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Louisiana Chapter

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Re: Katrina and Rita + 10 Committee Meeting Minutes
By Tim Jackson, AICP

Attending: Tim Jackson, Jane Brooks, Ed Elam, Bob Becker, Meredith Soniat, Chris Pulaski (via phone), Lydia Jemison (live & via phone)

The committee met at UNO at 10:00 AM. There was discussion about what kind of event the Chapter would hold to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. This was the original charge of the committee. The consensus, after much discussion, was the following:

- It is too late to try to organize an event by the actual anniversary date of August 29.
- Meredith will look into the Metro Section participating in the “Day of Service” being coordinated by the City of N.O.
- The best time is a session, maybe two, at the APA LA Conference in Houma in 2016. Possible areas to focus on:
 - Did any of the many plans, or parts of them, get implemented? Included in this are the many neighborhood plans, recovery plans, the “17 Recovery Zones of Ed Blakely”, etc.
 - The event would be not just about Katrina, but also Rita, Ike, Gustav and possibly even Isaac, all of which impacted the central and western parts of south Louisiana as much or more than Katrina.
 - What happened to CPEX’s efforts to get the State Office of Planning re-established?
 - \$8.6 Billion BP oil spill settlement
- The event would be consistent with the theme of the Houma conference – “Planning on the Edge.” The keynote speaker, already committed, would fit not just this theme but the focus of the Katrina+10 Committee.
- The Committee will meet again to further refine these plans at some undetermined point in the future, possibly in the Fall, as the 2016 Conference Host Committee begins to put its program together.