

District 2 Community Meeting

Councilwoman Chauna Banks will host a community meeting on plans for a co-op grocery store to be built on Shada Plantation, located off Scenic Highway. A food cooperative or food co-op is a food distribution outlet organized as a cooperative, rather than a private or public company. Food cooperatives are usually consumer cooperatives, where the decisions regarding the production and distribution of its food are chosen by its members.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at ExxonMobil YMCA located at 7717 Howell Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70807.

The effort comes from Pat McCallister-LeDuff, Executive Director of CADA and Scotlandville CDC, who sees the value in providing healthy food in areas considered food deserts.

Scotlandville is determined to have the largest food desert in the parish. Last fall, Build Baton Rouge approved a resolution authorizing the redevelopment authority to enter a contract with the State to receive \$500,000 in Capital Outlay funds for Shada Plantation development.

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