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NEXT  
STEPS

Below is a schedule of the next steps in the SCCDP:

**2011**

**March-April:** Integration with the EBR Parish Master Plan (**FUTUREBR**) and the Redevelopment Authority's Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

**April - May:** Strategies to accomplish the plan are finalized; Public hearing and adoption of the EBR Plan (**FUTUREBR**) with inclusion of the Scotlandville Comprehensive Community Development Plan (SCCDP); The SCCDP placed on display at local libraries, City Parish Planning Commission and Southern University; the Synopsis of the SCCDP is distributed to all interested parties

**June-Ongoing:** Work with Scotlandville Community, Metro Council members and other interested groups to build consensus, to develop advocates that will embrace the plan and follow it through implementation to monitoring

## PRESENTATION OF THE SCCDP

On Tuesday February 22, 2011 at the Scotlandville Library, the U+R CDRC presented the draft version of the Scotlandville Comprehensive Community Development Plan (SCCDP), at the monthly Community Against Drugs and Violence (CADAV) meeting. Over 60 community residents, business owners and city/state agencies were in attendance, including State Senator Sharon Weston Broome, State Representative Dalton Honore, and State Representative Regina Barrow's Legislative Assistant Makesha L. Judson. The presentation was conducted by two U+R CDRC student members, Marlon Stepp and Whitley Calloway. The SCCDP sets forth goals, analyzes existing conditions and trends, describes and illustrates a vision for physical, social, and economic conditions of the community, prospectively for the next twenty (20) years. The draft plan was well received by those in attendance, and several comments and suggestions for improvement were voiced at the meeting. For those community members and interested parties that were unable to attend the meeting, the presentation is posted on the U+R CDRC website ([www.urcdrc.org](http://www.urcdrc.org)). You are more than welcome to provide feedback as we finalize the SCCDP. Over the next two months we will work with the East Baton Rouge Master Plan team **FUTUREBR** and the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) to define funding strategies and implementation measures to realize this community driven plan. In May/June we will distribute the Synopsis of the SCCDP, and the full document will be available online, and for viewing at local libraries, the City Parish Planning Commission's office and at Southern University School of Architecture.



U+R CDRC student members Marlon Stepp and Whitley Calloway presenting the draft version of the SCCDP at the Feb. 22 CADAV community meeting.



State Representative Dalton Honore (bottom left), and Scotlandville residents, business owners and interested parties listening the SCCDP presentation.



Left to Right: Marcelle Boudreaux (CPEX), Pat McCallister-Leduff (CADAV), and Susan Ludwig (CPEX), discussing ways the SCCDP may be implemented.

## BATON ROUGE HOMELESS COALITION MEETING

On Wednesday February 9, the Southern University Center for Social Research (CSR) and the Southern University School of Architecture's Urban + Rural Community Design Research Center (U+R CDRC), presented the draft SCCDP to the Baton Rouge Homeless Coalition. The purpose was to engage a portion of the community that is often taken advantage of and overlooked. Those members in attendance were pleased with the presentation and a follow up meeting occurred on Wednesday, February 16, to discuss their suggestions for enhancing the plan. The information gathered during the follow up meeting was invaluable, and will allow the SCCDP to incorporate ideas from a section of the population that is often ignored. This information will be shared with the **FUTUREBR** team and the RDA's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) team to ensure the hearing of their voices in East Baton Rouge Parish.



William Hawn with the CSR and Archie Tiner with the U+R CDRC (not pictured) presenting the draft plan of the U+R CDRC to those in attendance at the Baton Rouge Homeless Coalition meeting on February 9, 2011.

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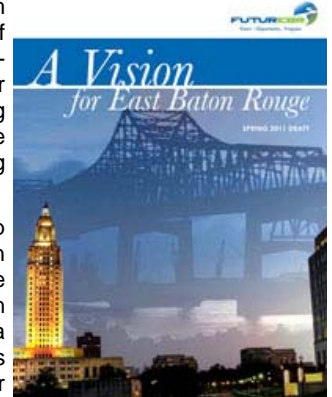
Pat Leduff accepting the plaques from William Hawn.



Together Baton Rouge members going to the Community Leadership training in Alexandria.

At the CADAV meeting on February 22, William Hawn with CSR, presented Pat McCallister-Leduff, of CADAV and the Scotlandville Community Development Corporation (SCDC), with two plaques for their support of the Southern University - "Building Stronger Communities (SU-BSC)". CADAV and the SCDC have assisted CSR with this U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant for several years.

On Wednesday February 16, Mayor-President Kip Holden and John Fregonese unveiled the Vision Plan for East Baton Rouge Parish at the Old State Capital, called "FUTUREBR". According to the Vision Plan, "Our vision for East Baton Rouge Parish is a pattern of development that responds to the needs and desires of our citizens, seizes opportunities for economic and physical growth respectful of the environment, and continues progress toward our goal of building America's Next Great City." Aspects of the SCCDP are included in the Vision Plan, which can be viewed online at [www.futurebr.com](http://www.futurebr.com).



Cover page of the draft Vision Plan. The EBR Comprehensive Plan or "FUTUREBR" is an opportunity to shape future growth in the city and parish over the next 30 years (see page 24 & 25 for SCCDP inserts)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Workshop-Seminar		Community Meeting		Holiday		SUSA Event
	Community Outreach		Community Event		East Baton Rouge Master Plan Meetings		

**Events Organized By:** 1 Southern University School of Architecture (SUSA); 2 Community Against Drugs & Violence (CADAV) / Scotlandville Community Development Corporation (SCDC); 3 Office of the Mayor-President, City-Parish Planning Commission, EBRRA, EBR Office of Community Development; 4 Baton Rouge Sponsoring Committee

## TOGETHER BATON ROUGE

The next meeting is **Tuesday, March 15th, 12pm, at Mt. Zion First Baptist Church, 356 East Blvd.** Lunch will be provided with a suggested donation of \$5. The meeting will begin promptly at 12pm.

For more information, email Pat McCallister-LeDuff at [patleduff@yahoo.com](mailto:patleduff@yahoo.com) or [contact@togetherbr.org](mailto:contact@togetherbr.org) to confirm your attendance by March. 10th.

[www.togetherbr.org](http://www.togetherbr.org)

Seventy-five (75) delegates traveled to Alexandria, to Wesley Methodist Retreat Center for Community Leadership Organizing training.

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### March

7-8 - Mardi Gras Holiday

15 - Together Baton Rouge Monthly Meeting, (Mt. Zion First Baptist Church) 12 pm 4

22 - \*CADAV Monthly Meeting, 6:00 pm 2

26 - Spring Clean-Up, (Meet at Scenic Hwy/Goudchaux) 7:30 am 1, 2

April 2011						
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### April

22 - Easter Holiday

26 - \*CADAV Monthly Meeting, 6:00 pm 2

May 2011						
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### May

8 - Mother's Day

24 - \*CADAV Monthly Meeting, 6:00 pm 2

30 - Memorial Day

### Notes:

\* CADAV Meetings take place at the Scotlandville Library unless otherwise noted.

TBA - Date or Location To Be Announced

## IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

As discussed in the last issue, we will take a look at several possible ways to implement aspects of the SCCDP. Across the country City and Neighborhood Improvement Programs are one of the most powerful tools. There are various types involving the purchase or construction, major repair, reconstruction, or replacement of items, such as buildings, utility systems, roadways, bridges, parks, etc. These programs are usually five to six year plans that are undertaken by the local governments and are typically large scale improvements within an area. These improvements are typically financed thru the sale of bonds by the government. On a much smaller scale, the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority (RDA) is currently working on a different type of improvement program called a Community Improvement Plan (CIP). According to the RDA's website, these revitalization plans are community-driven and will provide action-oriented strategies to affect the physical environment in ways that improve the quality of life for citizens in the targeted communities. These five CIP areas were created through a collaboration with the Mayor's office and the five Metro Council Members that represent these unique areas within East Baton Rouge Parish. One of these areas includes the Scotlandville Gateway.

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