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KENNER HOSTS MEETING ON FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE

Kenner, LA. – Kenner on Tuesday hosted the first meeting of floodplain and other officials from throughout the parish as part of an effort to increase the education effort related to flood insurance and to qualify for a flood insurance discount from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The meeting at the City Park Pavilion of the group known as Jefferson United Mitigation Professionals (JUMP) included officials from Kenner, Gretna, Harahan, Westwego the Town of Jean Lafitte and unincorporated Jefferson. Also present were representatives from Entergy, the banking, real estate, insurance and other industries.

The meeting was conducted by Michelle Gonzales and Maggie Olivier of the Jefferson Parish Floodplain and Hazard Mitigation office. The group will oversee the creation of a Program for Public Information, which is a multi-faceted document designed to increase education about and participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

FEMA officials encourage PPI programs by offering points under a Community Rating System that can qualify for discounts on insurance. Kenner currently qualifies for a 15 percent discount on the more than 16,000 flood policies owned by residents and businesses in the city. Kenner and other local governments could potentially qualify for greater discounts through the PPI.

“We are very proud to be a part of this group and to host their meeting,” Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said. “Obviously, we are excited about any effort that helps people to protect their property from emergencies and potentially lowers the cost of flood insurance policies.”

A second meeting of the group is scheduled for March.

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