heard by the City Planning Commission and the City Council. We anticipate this approval process will take several months.

Because you own property in the area, or are otherwise interested in the neighborhood, I am inviting you to a meeting where you can learn more about what we propose and have an opportunity to present your questions or concerns. We are required to do this before we submit our application to the City Planning Commission.

**This meeting will take place: Saturday, August 2, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.
2636 Lamanche Street, New Orleans, LA 70117**

This letter is being hand-delivered to your physical address or mailed to your mailing address. At the meeting, a sign-in sheet will be provided to obtain phone numbers and/or email addresses so that we can keep you updated if there are any changes to the plans.

I've enclosed plans to give you a better idea of what we'd like to do. We see the site as a great opportunity to develop environmental education and connect the community and visitors with their natural surroundings. The CSED initially plans to install a modular classroom building on the vacant lot at 2636 Lamanche Street in late 2014 or early 2015. Future plans include building a Lower 9 Environmental Learning and Research Center.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments. I hope to see you at the meeting on Saturday, August 2, 2014, 10a.m., at 2636 Lamanche Street.

Sincerely,

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