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SECOND TOWN HALL MEETING ON NEW ZONING CODE TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Kenner, LA. – Tuesday night’s Town Hall meeting in Rivertown to discuss issues related to a new Unified Development Code for Kenner didn’t attract a big crowd, but Councilman Gregory Carroll said he is convinced four additional meetings in the next two weeks will attract more residents and business owners.

The second Town Hall meeting will be held tonight (July 15) at 6:30 p.m. at Driftwood Park Country Club, 94 Gelpi Ave.

Carroll said any Kenner resident can attend any of the five meetings, no matter where they are held. “It actually may be helpful to listen to the ideas and questions that other people have in other areas of the city,” he said.

The meetings are very informal and the goal is to allow residents to ask questions and share their opinions with elected officials and the Kenner administration on zoning matters. Residents are urged to talk with staff from the Kenner Planning Department and the University of New Orleans’ Planning Division about their own personal zoning issues.

Kenner’s current comprehensive zoning ordinance was adopted in 1978 and has been revised more than 130 times over the years, said Kenner Planning Director Jay Hebert.

The new ordinance is expected to update the old code, reduce unnecessary zoning process and address land uses that may not have existed in the 1970s.

After the current round of town hall meetings, which ends on July 28, the Planning Department will put together a proposed zoning code that will then be discussed at two additional town hall gatherings, Hebert said.

“I really feel confident that by the time the Council is ready to consider a new code, we will have gotten plenty of input from the public,” Carroll said.

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