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SECOND OF FIVE TOWN HALL MEETINGS HELD WEDNESDAY IN DRIFTWOOD

Kenner, LA. – A spirited discussion broke out Wednesday evening regarding sign regulations and neighborhood parking issues at the second of five scheduled town hall meetings to discuss the creation of a new Unified Development Code for the city.

The UDC is essentially a citywide zoning code and is designed to update the current zoning ordinance that is nearly 40 years old. Third District Councilman Keith Reynaud and Planning Director Jay Hebert discussed those zoning concerns and others with residents who showed up to the meeting at the Driftwood Park Country Club.

“This is exactly the reason we are having these meetings with residents,” Hebert said. “We will use your input, your concerns and your suggestions to put together the document,” he said.

Reynaud said he was pleased with the give and take from residents and urged Kenner residents and business owners to attend future meetings.

Three additional town hall meetings have been scheduled. The next is set for Monday at The Pavilion at Kenner City Park, 3800 Loyola Drive. Two more meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers, one on July 21 and the other on July 28. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Hebert explained Wednesday that the goal is to create a new code that addresses land uses that may not have existed when the first code was approved in 1978 and to remove lengthy and unnecessary zoning procedures.

After the five town hall meetings, the Planning Department staff, with the help of the University of New Orleans Planning Division, will draft the new code. Then, two more public meetings will be held to introduce the code and take comments and suggestions.

Anyone who wants to leave comments or recommendations to be considered as the new code is put together can also email Hebert and his staff at Planning@kenner.la.us or Tim Jackson of the UNO Planning Division, at thjacks3@uno.edu.

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