

Thank you for your recent support of the Government Street Amenities Committee. As you know, this Committee was formed to propose upgrades and improvements to make Government Street more attractive and inviting for residents, business owners and visitors. The letter of support that you provided was included in a report that was given to the Mayor's Office during a meeting on February 14

The Mayor's Office was very receptive to many of our recommendations. Recommendations included pedestrian crosswalks (using alternative paving such as brick or cobblestone), removal/repair of dilapidated street & traffic signs, enforcement of code violations, installation of decorative street signs and light poles, and utility improvements. To coordinate with the city's existing road project, the Committee also recommended that the Green Light Plan improvements for the intersection of Government Street and Foster Drive serve as a model for future improvements at other intersections.

Also as a result of the meeting, Councilman Boneno is proposing two new ordinances:

- To require the removal of unused utility poles parishwide. Currently, there are several unused poles on Government Street and throughout the city that are located along streets in city right of way.
- To allow the City-Parish to remove unused, abandoned signs on private property. The property owner will be first be notified and given 30 days to remove the unused sign, if the sign, including the pole or structure to which it is attached, is not removed, the city would have the right to remove it at the owner's expense.

The utility pole ordinance was introduced on the February 26th Metro Council agenda and the sign ordinance will be introduced to the Council, after review from the Planning Commission, on April 3rd. For more information on these ordinances, please contact Councilman Boneno's office at 389-5169.

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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