

| 2/1/2011 | School Assignments - Council District E - Schaumburg ES - PUBLIC COMMENTS |
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| NAME | SUMMARY OF SPOKEN COMMENTS |
| Cynthia Willard-Lewis | State Senator District #2 - Thank you for the turnout. Excited by the young people here. Here as a parent and state senator. Will be pushing for schools where students need schools. With blue ribbon standards. Has some doubts there are funds for phases 2 and 3 of Master Plan |
| Jon Johnson | City Councilperson - District E - Going to be here tonight listening |
| Nathan Thomas | With Intercultural Charter School. Wants to know if they have a choice of a school, they want Sherwood Forest, and how long before they are out of the modular campus. |
| Natalie Thomas | With Intercultural Charter School, parent and PTO member. Wants out of the modulars and wants to go to Sherwood Forest in Phase 2, not Phase 4. When will Sherwood Forest be built? |
| Vanessa Gueringer | Lower 9 th Ward. Money was taken out of the Lower 9th Ward. \$94 million. There's a waiting list of 500 students in a blighted area. They need 2 new schools. Their kids are being bussed all over city. Want what is equitable and fair. Pastorek told them no about putting more schools in the Lower 9. If really about equity and fair, they will get their 2 new schools. Schools are a main draw to get people back into the area |
| Brad Vogel | Resident of St. Roch area and with National Trust for Historic Places. Wants an adaptive reuse process to handle the landbank schools. It's good about the mothballing but they really need to be returned to use and a process needs to be created to try to do that. |
| Amanda Stenson | Transplants to New Orleans. Son is at Sci Academy. They are on their second set of trailers/modulars. There are already problems at Landry. Who makes these decisions? |
| Willie Calhoun | A reverend. Would have preferred Mr. Vallas and Mr. Pastorek to be there. Their absence shows a lack of respect to this community. Here about the Lower 9th Ward - wants to know what does it mean for ML King to be renovated as called for in Master Plan. He cannot get an answer. They need a new Elementary School and a High School the Lower 9th Ward. |
| James Jones | Student at Sci Academy. One of the greatest opportunities for city at Sci Academy. They need a building. |
| Troy Simon | A Sci Academy student. They really need a permanent school. They get good grades. Need opportunities to do better things. SA teaches that a higher education is good but you need discipline. Need high expectations. |
| Jaie Schneider | Has son at Miller-McCoy Academy. Thanks the Miller-McCoy leadership for coming down to New Orleans after Katrina. They are desperate for Phase One school - wants to know how long will it take to get a building. |
| Peta LeBlanc | Principal at Intercultural Charter School. Started school in 2008. Now in modulars and the structures are not doing well. Their kids are from an area that center around Sherwood Forest site when looking at their zip codes. |
| Asuntá Holloway | Please put Intercultural Charter School in a new building. |
| Isaac Pollack | Teaches at Sci Academy. Likes their site just not the modular buildings they are in. Would like to be in a permanent structure at their site. Their model is a max of 425 students. Would like RSD to reconsider doing a smaller permanent school for them relative than what is called for in the Master Plan. Sci Academy is very successful. Requests that be put at the forefront. |
| Joan Ulmer | Parent. Miller-McCoy is great. Has 7 th grader there. Wants to know when they will get a building. |
| Russell Schmehl | Professor of Chemistry at Tulane. Supports Intercultural School and likes Sci Academy. Wants K-8 kids out of the mods - it's easier for high school kids to move around than elementary kids.. Does not have confidence in RSD - gets basic data wrong like the handout that says school is K-5 but it's really K-8. |
| Dorothy Young | New Orleans East community member. Has 5th grader at Intercultural Charter School. The floor cracked open in a modular classroom from doing a little jumping - did not fall through, but what does it mean if holes can be made in the floor by young children? They want Sherwood Forest site. |
| Mary Johnson | Grandson at Miller-McCoy. Kids tired of being in trailers - they want a new school. |
| Dot Wilson | About Upper 9 th Ward. Carver has been taking a long time to build - why? What about Moton, Haley, Hansberry and Lockett? All they have is Carver. Kids are being bussed all over. They leave in the morning when it's dark and come back when it's dark. You treat kids a certain way and that's why they act that way! Children need stability, somewhere to go. Does not know what is on the landbank list. Where is the money that was set aside early on? Thinks deals may have already been cut. Says they talked with Paul Pastorek and that was as strange as talking to Paul Vallas. People from out of state don't know our local children. |
| Nikkisha Napoleon | Greater Gentilly HS parent. Education should be an imperative. Disheartened that people are here begging for buildings. Five meetings and nothing resolved. Lower 9th Ward has been overlooked - it needs schools What is happening to make sure we have state of the art labs and education. RSD must shoulder blame. Says RSD is not listening. Children are begging. See RSD taking notes at meetings but then ignoring them. Should not have to beg. RSD should be ashamed. |
| Daphyne Burnett | Principal of Sarah Reed Elementary modular campus. They are going into the Little Woods site. Wants to know when it will be built |
| Cam Tran | Represents Intercultural Charter School. Everyone here is fighting for a building. They were made promises that were broken. Should be their right. The community deserves it. |
| Trudy Green | From Lower 9th Ward - how do you expect kids to learn in a trailer? Why are kids in trailers when no FEMA trailers are at homes? Money was designated for the Lower 9. Says God will expose what has happened to that money. Slavery is over. Should be moving forward. Tired of people on state level. Also Superintendent Vallas. They are not showing respect to the people of the Lower 9th Ward.. Kids are getting on busses too early in the morning. She heard someone in the RSD say they were overwhelmed with too much information. RSD should tape record their meetings and then go back and write notes. She is tired of the foolishness. Thinks someone will go to jail over the treatment of the Lower 9 - someone is taking their money. |
| Ronald Singleton | About Miller-McCoy. St. Augustine students have transferred to Miller-McCoy. Good things are happening there. Teachers are coming from out of state to teach at Miller-McCoy. Understands the anger but all have to do their part. He has to pay for private school though he did not go to private school. |
| Jack McElveen IV | Warren Easton HS graduate. A merchant mariner. Lives in Jefferson Parish. Has four kids and put in application today for them to attend Miller-McCoy. Miller-McCoy is like St. Augustine. He has seen great things at Miller-McCoy but the RSD needs to do the right thing and put money back into the 9th Ward. He misses New Orleans. Jefferson Parish is not where it's at. Wants to come back if the schools are good. It's about making this city better. |
| Eileen Livaudais | [Did not speak] |
| Tiana James | Akili Academy needs a school building. |
| Shavonda Chambers | Daughter at Akili Academy but not about that particular school. Is concerned about demolishing the modulars. The modulars have mold, rats, floorboards that are falling apart. Kids deserve more. She talks to kids in the community and they tell her no one cares. She says there has been no action. She heard trailers were only for 18 months. And if they are supposed to last 5 years, why are they falling apart. |
| Karran Royal | Wants to know if their voices really matter. Has been to all these meetings. Used to live in New Orleans East. Kids need to be out of the modulars. It's been too long. Also concerned about promises being made behind closed doors. BESE approved charter programs last month but why are those nine schools not in today's building assignment conversation - they will need buildings. Also, why are there so many charters? She asked State Sen. Cynthia Willard-Lewis why can't the community have a real voice what happens to these schools. Wants transparency. There is a lack of trust. |
| Marcia Peterson | Works at Desire Street Ministries. Carver goes there for basketball practice. Other schools have done that, also. They need an elementary school in the Desire community. They know that because they went door to door to count residents. They are not being paid for the schools use of their facilities - they allow it because it's good for the community. They were denied their own charter. |
| Tiffany Jones | About Miller-McCoy. Glad they are in Phase one of the Master Plan and says thank you. |
| Reginald Singleton | Parent at Miller-McCoy. Doing a great job. Kids there go from F's to A's. He's a minister and sees good things. They need a facility |
| Debni Hammond | Everyone fighting for space. They shouldn't be competing against each other. Taxes have gone up but money is not coming to back. Is angry. Urges people to show anger at the polls. It's not moving fast enough. Wants to know what is being done to speed up process. |
| Yolanda Johnson | Her 8 and 9 years old attend Intercultural Charter School. Moved back from Alabama. Disappointed sometimes. Her son kept reminding her to come to this meeting many times. Intercultural Charter School doesn't have a decent cafeteria to have a decent lunch. Kids shouldn't have to remind their parents to come to this kind of meeting. |
| Alex Harrison | Is a junior at Sci Academy. Says thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. A good building is needed to help mission of the school. Electricity has blown out from rainfall. They need the resources schools are supposed to have |

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| Cynthia Willard Lewis | <p>State Senator District #2 - Has been a witness to much of what the community has said. At Intercultural Charter School eating lunch under open awning in the cold. Witness to FC Williams modulars - in downpour of rain and little kids getting wet because the modular had no awnings. Problem were the RSD predecessors. This is now one New Orleans – not separate but equal. Talking about below industrial canal - all broken modulars are in NO East. Can't use only demographics to place buildings because schools will bring residents back to an area. It's also about the jobs of today.</p> |
| Jon Johnson | <p>New Orleans City Councilperson - District E - The State Senator said it all. The City Council does not have much input to local education. The money that has come out of the Lower 9th Ward when compared to what is going back in – is not right. Superintendent Pastorek said issues need to be resolved including demographics but that decision has not been made yet. The next day, Superintendent Vallas said the opposite - that a high school and an elementary school would be in the Lower 9th Ward in Phase One.. And why so many charters being issued with no buildings attached to it? He's not an expert but how can you issue charters without a building? Supt. Pastorek thinks ML King ES can have a high school on their site, but there is no room! There are problems on a state level – but why has this system been so much more destroyed than any other place!</p> |
| END OF PUBLIC COMMENTS | |