

# Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office Memorandum

To: Deborah Langhoff CC: Ray Bolling, Jr. From: Greg Lawson Date: January 5, 2015

## **RE:** Monthly NORDC NPP Status Update-December 2014

#### **Old Business:**

 Updated NORDC CAT webpage on Neighborhood Engagement Office website; updates include contact information on teams as well as a complete list of parks represented by CATs.

#### **New Business:**

- Recruitment Drive during the month of January 2015-Outeach includes CAT information flyers at NORDC sites, E-Blasts, as well as CAT presentations at community events.
- Information Sharing: CAT Officers received monthly update email containing the following information: special election information, reminder of monthly NORDC Commission meeting, request for meeting dates/minutes, upcoming NORDC events &, as well as NORDC NPP next steps. Monthly Update also included information on NOLA for Life Day-Jan.10<sup>th</sup> at Sampson as well as the upcoming Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable-Jan 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **District Status Update:**

## **District A:**

- A-One:
  - o **Team Established:** August 12, 2013
  - o # of Meetings held: 7
  - Next Meeting Date: TBD
  - \*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.
  - Lakeview:
    - o **Team Established:** August 12, 2013
    - o # of Meetings held: 7
    - Next Meeting Date: TBD
  - \*NORDC Liaison is working with CAT-Lakeview to establish a Booster Club at Gernon Brown Gym \*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.
  - Third CAT Team:
    - o Inaugural Meeting: October 22, 2014

- o Last Meeting: November 12, 2014 for 6pm at 8025 St. Charles Ave.
  - Agenda items: Meet and Greet, Park Review/Updates, Outreach Plan, and Establish monthly meeting date.
- Next Meeting: Mid-January 2015
  - Agenda Items to include the development of team goals, outreach plan, and selection of team name.

#### **District B**

- CAT-B-Green:
  - o **Team Established**: August 14, 2013
  - o # of Meetings held: 5
  - Last Meeting: December 11, 2014 for 5pm at Keller Library
    - Agenda Included discussion on Keller Center as well as park updates from Evans and Taylor Playgrounds. Public Comment included discussion on recruiting volunteer coaches at parks as well as strategies for supporting events at CAT parks. Other discussion included the use of Keller Center since the property is no longer a NORDC property.
  - Next Meeting Date: Mid-February 2015
    - Agenda Items: CATs Special Election, Review updated park assignments, and development of team goals.
- CAT-B-Ware:
  - o **Team Established:** August 14, 2013
  - o # of Meetings held: 9
  - o **Last Meeting:** November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bike Tour of Parks/Facilities
    - Agenda Items: Planning of Bike Tour, Programming Opportunities for parks, Boosting CAT meeting attendance, as well as deliberation on submission of recommendation regarding adult programming at NORDC facilities.
  - Next Meeting Date: TBD
  - \*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.
- CAT-B-River:
  - o **Team Established:** August 14, 2013
  - o # of Meetings held: 7
  - Next Meeting Date: TBD

Team will hold meeting prior to Lyons Center Booster Club Meeting to boost attendance.

\*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.

## **District C**

- CAT-C-East bank:
  - o Team Established: August 21, 2013
  - o # of Meetings held: 7
  - o **Last Meeting Date**: December 17th for 5:30pm at Treme Rec. Center
    - Agenda included Capitol Project Update on Stallings Center, NORDC Programming Update, and Call for Nominations of Officers.

Commissioner Roy Glapion also provided remarks. Public Comment included shared usage of Cabrini Playground as dog run.

- o **Next Meeting:** February 24, 2015 for 6:00pm at Treme Rec. Center
  - Agenda Items: Election of Officers
- CAT-C-West bank:
  - o Team Established: March 26, 2014
  - o # of Meetings held: 3
  - o Meeting Date: January 21, 2015for 6pm at Algiers Regional Library
    - Agenda Items: Review of Park Assessment, Timeline for Establishing 2<sup>nd</sup>
      Westbank CAT and Norman Playground Update.

## District D

- Dream Team:
  - o **Team Established:** August 27, 2013
  - o # of Meetings held: 7
  - o Last Meeting Date: November 15, 2014 at Dillard's Collier House for 10am
    - Agenda included presentations from Grow NOLA and Hands On New Orleans on possible community service/beautification projects at District D parks. Discussions were also held on formation on additional district community advisory teams. Public comments included discussion and vote to move Stallings Booster Club amendment to extend officers terms one year through recommendation process.
  - o **Next Meeting:** Late January 2015
    - Agenda Items Special Election of Officers and Establishment of 2015
      Team Goals
- 2nd District D CAT:
  - o **Team Established:** November 21, 2014
  - o Last Meeting: December 12, 2014 for 6pm at Stalling Gentilly Clubhouse
    - Agenda included development of outreach strategy, park updates, as well as selection of team name. Meeting was adjourned due to a disruption between Stallings Gentilly Booster Club and Fairground Triangle Neighborhood Association.
  - o **Next Meeting:** Late January 2015 at Urban League Workforce Development
    - Agenda Items: Vote on Team Name, Establish Team Goals, Park Assessment Review
- 3<sup>rd</sup> District D CAT: Inaugural meeting was held on December 18, 2014 at Pontchartrain Park Clubhouse for 6pm. Attendees voted to conduct additional outreach before holding election of officers. Next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2015 at Pontchartrain Park Clubhouse for 6pm.

### **District E**

- CAT-E-Ninth Ward:
  - o **Team Established:** September 30, 2013
  - o # of Meeting held: 6
  - o **Next Meeting:** Mid-January 2015
    - Agenda Items: Deliberate on Recommendation regarding programming at Sanchez Center, Booster Club Establishment, Parks Assessments Update
- CAT-E-New Orleans East
  - o Team Established: May 21, 2014
  - o # of Meetings:5
  - o Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2014 at Joe W. Brown Booster Club
    - Agenda Items Include: TBD
- Third District E Team-. Inaugural meeting was held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at VAYLA Community Center for 5:30pm but not elections of officers were held due to a power outage in Eastern New Orleans. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> for 5:30pm at VAYLA Community Center; agenda to include Election of Officers.

## **NPP Next Steps**

- Boost CAT Meeting Attendance by assisting CATs with outreach efforts including email blasts, monthly presentation at neighborhood associations, and flyer dissemination at upcoming events as well as recruit NORDC program participants. (Ongoing)
- b. Ensure CATs are in compliance with NORDC NPP Policies (Ongoing)
- c. Information Sharing: NORDC Programming, Events, and new Policies (Ongoing)
- d. Assist CATs Officers with scheduling first quarter meetings-All Districts
- e. Finalize quarterly leadership training topics and dates-January 2015
- f. Conduct District CATs special elections: January-February 2015
  - i. Districts C-Eastbank, D-Dream Team, and B-Green
- g. Establishment of two additional CATs in Districts D and E
- h. Upcoming Event
  - i. Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable-Saturday, January 24th for 9am (Location TBD)
  - ii. NORDC CAT Orientation: January 27, 2015 for 6pm at Treme Rec. Center
  - iii. Meet and Greet with NORDC CEO: CAT Presidents Only-January 28, 2015 for 5pm at NORDC Headquarters