

Media Advisory

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**Council President Fielkow
Leads Delegation to Texas**

*Group will Tour Big League Dreams Park
And Hawaiian Falls Water Park*

What: City Council President Arnie Fielkow will travel with a number of local elected officials, including Congressman Anh "Joseph" Cao, and business leaders to visit the Big League Dreams Park and Hawaiian Falls Water Park Complex in Mansfield, Texas to explore the possibility of bringing a similar complex to the Six Flags site in eastern New Orleans. Pat Kight and Steve Meyers of Big League and Hawaiian Falls, respectively, will lead the tour. Following the tour, the group will participate in a questions and answers session with executives of the corporations. The visit is a follow-up to a meeting convened by Council President Fielkow, held earlier this summer in New Orleans.

Big League Dreams is best known for its youth sports parks with softball and baseball fields that are designed and built as replicas of famous, historic major league stadiums. Hawaiian Falls is a chain composed of three water parks and one golf venue. Both representatives of the corporations and community leaders believe that this endeavor could be a major boost to eastern New Orleans.

"I am excited to tour the Big League Dreams Park and Hawaiian Falls Water Park Complex this weekend with other city, state and community leaders," said Fielkow. "As Chairman of the Special Development Projects and Economic Development and Youth and Recreation committees, I feel it is important to explore all potential opportunities for redevelopment of the former Six Flags site and revitalization of eastern New Orleans. I have visited previously with both of these nationally respected companies and am excited about the positive effect a combined world class youth sports complex and water park could have for the entire New Orleans region."

NOTE: Members of the media are invited to join the tour.

- Who:**
- Council President Arnie Fielkow
 - State Senator Ann Duplessis, LA, District 2
 - State Senator Ed Murray, LA, District 4
 - State Representative Austin Badon, LA, District 100
 - State Representative Cedric Richmond, LA, District 101
 - Congressman Anh "Joseph" Cao, LA, District 2
 - Pat Kight, Big League Dreams Park
 - Steven Mayer, Hawaiian Falls Water Park
 - Members of the Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission

Invited Guests

- Mayor C. Ray Nagin Administration officials
- Members of the New Orleans City Council

When: Saturday, August 8, 2009
11 a.m.

Where: Mansfield City Hall
1200 East Broad Street
Mansfield, Texas
(Click [here](#) for a map)

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New Orleans City Council

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