



CITY OF KENNER

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR KENNER FORMALLY ADOPTED

Kenner, LA. – Last Wednesday, the City of Kenner’s Planning Commission formally adopted the Pattern-for-Progress Comprehensive Plan (PPCP).

“This is great news for the city and for residents and businesses considering making Kenner their home,” Mayor Michael Yenni said. “As we continue to attract new businesses to the area, this plan takes all the guess work out of any land-use or zoning decisions that elected officials might be required to make in the future.”

The PPCP was an update to Kenner’s current land-use plan. That process started in 2001 and was formally adopted by the City Council in 2008.

Planning Director Jay Hebert said the City received a \$238,000 grant through the State’s Comprehensive Resiliency Program to fund the PPCP project. Four additional elements were added to the land-use plan; economic development, housing, critical facilities, and resiliency implementation. The University of New Orleans’ Planning Division spearheaded to project.

Hebert said the public had considerable input in the plan with two rounds of 11 public meetings, as well as a community image survey to rank zoning and other land-use issues and consultations with elected officials, members of boards and commissions and city department heads.

Hebert said the plan is designed to assist our elected officials when making decisions on land use, economic development and housing. It also ensures that Kenner is in compliance with state law that requires its local communities to have a comprehensive plan in place.

“I’d like to thank Wendel Dufour, Executive Director of UNO’s Planning Division and his staff for their research and skills that were so valuable in putting this plan together, as well as the staff in the Kenner Planning Department.” Hebert said. “This is a great accomplishment for the City. If anything, we learned from Hurricane Katrina that we as a community need to be proactive in our approach when confronted with natural disasters, and the adoption of the (PPCP) is a reflection of that approach.”

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