



TALKS OF A NEW GROCERY STORE IN SCOTLANDVILLE

Councilwoman Chauna Banks will host a community meeting on plans for a grocery store to be developed on Shada Plantation, located off Scenic Highway, near Southern University. The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the Jewel J. Newman Community Center, 2013 Central Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70807.

Studies in recent years have identified the community of Scotlandville as having the largest "food desert" in the city of Baton Rouge. "Food deserts" are so called because residents do not live near supermarkets or other food retailers that carry affordable and nutritious food.

Invited speakers include: Carolyn Coleman, District 10 Councilwoman; Cleo Fields, State Senator, District 14; Maggie T. Gleason, Long Range Division Manager - Brownfield Program, City-Parish Planning Commission; Ryan Holcomb, Planning Director, City/Parish of Baton Rouge; Pat McCallister-LeDuff, President Scotlandville CDC/CADAV; Tara Titone, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer Build Baton Rouge.

This is a follow-up community meeting from one held last month that left many of those in attendance with myriad concerns and unanswered questions. This meeting is to share foundational information and bring the community in sync with the plans. "This could be the beginning of a Scenic Highway revitalization plan, so I am excited to hear what will be shared," said Banks.

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