

Lost Homes of the Old Jefferson Neighborhood : Razed in 2018 by Ochsner

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In the Old Jefferson neighborhood...

- Homes are bought by Ochsner, often without transparency
 - Using affiliated private real estate companies
 - With sale prices of \$0 or \$10
- Homes are neglected, often sitting empty for years
- Rezoning requests made to Jefferson Parish, always approved
- Homes eventually demolished for hospital expansion

Ochsner says:

“We want to be a good neighbor”

- Yet the neighbors are continuously threatened by Ochsner’s expansion and encroachment into R1A residential zoned areas
- Jefferson Parish officials are voted into office, approve rezoning requests, leave office not realizing our neighborhood is getting lost to Ochsner’s long range strategic plans

In 2018, 10 homes were rezoned & razed for parking lots

- *“Ochsner officials have said they have made no plans for the area beyond building the surface parking lot, and that the hospital simply wants to be a good neighbor that adds value to Jefferson Highway corridor.”* – nola.com article dated 5/15/2018
- Six years later in 2024, Ochsner plans to demolish the parking lots and build a children’s hospital and other structures in their place
- Ochsner didn’t save the live oaks like they said they would in 2018

Affordable housing stock is being diminished in Jefferson Parish

- Many people HAPPILY lived in these homes and new people who work in the area would HAPPILY live in them today
- People are ok with living near big business as long as everyone is truly “good neighbors” to each other and in practice
- Here are the Old Jefferson homes lost in 2018...

225 Deckbar - 32 years from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 10/14/1986

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 17 SQ 1 LIVE OAKS
PL

Parcel number: 9700004441

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229 Deckbar - 24 years from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 10/18/1994

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 20 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL (3 assessor records have this
description)

Parcel number: 9700001183 or
9700004230 or 9700004145

Original file name: IMG_4753 #229.jpg



233 Deckbar - 24 years from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 10/18/1994

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 20 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL (3 assessor records have this
description)

Parcel number: 9700001183 or
9700004230 or 9700004145

Original file name: IMG_4751 #233.jpg



237 Deckbar - 24 years from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 10/18/1994

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 20 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL (3 assessor records have this
description)

Parcel number: 9700001183 or
9700004230 or 9700004145

Original file name: IMG_4756 #237.jpg



241 Deckbar - 25 years from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 7/13/1993

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 21 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL

Parcel number: 9700000867

Original file names: IMG_4757 #241

Deck.jpg and IMG_4760 #241

Deckbar@Hwy.jpg



220 Betz - 2 years from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 1/25/2016

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 27 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL

Parcel number: 700000745

Original file name: IMG_4767
Betz#220.jpeg



224 Betz - 1 year from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 12/29/2017

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 26 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL

Parcel number: 700002416

Original file name: IMG_4769 #224.jpeg



228 Betz – months from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 3/15/2018

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 25 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL

Parcel number: 700003962

Original file name: IMG_4776 #228.jpg



232 Betz – 13 years from acquisition to destruction

Purchased: 3/1/2005

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 24 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL

Parcel number: 9700003984

Original file name: IMG_4781 #232.jpg



236 Betz – 32 years from acquisition to destruction

Maintenance by our “good neighbor” – electrical wires everywhere

Purchased: 9/1/1986

Demolished: 2018

Legal description: LOT 23 BK 1 LIVE OAK
PL

Parcel number: 700003962

Original file name: IMG_4780 #236
Betz@Hwy.jpg



Save Old Jefferson!

- Stop the encroachment into R1A Residential Zoned Areas by no re-zoning
- Traffic and car emissions, walkability, drainage and flooding, the loss of green space and tree canopies and bees and sunshine has REAL consequences for us all