

Action Items for Freret Neighborhood Planning – Infrastructure Plan (Annotated 9/21/07)

Schools

- Determine the future of Crocker Elementary – Status: **Done**
(Crocker Elementary is currently closed, however an attempt is being made to charter it as a pre-K – 5th elementary school)
- Support Green Charter Middle School – Status: **Ongoing**

Rebuilding/Mitigation (Neighbors United has been a strong advocate through the Lambert and UNOP planning processes of all of the Rebuilding/Mitigation items in Planning Districts 2 & 3. Since the completion of the UNOP plan Neighbors United has been coordinating with the City Council and the Freret Business and Property Owners Association to target problem landlords.)

- Enforce zoning and sanitation codes/regulations
- Repair blighted and storm-damaged property
- Make blighted housing available to new homeowners or small investors
- Flood mitigation that works with historic architecture
- Maintain affordability of housing
- Ensure that long-term renters are not forced out of neighborhood by rent increases

Crime

- Build a community policing center in Freret neighborhood – Status: **Hold**
(Oschner has committed to providing space for the center, however the police department does not currently have the personnel to staff a community policing center)
- Add police cameras to crime hot-spots – Status: **Not Done**
- Housing in the neighborhood for first responders – Status: **Not Done**

Parking

- Parking permits by neighborhood – Status: **Not Done**

- Enforce zoning by household – number of cars allowed per household - Status: **Not Done**
- For future development – maintain or increase the amount of parking – Status: **Ongoing**
- Add markings to Freret Street to discourage people from parking too close to the curbs - Status: **Not Done**

Businesses

- Increase occupancy of storefronts on Freret Street – Status: **Ongoing**
- Find tax incentives and grants – Status: **Ongoing**
- Bring back the City trash cans on Freret Street – Status: **Ongoing** (Will be part of the streetscape improvements to Freret Street as a target area)
- Have a Farmer’s Market in the Freret Neighborhood – Status: **Done**

Treescape

- Horticulture consultation - Status: **Not Done**
- Acquire trees and encourage planting by residents – Status: **Ongoing**

Street Conditions (All below items listed in UNOP plans for Districts 2 & 3, current status)

- Replace missing signs – Status: **Done**
- Speed limits signs on interior streets and Freret Street – Status: **Not Done**
- Repaint parking lines along Freret Street – Status: **Not Done**
- Survey and repair potholes/Fast response pot hole repair program – Status: **Not Done**
- Increase number of street lights and repair broken lights – Status: **Ongoing**
- Create comprehensive street repair program – Status: **Not Done**
- Repair broken water lines and meters – Status: **Ongoing**
- Repair blocked or damaged catch basins – Status: **Not Done**
- Street sweepers – Status: **Not Done**
- Replace and add curbs – Status: **Not Done**
- Repair sidewalks – Status: **Not Done**
- Paint crosswalks for pedestrian safety – Status: **Not Done**

Transportation

- Maintain current RTA service to area – Status: **Done**
- Get the St. Charles Streetcar service back – Status: **Ongoing** (Streetcar service slated to be restored towards the end of the year)
- Add Streetcar service to Napoleon Ave.
- Status: **Ongoing** (Restoration of the Napoleon Ave. Streetcar listed as part of the District 3 UNOP plan)
- Add bike lanes - Status: **Not Done**

Parks (Redevelopment of Evans Playground and Samuel Square listed in UNOP plans for District 2 & 3, much additional planning work needs to be done for both playgrounds.)

- Evans Playground
 - o Have NORD setup little league at Evans Playground
 - o Build a walking path
 - o Plant trees
 - o Setup bleachers for basketball courts
 - o Water fountains
 - o Exercise stations, i.e. Audubon Park
- Samuel Square
 - o Play equipment for small children
 - o Landscaping/park maintenance
 - o Added lighting
 - o Build a walking path
 - o Water fountain
 - o Benches