Sunday January 25, 2009

12:59pm     Group departs Boston to Atlanta
            arriving in New Orleans at 5:16pm

5:05pm     Group arrives New Orleans
            Pick up rental cars

6:30pm     Class meets at Old Towne Inn
            Location:  1001 Marigny Street, New Orleans

Monday January 26, 2009

8:30am     Course Introduction – Main Street Sites and Issues
            Urban Neighborhood Decline: Causes, Consequences, Challenges
            Location: Main Streets Office, Charles J. Colton School, 2300 St. Claude Avenue

10:15am     Break

10:30am     New Orleans Background: Social, Political and Development History
            Post-Katrina Planning and Rebuilding

12:30     Lunch Break

1:30pm     Tour of St. Claude Avenue Commercial Corridor and New Orleans – meet at 2300 St.
            Claude Avenue Street space for tour on foot with Robyn Blanpied, St. Claude Main
            Streets Executive Director.  Tour to cover St. Claude Main Streets district highlights,
            surrounding neighborhoods, and areas on the edge of district that have impact on the
            corridor and local vision and goals.

            “Urban Design and Development: Ways of Seeing” will be discussed during this tour
            and during our Tuesday walking tour of the St. Claude Avenue commercial corridor.
            Please make sure you do the reading listed on the syllabus prior to today.

6:30pm     St..Claude Corridor: Current Initiatives, Projects and Visions
            Location:  To be determined
            Dinner as a group and a discussion with Robyn Blanpied and community
            members about the vision for St. Claude Avenue and different initiatives and projects
            being undertaken along St. Claude and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

8:00pm     End of program for the day
Tuesday January 27, 2009

9:00am  Walking tour of St. Claude Avenue Main Streets District and start of Assignment #1: Meet at 2300 St. Claude Avenue Street  
Assignment of student teams – assignment sheets will be distributed  
Tour of district with students in the following teams:  
traffic/pedestrian activity/transit  
commercial activity/business mix  
architecture/urban design  
District image/clues/people  

During the tour of the district, there will be a discussion of the physical and economic tools available for urban commercial district revitalization (see “Physical and Economic Tools I” on the class syllabus for reading preparation for today). During the tour, students also will introduce themselves and the project to business owners and ask about the business' history on St. Claude and their priorities for the district.

1:00pm  Lunch Break  
2:00pm  Work session – teams to record initial impressions based on question sheets  
4:00pm  Presentation/discussion with Robyn Blanpied and others on initial impressions from each student team  
Location: 2300 St. Claude Avenue  
6:00pm  Meet with University of New Orleans urban planning studio working on a retail development plan for Gentilly  
Location: Milneburg Hall 364, UNO Campus  
8:00pm  Dinner on your own and free evening

Wednesday January 28, 2009

9:00am  Group to meet at 2300 St. Claude Avenue to review initial impressions and client feedback and to set work plan for remaining field trip time.

10:00am to 5 PM  Field Work:  
1. Interviews with Project Advisory Committee members  
2. Interviews with food businesses and industry experts  
3. Inventory buildings and uses in warehouse area adjacent to St. Claude district  
4. Informal interviews

6:00pm  Meeting with DUSP Alumni working in New Orleans.  
Awaiting confirmation and location  
8:00pm  Dinner on your own
Thursday January 29, 2009

9:00am  Group to meet at 2300 St. Claude Avenue to review progress and finalize tasks for the day

10:00am  Field Work

3:30pm  Meet at 2300 St. Claude Avenue to discuss results from field work and prepare outline of presentation to project committee on Friday. Work on presentation.

6:30pm  Dinner on your own and free evening

Friday January 30, 2009

8:30am   Trial run of presentation for project advisory committee.

10:00am  Project Advisory Committee meeting.
          Presentation of initial impressions and field work
          Discussion of committee member goals and priorities
          Review of project timeline and process

Noon    Recap, reflection on the project and week in New Orleans

3:00pm  Group departs for New Orleans Airport

11:08PM Arrive in Boston